

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMS
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We welcome you today for Lay Ministry Sunday.

Worship will be directed by the elders as we celebrate our Lord, Jesus Christ, through the testimonies of 3 members of our church family. **Please pray with and for them as they speak of their life in Christ.**

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.

Of all the blessings that God will ever give you in your life, without a doubt the greatest one of all is the forgiveness that is yours in Jesus Christ, and with that forgiveness, the promise that when you die you will spend all eternity with the Lord in heaven. Thanks be to God for His mercy! What do we do with the good news of Jesus? God has not given us this great salvation merely for us to content ourselves with it, and to stick it away and treasure it privately. He has given us this great salvation and then called each one of us to a life of being His witnesses. He gave us this great salvation to rejoice in, to live in and to share—yes, to share with others! He wants us to bring many others into His church, where they too will receive the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments, where they too will be made part of God's people—one of His own dear children. And what is more, God has promised that as we do, He will bless. For this fact too, we have every reason to thank and to praise the Lord.

~ Dr. A. L. Barry – LCMS President 1992-2001 ~

Opening Hymn 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (Psalm 100:4; 118:19-26; Isaiah 26:2-4; 2 Cor. 6:16)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- Amen.
- L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 (1 John 1:8-9)
- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; Philippians 1:6)
- **A**men.

Children's Choir "Christ Be Magnified" song by Cody Carnes

Were creation suddenly articulate With a thousand tongues to lift one cry Then from North to South and East to West We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky From rivers to the mountain tops We'd hear Christ be magnified

Refrain:

Oh! Christ be magnified Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me Oh! Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody And every human heart its native cry Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise We'll sing Christ be magnified Oh, be lifted high, Jesus

Refrain

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You 'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same

Refrain (sung twice)

Sonawriters: Cody Carnes, Cory Asbury, Ethan Gregory Hulse, For non-commercial use only,

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Introit

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; antiphon: v. 13

- L Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
- **1** Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
- **g**ive praise, O servants of the LORD,
- L who stand in the house of the LORD,
- in the courts of the house of our God!
- Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
- **©** sing to His name, for it is pleasant!
- L Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
- **9** Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- **■** For the LORD will vindicate His people

- and have compassion on His servants.
- 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.
- L Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
- Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

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

LSB 152

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



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



Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest LSB 154 (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Hymn 783 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

(Romans 12:1-2; Romans 6:13; 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Cor. 5:15)

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Testimony of Bob Yoder

Hymn 456 "Were You There"

(Matthew 28:6; Luke 22:33, 53; Romans 6:3-4)

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:13-27

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

¹⁵"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'

²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Testimony of Ken Knigga

Hymn 801 "How Great Thou Art"

(Rev. 15:3b-4; Genesis 1:1-25; Isaiah 53:3-12; 1 Thess. 4:16-17)

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Testimony of Robin Spicher

Hymn 826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" (Isaiah 6:8; Luke 10:2; Matthew 9:37-38; Colossians 4:3-4)

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

L Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Carant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold office in Your Church that, by their devoted service, faith may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Send the light of Your truth into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In Your mercy strengthen newly established congregations, and support them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, especially our president and congress of the United States. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

E Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in Church and state, and that our common life may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sanctify our homes with Your presence, and bless them with joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their hands to any useful task. Give them the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

(a) hear our prayer.

L By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those listed on our prayer page. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

L We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

- L All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- Amen.

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.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 166

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.



Closing Hymn 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (Titus 3:4-7; John 20:19-29; John 14:26-27; Numbers 6:24-27)

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Parish Fellowship Meeting is tomorrow at 10:30 am.

New Portals of Prayer & HopeFull Living devotionals for October-December are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

Parish Fellowship is looking to add extra freezer space in the kitchen. If anyone has a small, working upright or chest freezer they are no longer in need of, or feels moved to donate one, please contact Wayne Spicher at 574-607-5234 or the church office 574-546-2332.

Check out what's new on the book cart! The lending library cart is in the Narthex. Stop on your way out to find a good book (or 2) to read.

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:, 10/2. 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Text Messaging and Email Service.

The Public Relations Board in an effort to improve communications within the congregation, has subscribed to a Texting and Email Service to provide a single point of communication for the Church, Day School and PreSchool. Church, Day School, and PreSchool each have their own text number for communications with subscribers. The service will be used for texting to the group for notifications for cancellations, changes in services and sharing information for those interested.

The texting service is set up so that all texts are from and to the base number and replies to texts are with the base number so that no one's personal text number is shared and cannot be used for chaining conversations. And will not burden those who in the past had used personal cell phones for messaging people within the groups to relay necessary notifications.

If you wish to be a part of the Church's text/email service, you will need to join as a subscriber to the church text and email service by texting the word "join" to 574-505-4439 and follow the prompts. Email is optional and not required but you name is required if you wish to join. Any questions regarding this service and be directed to Pastor, Kevin Furman, or Bruce Schmidt.

The security system has been repaired! Now, the fob that I have that I want to use I cannot, but the fob that I can use that I do not have, but surely want, is far from me. Need an explanation? See Nathan Miller.

Calendar of Events

TODAY I M''' C I	G 4 1 2041 2024
TODAY ~ Lay Ministry Sunday ~	
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service – Lay Service	
Lending Library Cart	
Bell Choir Practice	_
Adult Choir Practice	
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	6:00-7:00 pm
MON:	
Parish Fellowship Meeting	10:30 am
TUES:	
WED:	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	
LifeLight	
THURS:	1
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
Fall open House	
SAT:	1
NEXT SUNDAY ~ LWML Sunday ~	October 6th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service	
Scrip Day	
LWML Zone Rally – Calvary, Plymouth	
Bell Choir Practice	
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Adult Choir Practice	
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	0:00-7:00 pm

To listen to the Lutheran Hour any time call 800-876-9880, then hit the #3. Also, the Lutheran Hour Weekly can be heard on WOWO 1190AM on Sundays at 10:30 am.

LWML South Bend Zone Rally, is next Sunday, Oct. 6, 2:00 pm, at Calvary, Plymouth. Registration: 1:30. Light supper afterward (suggestion donation). Speaker Laurie Hayn, who will share how her life changed after an horrific farm accident. INGATHERING: Phil's Friends. Requested: washable markers; colored pencils; small box crayons; comp. books, Sharpie pens black/colors; soft socks; sock hats or ball caps. A box will be located in the narthex. You can find more information on the "Check-It-Out" board.

LWML will meet at 7:00 pm, Monday, October 7, in the Bethany Room. Program: Sacred Hymn Sing. If you choose a hymn outside LSB, please bring the words to copy. You may share the hymn's "history" if you wish, or tell why it's special to you. Refreshments served after. All ladies are welcome. Can't sing, you say. Then let's make a joyful noise, all His people. Amen.

From the Board of Church Properties

Several weeks ago we started having trouble with the security system. During the inspection to diagnose the problem it was discovered that part of the system had failed. There is no way to make a repair as the part is no available. The decision was made to upgrade the system at a cost of \$4,992.44. This can be covered by budget for Church Properties or, if you would, prayerfully consider making a special donation (to help replenish the repairs fund). Please put it in an envelope marked Security System. Thank you

YOUTH NEWS

FALL YOUTH NIGHTS: We invite Youth in Grades 4-HS (and friends) to join us for our final Fall Youth Night this evening from 6-7 pm. Come enjoy a fun activity after which we close with a snack and devotion. We are asking attendees to bring a 16 oz jar of regular peanut butter that we will donate to the Bremen Bags organization when we go there on Oct. 15th.

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE + **LUNCHEON:** All are invited to join us for our Annual Youth Church Service on Sunday, October 13th, where Youth of our congregation contribute before and during the service in different ways (through music, Bible readings, and more). Following the service, we are hosting a spaghetti luncheon - for planning **we just need a basic order form completed by October 6th** (forms available in the church narthex). There is no cost for the meal. Free will donations accepted that will go to support those attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

YOUTH SERVICE EVENT: Youth in Grades 4-HS are encouraged to join us on Tuesday, October 15th to help Bremen Bags as we have in years past. We will meet on site (in the back of the ambulance station on Plymouth street here in Bremen) at 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity for our Youth to serve those around us and give back to our community, as we also donate the peanut butter that has been collected through Sept.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact Youth Board Director Andy Wildauer.

Over Fall Break, we will be moving religious non-fiction reading materials from the church/school library to the book shelves in the Emmaus Room. These items will include Bibles, hymnals, theological writings, devotionals, etc. (For you library geeks: the 200's)



Servants for Today's Worship September 29th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Kellan Guse

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 6th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Hughes & Gio Mejia Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

SCHOOL CORNER

We have several events coming up in the elementary school:

Fall pictures are October 2nd; the Preschool and Kindergarten will visit the Whitlock for chapel October 4th; 6-8th Grade Band Concert at BPS on October 4th, 7:00pm; and the Fall Festival Open House on October 4th, 4:30-7:00pm, inviting all school families and church members (see back page)!

Thank you for all you do to support the school, through prayers, volunteerism, and financially. We appreciate you!

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! We use the SGO both for elementary school scholarships and Pre-K scholarships, and it has been a great benefit to our families. 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.