

So they went out and proclaimed  
that people should repent.

*Mark 6:12*



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Today’s worship service is being led by Pastor Gregory Fiechtner. We pray the Lord blesses him as he challenges us to truly hear the words of our Lord and then, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim Jesus’ gift of salvation to those around us.

**Welcome 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.

**Why 2 by 2?** First, it’s Biblical. According to Jewish law, at least 2 persons are needed to testify and agree. So, if their hearers object, they have the required number of persons present to affirm the truthfulness of a statement. (Deut. 19:15). Second, Jesus sends the Twelve to be extensions of Himself, reaching the "sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). The authority He gives them includes healing, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, and casting out demons. Jesus warns them about coming persecution and exhorts them to reject fear and stay on mission. He tells them that although the gospel brings life, it also separates those who accept it from those who don't. This commission is an example of an important cultural custom from the Biblical era. Then, a servant sent on an errand had the same authority as the master who sent him. Likewise, the Twelve represent Jesus. When they speak Jesus' message, it's true that Jesus is speaking to those listeners.

## Opening Hymn 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

### ✠ 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.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

**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 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C** **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

**P** For the LORD has chosen Zion;

**C** **He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

**P** "This is My resting place forever;

**C** **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

**P** I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**C** **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

**P** Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

**C** **and her saints will shout for joy."**

**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** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**C** **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

**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.

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

*LSB 187*

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



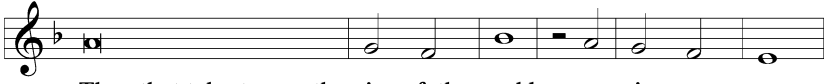
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



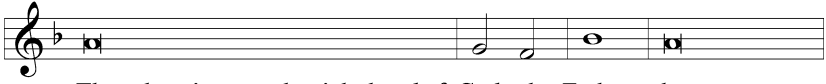
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



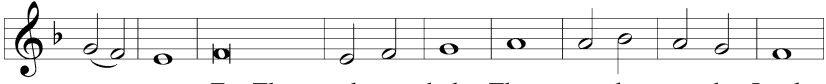
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



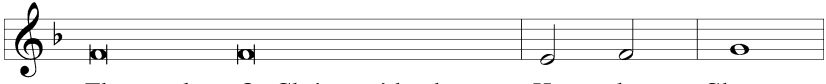
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### The Old Testament Lesson

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup>And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And He said to

me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'<sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*Romans 11:33, 36*

**P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C** **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

**P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

**C** **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

### **The Epistle Lesson**

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

# Alleluia

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

# The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:1–13

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 586** "Preach You the Word"

**Sermon Text**

*Ezekiel 2:1-5 & Mark 6:1-13*

**Sermon** "Some Will Hear & Some Will Not"

**Hymn 583** "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

**Prayer of the Church**

*(1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

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

*LSB 179*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

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

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



## **Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

- P** 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **Closing Hymn 839** "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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**Today's altar flowers** are given by Nathan, Evelyn, Josephine, & Andrew Miller in thanksgiving and Celebration of Beth's birthday. To Jesus be all the glory for His many blessings.

**From the Hospitality Crew:** Our next meal preparation is July 10th. We are in need of dry pasta, any types of cheese for mac and cheese, and any flavor of jello. Thank you for all you give. You are greatly appreciated.

**2nd Thursday Bible Study** meets this Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Bethany Room. The next parable is: "The Rich Fool" - Luke 12:13-21.

**Please join us next Sunday for a potluck breakfast** at 8:00 in the Bethany Room. Come enjoy some food and fellowship and feel free to stay for Bible Class. We look forward to seeing you!

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

**Updated Directories** are available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you to those who marked changes for me. It was greatly appreciated.

**If you know** of anyone with cancer who would like a care package from **Phil's Friends**, please take a contact card located by the offering box.

## Calendar of Events

### **TODAY ~ Pastor & Family on Vacation ~ ..... July 7th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:30 am  
Scrip Day .....

**MON:**

**TUES:**

**WED:**

Men's Bible Study Breakfast ..... 6:30 am  
Prepare Hospitality meals ..... 9:00 am  
Youth Service Event ..... 6:00 pm

**THURS:**

2nd Thursday Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

**FRI:**

**SAT:**

### **NEXT SUNDAY ~ Pastor & Family on Vacation ~..... July 14th, 2024**

Potluck Breakfast ..... 8:00 am  
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

### **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: 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.*

**Voters' Assembly Minutes** – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, June 24 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain reports and activities of the various boards of St. Paul's congregation. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at [keneichinger@gmail.com](mailto:keneichinger@gmail.com).

**Special Concerns:**

**That we remember God's grace** is always sufficient for us no matter what troubles we face. With Christ we are made strong in our weakness.

**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.**

**Welcome bags will be delivered on Monday, July 15**, in Bremen. **We need your help** as we will be delivering about 50 bags! If you can help please meet in the Bethany room at 4:30 pm where we will pack bags and divide up the addresses. We send out teams of at least 2 people. The hardest part is finding the addresses so if you are familiar with Bremen streets you have a head start! Please pray for our newest neighbors and for the teams that will be going out. Thank you to all who have made donations for these bags and to all who will deliver them. This is a great way to meet people and share Jesus.

**Servants for Today's Worship July 7th, 2024**

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Colton Napper

Elder: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

**Servants for Next Sunday's Worship July 14th, 2024**

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Britt & Joe Hughes

Acolytes: Abby & Josie Wildauer

Elder: Bill Rogers

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

## 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 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, [stpaulsbremen.church/school](http://stpaulsbremen.church/school). Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email [schools@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:schools@stpaulsbremen.org). We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours.

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**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](http://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.**

## YOUTH NEWS

**SUMMER YOUTH NIGHTS:** Our last Summer Youth Night is this Wednesday and will be a service event. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board if able to attend.

**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)

**2025 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING KICK OFF:** The National Youth Gathering is approximately a year away and we would like to kick off the journey toward New Orleans with special recognition and prayer during the church service on Sunday, July 14th. This will be followed by a brief luncheon for those youth attending the Youth Gathering and their families, during which we will discuss additional plans for the next year. We ask that the congregation keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for this special event in 2025.

**YOUTH OUTING (Sunday, July 14th @noon):** Youth in Grades 6-HS are invited to an afternoon of fun at Hackers in Niles, MI. We will meet at the church at approximately noon following the Youth Gathering luncheon and head to Niles. The Youth Board is finalizing costs but we need a preliminary headcount of those Youth planning to attend, so please sign up on the Youth bulletin board asap.

**CONCERT OPPORTUNITY (Friday, August 9th):** if there is enough interest, we would like to take a group of HS Youth to the TobyMac concert in Plymouth on August 9th. Cost would be \$20/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting additional costs. If interested, please sign up on the Youth bulletin board by July 14th.

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