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Job 38:1-2



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5th Sunday After PentecostJune 23rd, 2024

We once again welcome Pastor Gregory Fiechtner today as he shows us through God's Word that the wisdom of the Father is perfect and He knows what is best for us. We welcome all as we worship 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.

When God's people gather for worship, He speaks to us. Obvious? Certainly. The problem with "obvious" truths, though, is that we tend to forget them, to overlook them, to take them for granted. We can lapse into habits of thought that make what happens on Sunday morning simply a comforting memorial service for a God who used to speak, who used to act on behalf of His people a long time ago. Scripture makes it clear that when the communion of saints gathers, Jesus comes in all His fullness among us (Matt. 18:20). He is really present—and not simply as a disinterested observer. "God shows up— and does stuff!" And the "stuff" He does is nothing short of miraculous. In Baptism, He adopts sinners into His family. In the Absolution, He removes our sins and keeps us in that family. In the Holy Supper, He nourishes us with Christ's very body and blood at His family table. The sermon is no exception. God shows up when His Word is proclaimed. He speaks to His people today no less clearly and truly than He did through the prophets of old. More than 100 times Scripture uses the phrase, "The Word of the Lord came . . ." By the grace of our saving God, that Word is coming still. It's a Word of life and hope. Word of God, speak! Your servant is listening! ~ excerpt from LW article Feb. 2010 by Dr. Jane L. Fryar ~

Opening Hymn 726 "Evening and Morning"

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **@** who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** (Psalm 130:3-4)
- 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:

 God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

 (Luke 18:13)
- 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.
- Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 107:29-32; antiphon: v. 28

- Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
- and He delivered them from their distress.
- P He made the storm be still,
- and the waves of the sea were hushed.

- Then they were glad that the waters were guiet,
- and He brought them to their desired haven. C
- P Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love.
- for His wondrous works to the children of men! \mathbf{C}
- Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, P
- and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. \mathbf{C}
- 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.
- Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
- and He delivered them from their distress.



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 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.



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 - cv us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt on 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-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)

And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Joh 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to Me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
- and His greatness is unsearchable.
- P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
- and I will declare Your greatness.

The Epistle Lesson

¹Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says,

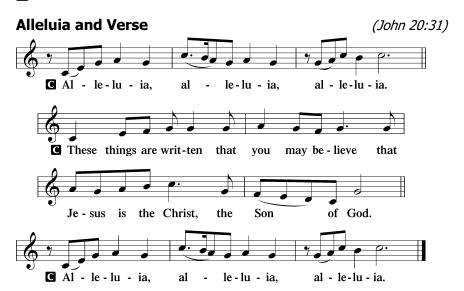
"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel Lesson

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Sermon Text Job 38:1-11

Sermon "Father Knows Best"

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Hymn 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

@ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

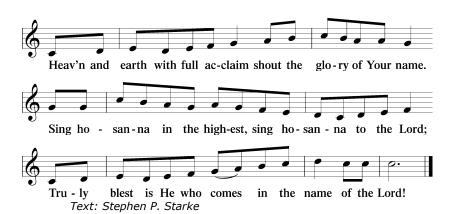
It is right to give Him thanks and praise. (Psalm 136)

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 Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

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

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.

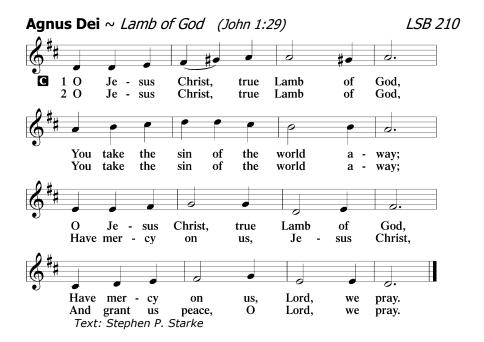
The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

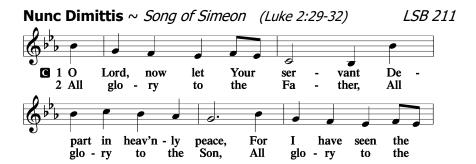


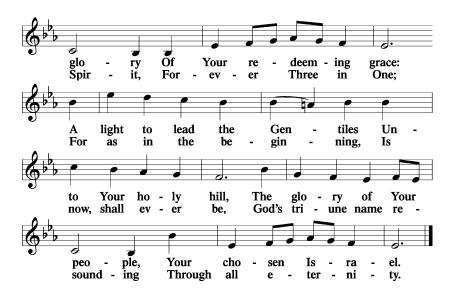
Hymn 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Hymn 760 "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

Hymn 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"





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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

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- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

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The July–September Portals of Prayer and HopeFull Living devotionals are available in the tract rack in Narthex. Please help yourself and enjoy one or both of these for your daily Bible study.

From the Church Office: I would like to get a new directory printed the first of July. If you or someone you know has gotten a **new address or phone number**, or if your home "546" phone number is no longer valid and you'd like it removed or a cell phone number added, please let me know by June 30th. I have put a copy of the most updated one I have on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to make corrections as needed. Thank you for helping me with this.

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ Pastor & Family on Vacation ~	June 23rd, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
MON: ~ Pastor Wonnacott & Family on Vacati	on ~
Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting (in Church Library)	10:30 am
Voters' Meeting	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
WED:	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
Youth Night	7:00 pm
THURS:	_
Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
FRI:	
Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30 am
Euchre Night	7:00-9:00 pm
SAT:	
NEXT SUNDAY	June 30th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am
Meals on Wheels Door Offering	

Parish Fellowship will meet tomorrow, June 24th, in 10:30 in the library.

Today is the last day to turn in donations for Grace Food Pantry. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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: 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 Coxey.

Our VBS program Celebrate the Savior-Jesus Gives Us Joy begins tomorrow, June 24th through June 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 still be registered online at vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana. "Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve in our VBS program."

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 flyer by the box in the Narthex for more information. Monetary donations may be put in the clear container on the VBS table in the narthex. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Sunday School with "Phil's Friends" on the memo line. Thank you for your generous spirit!

Euchre Night is Friday, June 28th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun & fellowship. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Come and bring a friend!

Meals on Wheels Door Offering next Sunday. We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering on June 30th after the service. Checks may be made payable to St Paul's Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox.

Special Concerns:

That we always seek the Father's will and wisdom over our own. 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.

Haiti Update: we have received word that violence is still very bad in Port au Prince but has not reached the more rural areas yet. Sadly, the gangs in Port au Prince keep much of the food and aid coming into the country from reaching these rural areas. MISSION HAITI, Trinity HOPE (a mission dedicated to feeding the Haitian children) and those living in Haiti, like Pastor Dorce, who visits our schools and instructs our teachers and Lophane our Field Director continue to serve the people of Haiti by bringing the Gospel to our schools and food to the students. So far, we have been able to get food to 6 of the 7 schools in the Jeremie District so those children receive one meal a day while at school. Please continue to lift up the people of Haiti in your prayers and if you are able and feel moved to give, please mark your envelope "Mission Haiti". 100% of donated money goes towards keeping the Lutheran Schools open. Also, the 2 larger paintings that were left from the Haiti art sale have been purchased and donated to the LWML Convention's silent auction. The money from the sale will go to Haiti and proceeds raised from the auction will go into the mite fund that supports various missions.

YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS: We have the remaining dates set aside for our Youth to join together in fellowship and various activities:

June 26th (7 -8 pm): Activity at church for Youth in Grades 4 through HS

July 10th (Meet at church at 6 pm): Service Event at Unity Gardens in South Bend - for Youth in Grades 6 through HS – We will serve until approximately 8 pm and stop for ice cream on the way home (courtesy of the Youth Board)

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

Just an FYI, the church **and** school offices will be closed July 8th-14th. Both secretaries will be on vacation.

SCHOOL CORNER

St. Paul's School is looking for substitute teachers and Extended Care assistants for the upcoming school year-both paid and volunteer positions! These are paid, part-time positions, requiring a background check and an easy-to-obtain substitute teaching license. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman.

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 dropdown 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 June 23rd, 2024

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Wayne Spicher & Todd Haug

Acolyte: Kellan Guse Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Mike Gumz

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz