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In today's text (2 Corinthians 4:5–12) Paul is very candid about his afflictions and suffering, but he is also unwavering in his faith. God is graciously working through him. In this reading, Paul highlights the content of his, and our, message: ***we proclaim Christ and not ourselves.*** The light of Christ shines in us, a treasure that we hold in jars of clay—that is, our own humble lives.

We thank God that you are here today!

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.

God in His love and mercy entrusts the greatest treasure in the world, His love for us in Jesus His Son, to people like you and me. The Apostle Paul calls us jars of clay. We are broken people, people broken by sin, broken by troubles in life, broken by our anguish over not living the lives the Lord has called us to live. Yet, even though we are broken and cracked jars of clay that should be cast aside, we possess the greatest treasure in the world. We have Jesus. Yes we are jars of clay, special jars of clay because the treasure of Christ has come to us and the treasure of Christ is passed on through us. In one of our hymns, we sing, "Oh the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heavens above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity, Love that found me-wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not." **Usually people find treasure but the treasure you have in Christ Jesus your Savior is different. This treasure finds you.**

~ Excerpts from sermon by Pastor Steven Degner, Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, WELS ~

Opening Hymn 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

✠ 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 62:5-8; antiphon: v. 1

P For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C from Him comes my salvation.

P For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

C for my hope is from Him.

P He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C I shall not be shaken.

P On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

P Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

C **God is a refuge for us.**

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

P For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C **from Him comes my salvation.**

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

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 154

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but 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 or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

C **and His greatness is unsearchable.**

P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C **and I will declare Your greatness.**

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of

Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*John 6:68*)

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff is a square icon with a 'C' and the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below it is another square icon with a 'C' and the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

Holy Gospel

Mark 2:23—3:6

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in F major (two flats). It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff is a square icon with a 'C' and the lyrics: "Glo - ry to You, O Lord."

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, His disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again He entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. ³And He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And He looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the

man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against Him, how to destroy Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

G 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 753 "Be Still, My Soul"

Sermon Text

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Sermon "Jars of Clay but Filled with Christ"

1. We live under the cross as _____ .
2. But Christ _____ our clay.
3. With that, Christ fills our jars and _____ .

Hymn 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

Prayers

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

C 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 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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Please mark your calendar to come help with the LWML worknight for VBS tomorrow, June 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Join us for fellowship and fun as we help prepare to bring the message of Jesus to the children of our community. Refreshments will be provided.

For those of you who have not completed a "Time and Talent E Survey" and are using the paper surveys, please deposit your completed survey in the box as labeled on the offering box table in the Narthex. If you would like a paper copy but do not yet have one, there are copies next to the offering box or you can ask one of the ushers to assist you. We ask that you complete and return them by today, Sunday, June 2nd. Thank you so much for your faithful service. Board of Stewardship

The President and staff of the Indiana District Office will be praying for our congregation this week (starting June 2nd). They pray for different congregations around the District each month, and are grateful for our continued partnership in sharing the Gospel message.

Calendar of Events

TODAY **June 2nd, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

MON:

~ *Every Word for Bremen Volunteer Opportunity June 3rd – June 7th* ~

LWML VBS Work Night 7:00 pm

TUES:

PTL Meeting 6:00 pm

WED:

Youth Grade 6-HS Sand Volleyball..... 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY **June 9th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Summer Sunday School ~ New Quarter Begins June 2nd ~

Children are to meet in the Jerusalem Room. Following Bible story presentation, they will disperse into age appropriate classrooms. **Topic: “The 7 C’s of History” sponsored by “Answers in Genesis”**

Pre-K – Grade 1 (completed grade level) Wendy Coxey

Grade 2 – Grade 7 (completed grade levels) Jeanette Rettinger

New Confirmands and High School Join Adult Bible Class in the Bethany Room.

Adult Bible Class led by Pastor Wonnacott and Tom Coxey in the Bethany Room **Topics: 3 mini video series – “Noah”, “The Unanswered Questions in Revelations”, and “The Lost Books”**

Our VBS program Celebrate the Savior-Jesus Gives Us Joy will be held June 24th -28th from 9-11:30 am. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. Kids will explore five key events in the life of Jesus and discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy. This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. Children can also be registered online at vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana. **There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers.**

Our VBS Mission this year is Phil’s Friends. The congregations is invited to help us support this ministry that creates care packages for cancer patients. They currently get requests for 300 packages per week so every donation, monetary or items is greatly appreciated. Please see the back page for more information. Thank you for your generous spirit!

COMMUNITY EVENT

We encourage anyone who is able to stop by downtown Bremen at some point this week to hear the Word of God proclaimed to the Bremen community, as various people will be reading directly from the Bible to those gathered. If you have any interest in volunteering to read, there are still some slots available - please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott or go to the website below to register. Additional details as follows:

"Join us at the pavilion in downtown Bremen as we publicly read the Bible together from Genesis to Revelation"

Dates: June 3-7, 2024

Times: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Website (Register Now): everywordforbremen.com

Celebrate with us! All are invited to the Harman residence, 2940 Sycamore Lane, Bremen, (Donnybrook), on June 8th, 3:00- 6:00, to celebrate the high school graduation of Thomas Harman. Thomas will be attending Taylor University as a Music Education Major in the fall.

Our next food gathering for Grace Food Pantry will be June 9th-23rd. Next week there will be cards on the table in the narthex with needed food items. As always, you may donate items without taking a card.

The Hospitality Crew will be cooking on June 12th at 9:00 am in the church kitchen. This month we are asking for donations of any type of individually wrapped cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. These can be brought to the church anytime before the 12th. Please come help make meals for shut-ins of our community. Many hands make light work. This is a great way to serve your neighbor!

Indiana District LWML Ingathering: diapers & infant clothing (St Paul); grocery gift cards (St Timothy); duffel bags (Lutheran CFS)

Special Concerns:

That we will be strengthened in our faith as we bear the cross, recognizing that we are united to Christ.

For our local police, fire, and first responders, that God would bless them with protection.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the people of Haiti - That the Lord would surround our brothers and sisters in Christ with His grace and protection. Pray they stay strong in the faith through their suffering at this time of violence and unrest.

We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS: Set your calendar now to stay engaged throughout the summer.

June 5th (7 pm): Sand volleyball @ Sunnyside Park (Grades 6-HS)

DATE TBD: Decorate float prior to the Bremen Parade held on June 11th

June 11th-15th (Evenings): Soda/Water Table (see more below) at the Bremen Fireman's Festival - we will need Youth and Parent volunteers

June 16th (8:30 am): Donuts with Dads Devotion for Father's Day

June 19th, June 26th, and July 10th (7 pm): Summer Youth Nights

More information for these events will be available on the GroupMe "St. Paul's Youth" chat as well as other church communications.

FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL DRINK TABLE: Once again our Youth Board will be sponsoring a drink table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival, June 11-15th. We can use the congregation's help in two ways: 1) Youth (incoming Grades 6 through High School) and Adult volunteers are needed for coverage - we will have a meeting on Sunday, June 2nd following the church service to coordinate and 2) Donations of soda to be stored in the church narthex for the next week. **This year there is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board for the specific types of soda we anticipate needing, so please consider this opportunity to support our Youth.** Donated soda must be dropped off in the narthex by Sunday, June 9th. Alternatively, you are welcome to make a cash donation for soda and/or ice (if needed) to be purchased by the Youth Board. If you can assist, please contact Andy Wildauer.

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you, congregation, for all you have done to support the Preschool and Day School this last school year, through your volunteering, financial giving, and especially spiritually! We appreciate YOU! Please continue to pray for our teachers and the preparation for the upcoming school year.

The Bremen Firemen Festival is June 11-15th, and PTL will be looking for volunteers to run the ticket booths. Please let the school office know if you are available to volunteer. Sign-ups will be going around soon.

It is not too late to enroll in St. Paul's Preschool and Day School (Kindergarten through 8th Grade)! If you know of any families looking for a Christian educational experience, please recommend us. **Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.** 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 continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! 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.



phil's friends

cancer is strong. **hope is stronger.**

Requests for care packages have doubled in 2024. We now have requests for 300 care packages each week!

As diagnoses increase and awareness of the Phil's Friends mission grows, we anticipate a continued rise in demand.

Please help so no one is turned away!

Gather items or order from our **Amazon Wishlist**. Collect items on your own, with your neighborhood, church, or business organization and bring them to one of our Hope Centers or ship to our Crown Point location.

CARE PACKAGE NEEDS

BLANKETS

Rolled throw blankets, crocheted, or fleece tied



PUZZLE BOOKS



MOUTH RINSE

Alcohol-free 4-8oz. or smaller



LOTIONS

Fragrance-free; 16oz. or smaller



HATS

Knitted, Crocheted, Baseball



JOURNALS

Soft TOOTHBRUSHES & Travel size TOOTHPASTE



TISSUES



LIP BALMS



FUZZY SOCKS

Womens only



PLAYING CARDS



** GIFT CARDS



MONETARY GIFTS



SCAN QR CODES



Please note: all items need to be new and unused because our friends with cancer have compromised immune systems.

** Gift Cards are used to purchase needed items. We do not put them in the care packages

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

CALL OR EMAIL FOR HOURS

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Crown Point, IN
1249 Arrowhead Ct.
Crown Point, IN 46307

Wheaton, IL
213 W. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187-5135

Addison, IL
1150 N. Swift Rd.
Addison, IL 60101-1452

Servants for Today's Worship June 2nd, 2024

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Brantley Thornton

Elder: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship June 9th, 2024

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Hughes & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Avery Cannon

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt