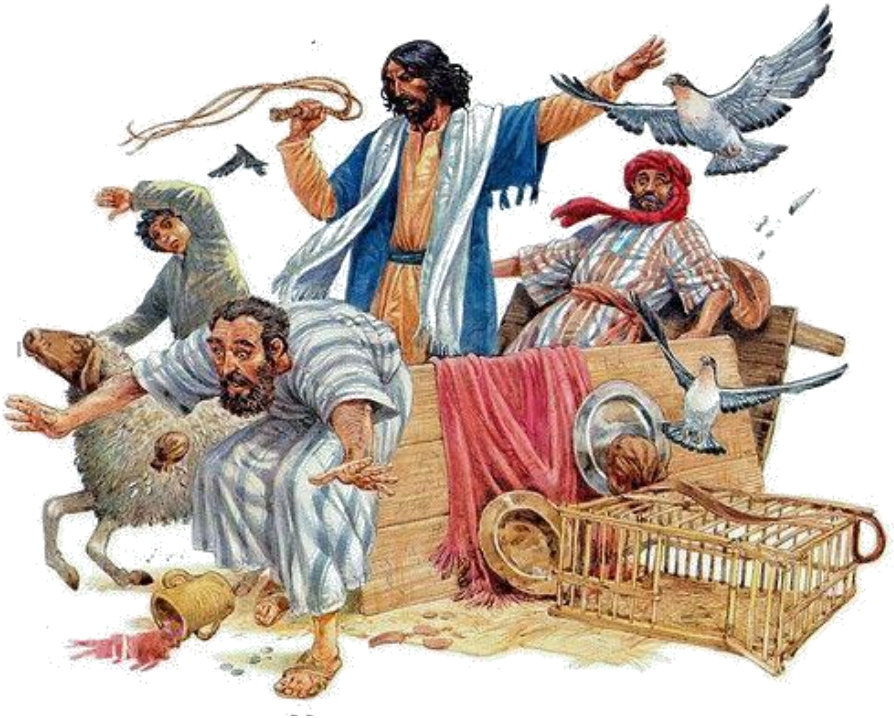


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“Take these things away; do not make
My Father’s house a house of trade.”
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We would not expect a Sunday in Lent to be without confrontation, and the Third Sunday in Lent does not disappoint. Lent is the season of the church year in which we are most powerfully reminded that our sin sent Jesus to the cross. The penitential character of Lent comes into stark relief this Sunday as the sacred confronts the profane. God, help us to listen to Your Word.

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

Enter Jesus. He binds together some cords to make a whip to shoo the animals and people out of the temple courts. He overturns the money changers' tables and casts the coins to the floor. He has a harsh rebuke for these people: **"Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!"** The disciples remembered a quote from Psalm 69 about the Messiah: **"Zeal for your house will consume me."** Why was Jesus so passionate, so zealous, for God's house? Because this was where the people heard about their sins and need for a Savior. Where they heard God's promises to send that Savior. Promises that in the next three years Jesus would fulfill completely. The place that the people would find rescue from sin, death, and hell and find eternal life. Are you zealous for God's house? Are you zealous for God's Word? Let Jesus' Zeal Be Your Zeal!

~ Excerpt from sermon by Pastor Timothy Shrimpton - WELS ~

Bell Choir "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Opening Hymn 579 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 69:14-16; antiphon: v. 9

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,

C **and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

P Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
C **let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
C **or the pit close its mouth over me.**

P Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;

C **according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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C **and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2Timothy 4:22)



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And He told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make My Father’s

house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house will consume Me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to Him, “What sign do You show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” ²¹But He was speaking about the temple of His body. ²²When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 707 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Sermon Text

John 2:13-25

Sermon “Disruptive Jesus”

1. Jesus seems to be rather disruptive, a different side of Him than

2. But it is the same patient, merciful Jesus acting out of _____
_____ for His people.

3. Maybe we ought to check _____ .

Jesus Disrupts Our Sinful Lives So We Can Have Eternal Life in Our
Father's House.

Hymn 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*) *LSB 196*

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*) *LSB 202*

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto
you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you
peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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Anyone wishing to donate for lilies to adorn the chancel on Easter may
give their gift to Mel Schutz or any attendant. Thank you.

Welcome Bags will be delivered in Bremen on Monday, March 11. We will meet at church at 4:30 to pack the bags and receive our addresses. The Evangelism Board needs your help packing and delivering said bags!! This is a great way to meet new neighbors and will not take your whole evening. Please pray for the group going out and the neighbors receiving bags that God bless all involved!

Calendar of Events

TODAYMarch 3rd, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:30 am
 Scrip Day
 Bell Choir Practice 5:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm

MON:

TUES:

PTL Meeting 6:00 pm

WED:

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast 6:30 am
 Day School Chapel 11:00 am
 Salads and Appetizers Dinner 6:00 pm
 Lenten Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
 8th Grade Public School Confirmation 5:00 pm
 New Member Class 2.0..... 7:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAYMarch 10th, 2024

Breakfast Potluck 8:00 am
 Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
 Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
 No Bell or Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

Groovy, Man!

This school musical this year will be a 70s game show- **“Tell Me the Truth”**. If you have **any 60-70s era** small appliances or items, like a hair dryer, veg-o-matic, transistor radio, etc., please contact Jennifer Harman. **If you would like to volunteer to help** with the set, props, or costumes, please contact Jennifer Harman as well.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15. 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4. 9/18, 10/2. 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxe.

2nd Thursday Bible Study will resume next Thursday, March 14th. Please plan to join us as we continue to study the parables of Jesus. Next up is the "Parable of the Sower".

Egg-Citing News! The Board of Christian Education will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00-10:30 am. There will be a devotion, singing, a craft, refreshments, and of course, the Easter Egg Hunt. All children from Preschool through Grade 3 are invited to attend. We are asking for **donations of prewrapped "mini" candies and 2" plastic eggs to help fill over 1000 eggs.** There is a designated box in the Narthex for the candy and eggs. Thank you for your help. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Biblical Neighboring! A reminder from the board of Lay Ministry: The Elders would like to begin contacting those members who haven't attended worship services for more than 24 months. There are currently over 100 names on this list. If you feel that you could help by contacting someone you may know, ask any of the Elders or Pastor Wonnacott to see the list and let us know that you plan to make contact. Please let us know what the results were after you have met with them. **Most important of all, please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ who are on the list as well as those sitting in the pews next to you.**

Please see the Check-It-Out Board if you are interested in attending the **Bourbon Right to Life Banquet** on April 30th. Information on speakers and ordering tickets can be found there.

The Hospitality Crew is busy planning their next meal for Wednesday, March 13th. This month we are doing a variety of pasta casseroles like chicken alfredo or spaghetti with meat and sauce, etc. We are in need of the following donations: boxed pasta, pasta sauce, alfredo sauce, broccoli, cauliflower, parmesan cheese, and packages of a pound or so, of hamburger, sausage, chicken, and smoked sausage. Also, we would like to have donations of baked goods or special treats to add to the meal. Any and all donations are a blessing and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Sandie Schooler or Beth Enders. Thank you for the support you continue to give us.

The Gray Glove (That would be a great name for a rock band!) **Part 2:** While residing in the church office, the gray glove was getting a little too comfortable, so it has moved to the Church Secretary's box in the Narthex. It is in the bottom left corner of the mailboxes. If you are no longer doing your Michael Jackson dance impressions and would like to claim it..... (It really is a nice glove!)

YOUTH NEWS

Middle School (6th-8th Grades) Youth Lock In: The annual Middle School Lock In is now scheduled for April 12th-13th (7 pm-7 am). Join us for various activities, food, fellowship, and more. Youth planning to attend **must sign up on the Youth bulletin board before Spring Break begins on March 29th.** St. Paul's Youth are welcome to invite friends, but please confirm with the Youth Board first. Parents of all attendees must sign a waiver that will be available at drop off. Please direct any questions to Andy Wildauer.

Youth Service Events: The Youth Board is busy planning various opportunities for our Youth to serve in various ways in our local communities. Stay tuned for more information on scheduling as we look to give back to those around us.

Youth Group Communication Channel: As a parent, you can be added to our GroupMe chat for the St. Paul's Youth Group (Grades 4 through High School) to be kept up to date on upcoming events, participation, etc. If interested, please contact Andy Wildauer.

SCHOOL CORNER

The coming of spring means more activities at the school!

Ten students from 5th through 8th grades will be traveling to Valparaiso University for the Lutheran Middle School Math Contest on Tuesday, the 5th. Students will compete in their grades, for team and individual recognition, under the supervision of Mark Wildauer.

Preschool/Kindergarten Round-Up is March 14th, 5:00-7:00pm.

Students and parents can meet teachers, visit classrooms, and enjoy some fun activities!

St. Paul's Preschool and Day School is now enrolling for 2024-25!

Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours. **Please advertise for us; word-of-mouth is our best advertisement!**

Also, catch our advertisements on Pulse FM (96.9), and an interview during the lunch hour on March 6th!

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade Classes are highlighted on the narthex bulletin board!

A new year of donating to the Lutheran SGO is underway! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship March 3rd, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Larry Britt & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Reuben & Colton Napper

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship March 10th, 2024

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Acolyte: Abby Wildauer

Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: