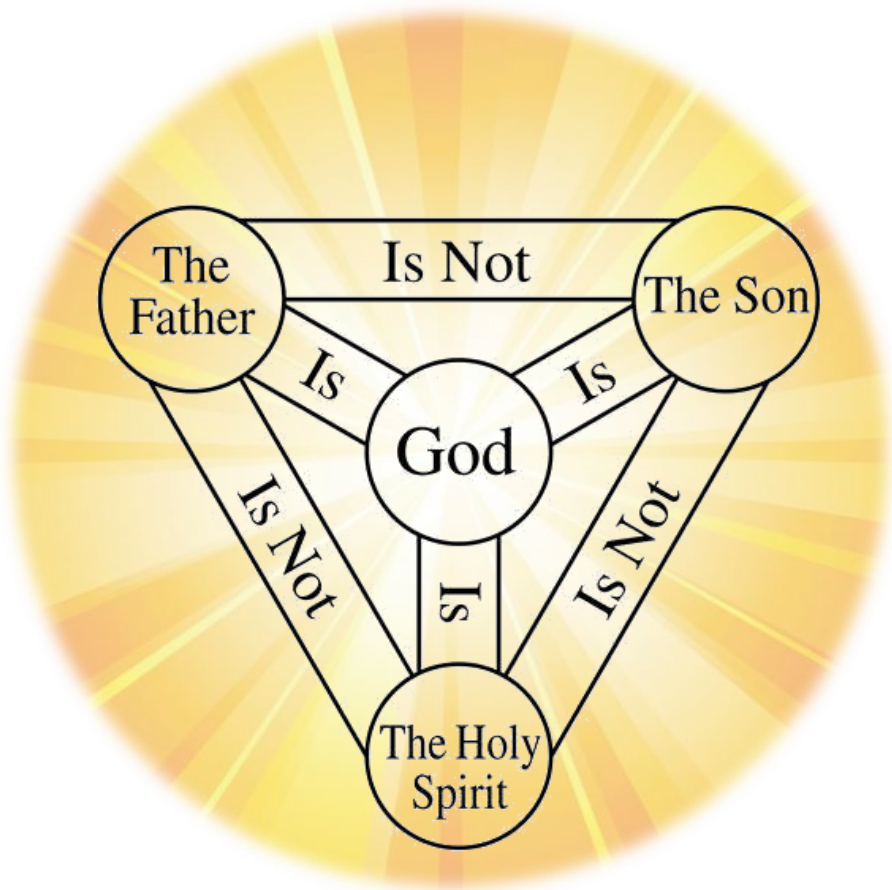


Trinity Sunday



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As we gather on the second half of the church year, the Time of the Church begins with the festival of the Holy Trinity. Immediately following our recollection and celebration of Pentecost, this Sunday focuses on the identity of God as He has revealed Himself to us. He is one God in three coequal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We welcome all to the Lord’s House.

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.

Unity in Trinity - I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord... I believe in the Holy Spirit...

The three articles of the Apostles’ Creed: creation, redemption, and sanctification show us the Trinity. The Father created us, the Son redeemed us through His death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit calls us to faith “For neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe on Him, and obtain Him for our Lord, unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Ghost through the preaching of the Gospel. For by this knowledge we obtain love and delight in all the commandments of God, because here we see that God gives Himself entire to us, with all that He has and is able to do, to aid and direct us in keeping the Ten Commandments-the Father, all creatures; the Son, His entire work; and the Holy Ghost, all His gifts.”

~ Excerpts on the Apostles’ Creed from The Book of Concord ~

Hymn 590 "Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"

Holy Baptism of Natalie Grace Knigga

Hymn 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

✠ 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 13:3-4)*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
C God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: liturgical text

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C **Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

P I have set the LORD always before me;

C **because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C **my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

C **or let Your Holy One see corruption.**

P You make known to me the path of life;

C **in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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 Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C **Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.**

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

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

LSB 204

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple.

²Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
 the whole earth is full of His glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he

touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 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.

Second Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set One of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and

having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at My right hand,
³⁵until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Lesson

John 3:1–17

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that

which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

P And the catholic faith is this,

C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Hymn 504 "Father Most Holy"

Sermon Text

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Sermon "God's Definite Plan"

1. Is life random, or does God _____ ?
2. In God's work, we know Him and His character, and we see the

in action, because God did have a definite plan.

Hymn 506 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

(2 Timothy 4:22)

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)* **LSB 208**



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the

mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19) *LSB 209*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

LSB 210



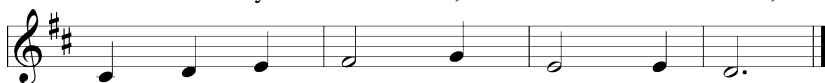
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Installation of Bible Class and Sunday School Teachers

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn 966 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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The flowers that adorn the altar are given by Cliff & Sandie Schooler in celebration of their anniversary. All praise and glory to our risen Savior for His many blessings given to us.

Library Book Cart! (Today in the Narthex after the worship service.)

Check these books out for your summer reading pleasure! We have books written by Janette Oke including the Love Comes Softly Series and Amish books written by Beverly Lewis. We have also included some of the Duck Dynasty books. Come and enjoy!

For those of you who have not completed an electronic 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, please see one of the ushers. We ask that you complete and return no later than Sunday, June 2nd. Thank you so much for your faithful service. Board of Stewardship

Please mark your calendar to come help with the LWML worknight for VBS on 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.

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: 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.

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.**

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage! This is a great hymn with only one very powerful verse (LSB 582). Among other things, we sing about keeping His Word pure from generation to generation. However, God's Word being our great heritage is also an historical truth. The Lutheran Witness has a series on the history of the church from the time of the apostles through the 20th century. "As the Body of Christ, our history transcends time, country, and citizenship." If you want to learn more about the history of the fellowship of believers *Una Sancta (One Holy)*, go to witness.lcms.org/series While there, you will find other series, like Christian Art, The Lord's Supper, Our problems; God's Answers, etc. that might pique your interest as well.

Calendar of Events

TODAYMay 26th, 2024

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

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

Lending Library CartAfter the Service

MON: ~ Memorial Day ~

TUES:

Parish Planning Council..... 7:00 pm

WED:

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast..... 6:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY June 2nd, 2024

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

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

Summer Sunday School

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”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The "Every Word for Bremen" organization is looking for volunteers to read the Bible to the Bremen community in early June. To begin planning, the window to volunteer is now open. If interested in learning more, please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott. Additional details below:

"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

Special Concerns:

That we will recognize the work of all three triune Persons in our salvation and receive God's gifts with thanksgiving.

For the family and friends of Dorothy Sahlhoff who was called to her eternal home with Jesus this past week.

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 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.

JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY: For Youth going into Grades 6-8 in the 2024-25 school year, please indicate interest in attending the Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven in September by signing up on the Youth bulletin board. **Soft deadline to indicate interest is today.** No funds are due at this time. Contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.

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 few weeks. **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

Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Confirmands and Graduates: Alexis Andrews, Kamden Guse, Gavin Hundt, Gabi Mejia, Reuben Napper, and Sophia Sahlhoff! May God bless you as you continue to mature and grow in faith and wisdom!

Congratulations to our Kindergarten Graduates as well: Allison Brock, Cash Flores, Remi Ford, Abby Kulcsar, Judd Menzie, Maverick Tibbs, and Eli VanSoest!

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.

The Eighth Grade graduates are highlighted on the bulletin board!

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.

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.

Servants for Today's Worship May 26th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Curt Nielsen
Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller
Elder: Jon Rettinger
Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham
Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday'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: