

*Seek the wisdom of the Lord
through Word and sacrament*



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13th Sunday After Pentecost..... August 18th, 2024

Each of our readings for this Sunday contains an invitation to a unique relationship with God. To understand the connections between our *Old Testament Reading* from Proverbs and the other readings, we must understand the nature of wisdom. More than just a collection of clever sayings or even a knowledge of the truth, wisdom is knowing God, and that knowledge comes as God reveals himself to us in his Word—and in the Word made flesh, Jesus. **We welcome all to 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.

Wisdom is more than just book knowledge. True wisdom is a way of life that glorifies God because only true wisdom can come from Him. How do we use the moments of our day? Paul advises us to make "the best use of our time." We, as Christians, are only given so many days, and each one is a gift from God. To use them wisely means that we do not waste time, instead we love our neighbor. We do not have time to be mean or spiteful. Jesus died for us. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us through Word and sacrament to walk in wisdom and to truly love our neighbor. **Ephesians 5:15-16** says: ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. "Look carefully, then, how you walk." **Walk as one who is baptized and forgiven.**

Opening Hymn 913 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C **His praise endures forever!**

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C **studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C and His righteousness endures forever.

P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P He provides food for those who fear Him;

C He remembers His covenant forever.

P He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

C Holy and awesome is His name!

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 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

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

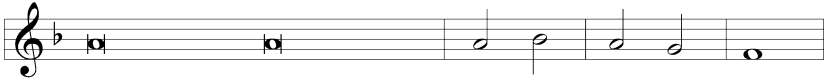
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



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



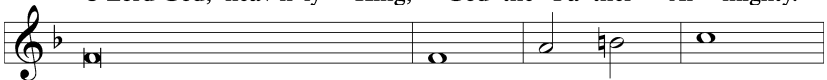
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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)

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

The Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 9:1–10

- ¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her young women to call
from the highest places in the town,
⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19

P Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:6–21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



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

The Holy Gospel Lesson

John 6:51–69

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵¹Jesus said: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) ⁶⁵And He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Hymn 684 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

Sermon Text

Proverbs 9:1-10

Sermon "Click on This"

1. Wisdom is calling you to come into _____ .
2. Jesus invites more: to enter into _____ and receive _____ in a book, at a font, in bread and wine.

Hymn 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Prayers

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

LSB 162

- 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 give you peace.



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

Closing Hymn 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

Today's altar flowers are given by Larry & Grace Winterboer in praise and thanksgiving to our gracious Lord for their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	August 18th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Voters' Meeting	After Service
MON:	
Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
WED:	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
THURS:	
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
FRI:	
Euchre	7:00-9:00 pm
SAT:	
Naomi Meal – Bethany Room	11:00 am -12:45 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	August 25th, 2024
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: 1/10, 1/24, 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.

NOTICE REGARDING VOTERS MEETINGS IN 2024

In the November 27th, 2023 congregational voters meeting, a motion was made and approved to change the schedule for congregational voters' meetings in 2024. The change in schedule was made to give members a better opportunity to attend the voters meetings where there may have been schedule conflicts with other activities outside of St. Paul's or where the normal congregational voters meeting time of 7PM was a problem for members who cannot drive at night.

The schedule for 2024 Congregational Voters' Meetings is as follows:

Sunday, August 18th after worship service, in the Bethany (big) room

Monday, November 25th – 7PM in the Bethany room/Fellowship Hall

There will be a babysitting service available for families with young children who want to attend the Sunday voters' meetings that will be held after worship service. Heidi Wildauer has agreed to organize this. If you have interest in using this service or in assisting in providing this service, please contact Heidi.

If you have questions regarding the congregational voters' meetings or schedules for them, please contact Dave Burcham.

Parish Fellowship will meet next Monday, August 26th @ 10:30 am.

It's time again to consider ringing or singing with one of our choirs - or both. Bell choir and adult choirs will begin rehearsal on Sunday, September 8. Bells from 5:00-6:00 and adult choir 6:00-7:00 - both in the balcony. If you are planning to join us for bells, please let Ellen Augustine know as she needs to mark the music according to the number of players. Those interested in adult choir - just show up. We need new members, so please consider joining us. Contact Ellen Augustine 574-536-4648 (call/text) with questions or to confirm.

LifeLight is just around the corner. Please consider joining us as we study Matthew Part II – chapters 13-28. Don't be concerned if you were not able to join us for Part I because this study does not build upon Part I but simply continues diving into the Gospel of Matthew. Please prayerfully consider enriching your faith in and bond with our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, during these nine Wednesdays beginning September 11th through November 6th from 6:45-8:15.

Marriage Encounter Experience - Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth is hosting a Lutheran marriage retreat Sept. 27th-29th. There are brochures with more information on the table in the Narthex.

Special Concerns:

That we realize that God's invitation is not a scam, but He invites us to come in and receive a gift that is life giving and life changing.

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 Lord's continued grace and protection of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest.

We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) --- LCEF is a valued ministry partner for all LCMS congregations which provides financing for church construction & expansion projects. Currently LCEF is experiencing an increased demand from congregations for building projects and they are asking church members to consider investing to give them the needed resources to fulfill the demand. If you would like additional information there are brochures in the tract rack in the Narthex or online at LCEF.org/offers.

There are pamphlets of the Lutheran World Relief and Human Care newsletters on the table in the Narthex. This month there is an article on ministry in Venezuela with a picture featuring Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and her brother-in-law Eduardo Flores who is president of The Lutheran Church of Venezuela. Please feel free to take a copy.

YOUTH NEWS

CAR WASH: In support of those attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering, our Youth will be hosting a Car Wash at Lochmandy Chevrolet here in Bremen (1315 W. Plymouth Street) on Saturday, August 24th from approximately 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Swing by to have your car washed by our exuberant Youth. There is no cost for this - free will donations accepted.

JR HIGH YOUTH RALLY: For those Youth in Grades 6-8 interested in attending the Jr. High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven on September 14th-15th, **please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by August 25th.** Cost to attend is \$25/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting the remainder of the registration fee.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact a member of the Youth Board.

SCHOOL CORNER

School has started! It was a busy week with lots of adjusting, but it went well. Please continue to keep staff and students in your prayers. We have 55 students in the day school (an increase from last year) and 15 in the preschool.

We are still looking for help in our Extended Care Program- hours and days may vary. This is a part-time position, requiring a background check. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman.

We are also always thankful to have volunteers to read with and assist the students! (Also requires a background check.)

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.

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Servants for Today's Worship August 18th, 2024

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Hughes & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Rachel Rogers

Elder: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 25th, 2024

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Austin Nielsen & Mark Wildauer

Acolyte: Emiliano Mejia

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

2024 St. Paul's Eagles Order Form

Name: _____ Total Due: _____ Paid Y/N: _____ Check/Cash

T-Shirt

Adult Sizes - \$15 Youth Sizes - \$12



ADULT SIZES	YOUTH SIZES
S _____	YXS _____
M _____	YS _____
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Hooded Sweatshirt

Adult Sizes - \$30 Youth Sizes - \$25



ADULT SIZES	YOUTH SIZES
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3XL _____	
4XL _____	

Crewneck Sweatshirt

Adult Sizes - \$25 Youth Sizes - \$20



ADULT SIZES	YOUTH SIZES
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Orders due by Sunday, September 1st. Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's"

Submit orders to Jennifer Harman in the office. Questions? Contact Becca Mejia 574-360-3354