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This Sunday, we hear how Paul corrects false teaching and encourages the Thessalonians to hold on to the hope of Christ's coming given to them through the faithful teaching of the apostles.

Thank you for joining us in worship!

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 or by using the QR code.

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." Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. We welcome all children to be actively participating in the service but if for any reason you want or need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery available for your use. It is located just outside the sanctuary.



As we approach Veteran's Day this Tuesday, please pray for our men and women in uniform who are answering our nation's call to protect and defend us and for our veterans here at home who have answered the call in the past. In every time and place, they have stood the watch at home and abroad, often far from their families. Both active and reserve members of our military and their families continue to bear the burden of deployments to austere and dangerous locations so that we have to the freedom to worship here today. May our Lord bless them and keep them in His love and protection.

Opening Hymn 715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" *(Matt. 8:23-27)*

✢ CONFESSION 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.**

Adult Choir "Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship" *LSB 911*
The Congregation will join in on verse 5

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit *Psalm 115:2-4, 8, 17; antiphon: v. 11*

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

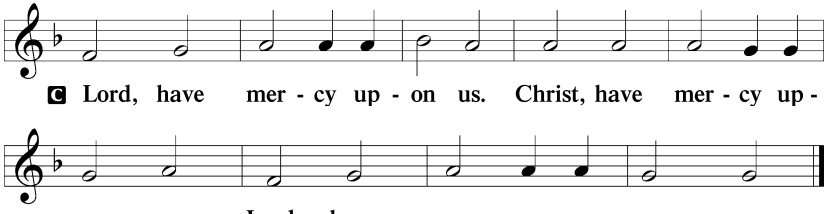
C **He is their help and their shield.**

P Why should the nations say,

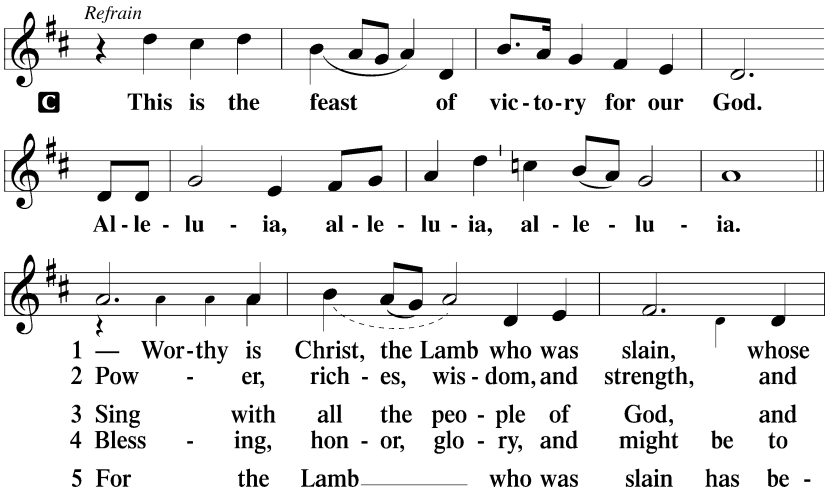
C **"Where is their God?"**

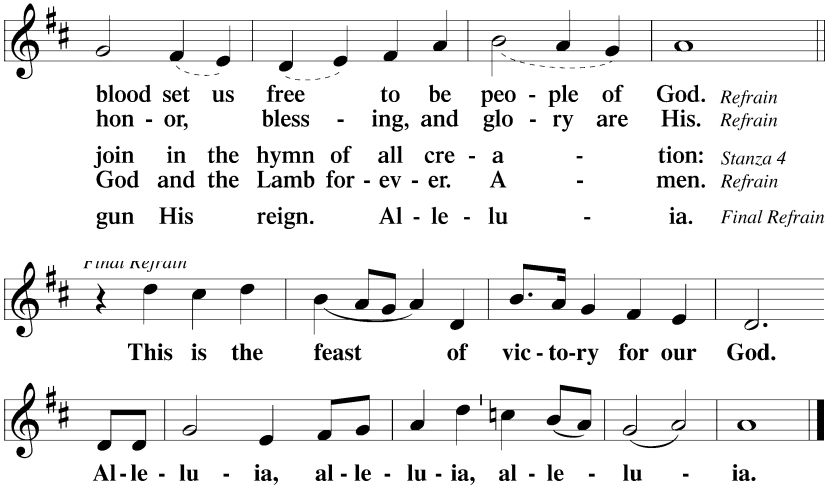
P Our God is in the heavens;
C He does all that He pleases.
P Their idols are silver and gold,
C the work of human hands.
P Those who make them become like them;
C so do all who trust in them.
P The dead do not praise the LORD,
C nor do any who go down into silence.
P But we will bless the LORD
C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
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 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
C He is their help and their shield.

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)* *LSB 186*



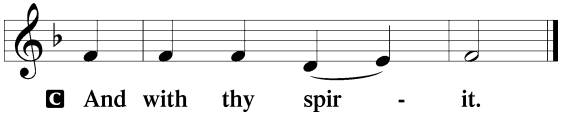
This Is the Feast *(Rev. 5:12-13; 19:5-9)* *LSB 155*





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*



P Let us pray.
Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Psalm

Psalm 148

[1]Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise Him in the heights!
[2]Praise Him, all His angels;
praise Him, all His hosts!
[3]Praise Him, sun and moon,
praise Him, all you shining stars!
[4]Praise Him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

[5]Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For He commanded and they were created.
[6]And He established them forever and ever;
He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
[7]Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
[8]fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling His word!
[9]Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
[10]Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!
[11]Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
[12]Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
[13]Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.
[14]He has raised up a horn for His people,
praise for all His saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!

Gradual *Rev. 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

The Epistle Lesson *2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17*

[1]Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers, [2]not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. [3]Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, [4]who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. [5]Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? [6]And you know what is restraining him now so that he

may be revealed in his time. 7For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only He who now restrains it will do so until He is out of the way. 8And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming. . . .
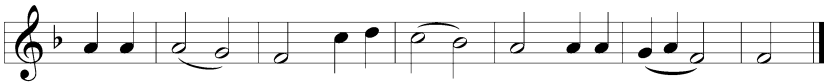
13But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

16Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

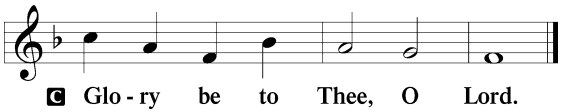
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *LSB 190*



The Holy Gospel Lesson *Luke 20:27–40*

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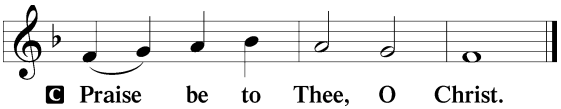


27There came to Jesus some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28and they asked Him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. 30And the second 31and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. 32Afterward the woman also died. 33In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

34And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35but those who are considered worthy to attain to

that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, [36]for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. [37]But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. [38]Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him." [39]Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." [40]For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(Acts 4:11-12; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 7:24; 16:24)

Sermon "Love and Traditions" *2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17*

God Encourages Us Not to Leave Our Traditions, nor to Love Our Traditions, but to Practice Traditions of His Love.

1. God encourages us not to _____ our traditions.

2. God encourages us not to _____ our traditions.

3. God encourages us to practice traditions _____ .
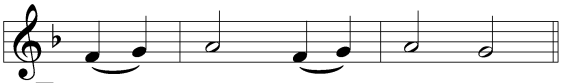
Hymn 658 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"
(1 Peter 1:5-7; Jude 3, 17, 20-21)

Prayers

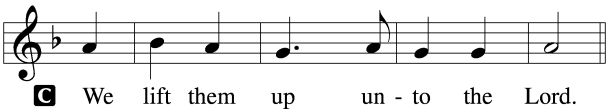
✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

Preface *LSB 194*
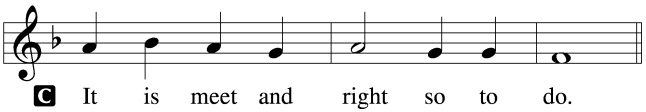
P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*



P Lift up your hearts. *(Colossians 3:1)*

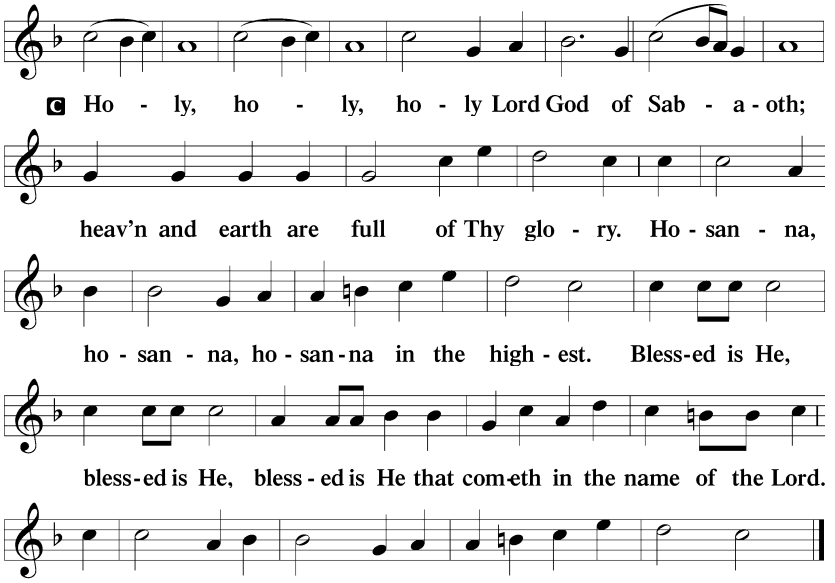


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *(Psalm 136)*



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)* *LSB 195*
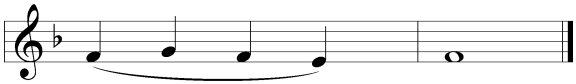


Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

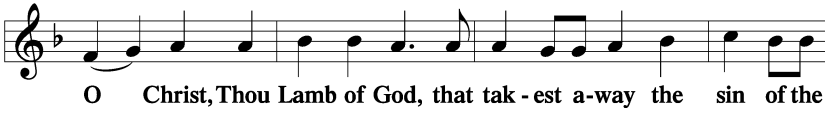
The Words of Our Lord *(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)* *LSB 197*

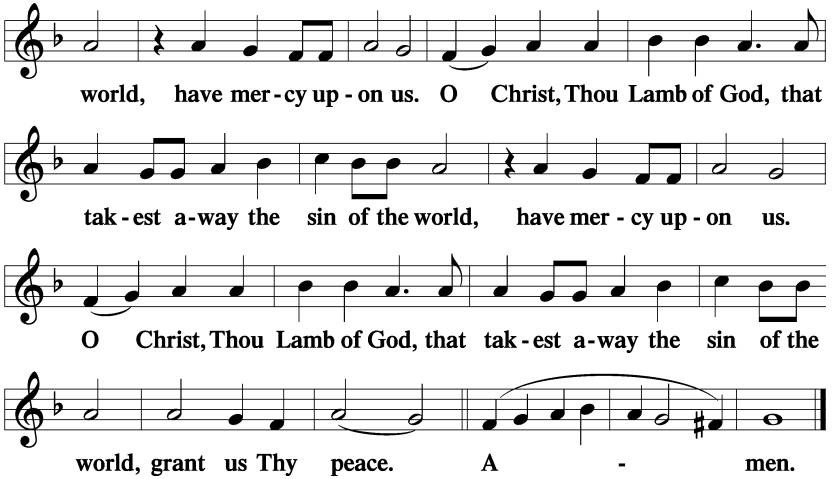
Pax Domini *(John 20:19)* *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)* *LSB 198*





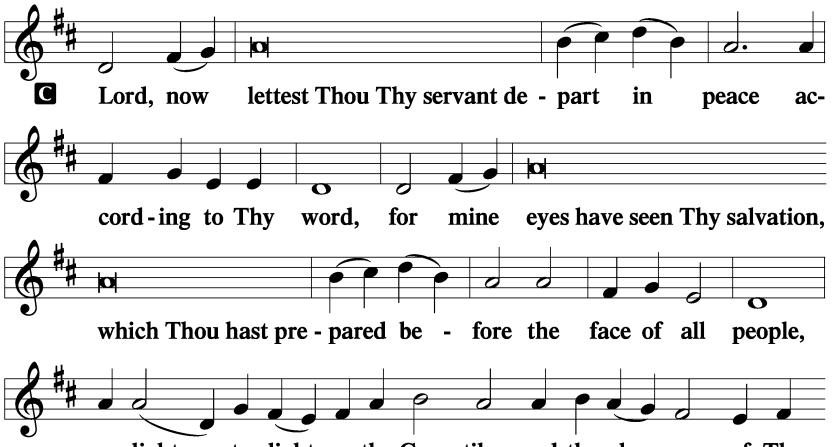
Hymn 628 "Your Table I Approach"
(1 Cor 11:23-29; Luke 5:31-32; Mark 2:17; 1 Cor. 10:16; Rom. 11:33-36)
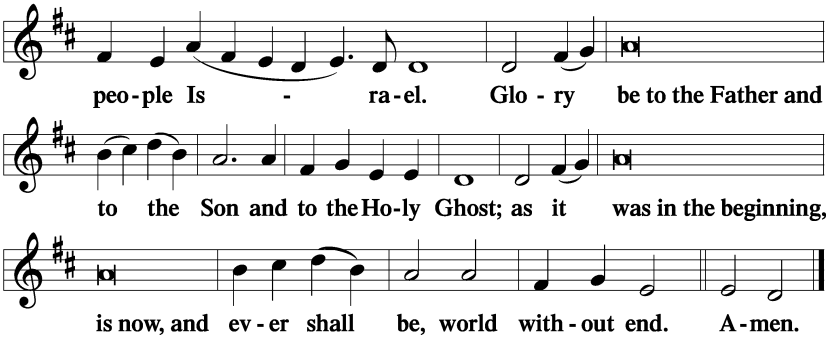
Hymn 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
(Matt. 26:26-29; Heb. 7:23-27; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 7:13-17)

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
(Is. 61:10; Rev. 19:7-8; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 6:35, 48-51, 57-58)

Hymn 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessings
(Luke 8:39; Col. 3:17; Num. 6:26; 1 Cor. 10:16)
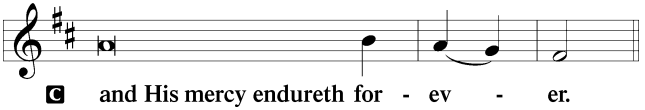
Nunc Dimittis *Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)* *LSB 199*
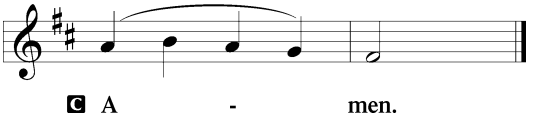




Thanksgiving *(Psalm 107:1)* *LSB 200*
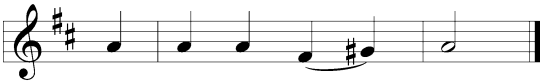
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
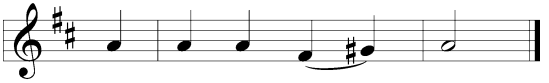


P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*
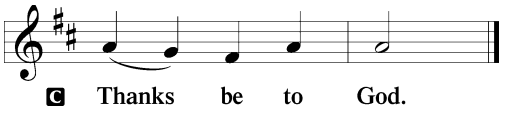


P The Lord be with you.
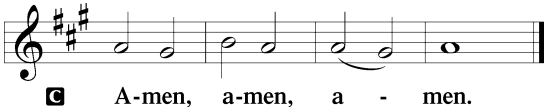


Benedicamus *Let Us Bless* *(Psalm 103:1)* *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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.



Closing Hymn 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
(Ps. 119:5-10; 2 John 9; John 8:31; Eph. 4:3-6)

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Altar Flowers are given today by the Coxey family and Eunice Bauer in loving memory of Carol Moeller. We praise and thank God for the promise of eternal life given to us through His Son, Jesus Christ!

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next date to make meals is this Wednesday, November 12th at 9:00 am. We are asking for donations of fruit cups, pudding cups, canned fruit, snacks, granola bars, and packaged or baked cookies. Words cannot express our appreciation for your generosity in helping with these meals. They have truly been a blessing to our church and community shut-ins.

Please let the church office know by November 16th if you'd like a subscription to the Lutheran Witness. It is $25.00. All retired teachers and pastors get a free subscription.

The annual Bremen Holy Walk will be Dec. 5th-6th. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information. If you would like to volunteer, you may sign-up on their website: www.bremenholywalk.com

Calendar of Events

TODAY .....November 9th, 2025
Potluck Breakfast ..... 8:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 am
Pack Welcome Bags .....After Service
Bell Choir ..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir ..... 6:00 pm
MON:
TUES:
Pastors' Winkle in the Bethany Room .....8:00 am-2:00 pm
WED:
Men's Bible Study Breakfast ..... 6:30 am
Prepare Hospitality Meals ..... 9:00 am
Day School Chapel ..... 11:00 am
THURS:
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study ..... 9:30 am
2nd Thursday Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
FRI:
SAT:
NEXT SUNDAY..... November 16th, 2025
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Adult Basketball..... 3:00-5:00 pm
Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir ..... 6:00 pm

Join us after the service to help us welcome our newest neighbors in Bremen! Evangelism along with Youth Board and the congregation will be packing Welcome Bags and delivering them to our new neighbors following our Church service. We will include information on our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations along with school and church general info. This is a great way to meet people and share Jesus! It only takes about an hour. See you there!

Worship Anew can be viewed on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on: the local CW station-channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend, Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377. For you travelers, you can view anytime at <worshipanew.org>

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: **God encourages us not to leave** our traditions, nor to love our traditions, but to practice traditions of His love.
For our veterans who sacrifice for our freedom.

Special Concerns:
That we hold on to the traditions that express God's eternal love.
For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family
That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.
For our country and her leaders.
For those who serve in their vocations of soldier, policemen & firemen.
For the Lord's grace, healing, and protection for our Christian brothers and sisters who are displaced, suffering, or being persecuted in America and throughout the world. **We must shine the Gospel light!**

The Church Office and Board of Evangelism have a new information sheet to fill out and submit when putting individuals on the prayer page in the bulletin. This is to help us better pray for our friends and family and keep that list updated. The new forms are located in the Narthex by the guest register, by the mail boxes and in the Church Office. On November 16, following church service, the Evangelism Board will hand out a name or 2 from the prayer list and shut-in list along with a copy of the booklet "A Simple Explanation of Prayer" for willing congregation members to specifically pray for and send a card to (as we have addresses). From time to time we'll hand out names for prayer and cards!

YOUTH NEWS

November 9th - youth in grades 6th through high school will meet in the Bethany Room after church.to assemble Welcome Bags for new community members and then distribute them after they are assembled.

November 20th - youth in grades 6th through high school are invited to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Judson, for a **FREE music/poetry concert** featuring Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley. Youth will meet at the church at 3:00 pm and arrive back around 9:45 pm. Sign-up is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Christmas Eve Service – Youth in grades 4th-8th annual reenactment of the Christmas account during the Christmas Eve Service. Practices will be every Sunday after church, beginning December 7th.

Look for more Youth Group information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat (*If you'd like to be added, let us know) or contact Youth Board Director Scott Hundt with any questions.

Pastor's Adult Confirmation Class: Do you know a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or relative who you want to see in heaven? They may not know about Jesus, or they might know the Lord but avoid coming to church. Now is the time to talk to them; tomorrow may be too late. Pastor is having a class on what Lutherans believe (Confirmation class). Enroll by calling Pastor Wonnacott at 574-301-9291. Class members will determine the day and time that work best for the majority. Deadline for enrolling is November 10.

You are invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 27th at noon. If you, your family or someone you know will be alone on Thanksgiving Day please come to the Bethany Room at noon for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We can deliver to your home for those who are homebound. Please sign up on the "Check It Out" Board or call the church office at 574-546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 16th. We will need to know your name; if you are dining in or need delivery; number of people; and your phone number. May we give thanks unto the Lord!

The LWML annual in-gathering for the Seminary Co-Op begins next week! From **November 1st through Thanksgiving** we will have a box in the Narthex to collect donations for the students at the Ft. Wayne Theological Seminary. Non-perishable food items, hygiene products, diapers, and paper goods are all needed by our men and women going into church work. A few things mentioned that they cannot keep stocked on their shelves are pasta (especially spaghetti), any type of spaghetti sauce or tomato product – sauce, paste, diced, etc., - rice, cereals, and ranch dressing. There are flyers on the bulletin board detailing what the co-op does and various ways to give if you'd like more ideas. Please keep our Sem students, their families, and their needs in your prayers.

God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Annual Clothing Drive for Hope Ministries - November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (for children, men, and women). We will have a table in the narthex with signs (Hope Ministries Clothing Drive) so please place your items on the table and on November 30th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God's people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

Evangelism will be sharing excerpts from the tract "What Lutherans Teach". Refresh your Biblical knowledge to better share your faith with others!

This month we look at Man.

Lutherans teach that man is not the product of an alleged evolution, but was made by God through an act of direct creation; that he was given an immortal soul, endowed with perfect holiness and created for eternal life; that, however, he sinned, broke off loving communion with God, became wholly depraved and subject to death; and that in his natural state he cannot, by any powers of his own, reestablish right relations with God. **References to look up! Genesis 2:7; 1:27; chap. 3; Psalm 14:3; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 143:2; 1 Corinthians 2:14.**

SCHOOL CORNER

Pilgrim Meal is coming- November 18th, 6:00pm! Students will bring in ingredients to make the popular Pilgrim Meal soup. They will also provide crafts and entertainment that night. We are collecting treats for Signature Health Nursing Home (**see Pilgrim Meal announcement on back of bulletin**) in the box in the narthex and the gingerbread house by the principal's office. ***All students, families, and the congregation are invited, so please mark it on your calendar!***

Students are selling The Dutch Kernel popcorn as a fundraiser for PTL. There are many delicious flavors available and orders will be in before Christmas! Please place your order with a student or through the school office **by November 21st**.

Basketball Camp has started, for 2nd Grade through 8th Grade! Practices are every Monday, Tuesday (except for Nov. 18th- Pilgrim Meal), and Thursday, ending on November 20th, after school until 4:30pm. See Mark Wildauer if you need more information.

Other November dates: Nov. 14th- Lego Club; Nov. 20th- Pizza Day; Nov. 26th-28th- Thanksgiving Break.

Please note November's Star Students on the bulletin board! These students, nominated by the staff, have exemplified one or all of the three "Rs"- Respect, Responsibility, and Righteousness. New Star Students will be highlighted each month.

Enrollment is ongoing (especially in Preschool), so if you know someone looking for a new school experience, Beginner Preschool through 8th Grade, encourage them to look into St. Paul's! We offer a

Christian alternative to education, not only focusing on core curriculum, but also providing a Biblical, Christ-centered focus. **With our comprehensive scholarship program, a Christian education can cost little or nothing**. ***Scholarships are even available for Pre-K!*** **Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family/friends to check us out!**

Please see updates to the SGO announcement!

SGO Announcement

Update to the new federal tax credit:

- This is a 100% Federal Tax Credit, up to $1,700 per taxpayer.
- Taxpayers can begin making donations on January 1, 2027.

Taxpayers would receive the Federal Tax Credit when completing taxes in the **spring of 2028 (individuals, not businesses). Further details are available on the bulletin board.**

Other benefits to donors-

- **LSGO is MATCHING donations from new donors up to $1000 per donor ($5000 per school)!**
- **Universal Charitable Deduction has been restored! Taxpayers can receive a $1000 Federal Charitable Donation, even if they can't itemize, beginning January 1, 2026.**
- **Taxpayers still receive a 50% state tax credit!**

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, and a 100% federal tax credit for individuals up to $1700 (starting in 2027). 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 November 9th, 2025

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Ellen Augustine
Ushers: Mark Wildauer & Tyler Schmeltz
Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller
Elder: Mike Gumz
Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger
Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship November 16th, 2025

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Ellen Augustine
Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Larry Winterboer
Acolyte: Avery Cannon
Elder: Larry Britt
Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz



You are invited to the Pilgrim Meal

Tuesday, November 18th, 6:00pm

Bethany Room

Join with the school students and their families as we enjoy fellowship and thanksgiving for the blessings God has given us. The students will provide entertainment and we will all enjoy our traditional Pilgrim Meal soup!

We are collecting items for our neighbors at Signature Healthcare in Bremen!

The items we collect will be used by the residents as treats during their activities. There will be a drop box (gingerbread house) inside the school for the students and a table in the narthex for donations. They are asking for Little Debbie Snack Cakes, bottled sodas, snack chips, and stuffed animals. Let's gift our neighbors with many surprises for them to enjoy over the holiday season!

We are also gifting each resident a candy sled for their enjoyment.

You can help build a candy sled for the residents AND you can create a sled for your family to bring home and enjoy. Items to make the sleds will be provided.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

R: We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.

L: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

R: We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.

L: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word of truth.

R: Keep our chaplains in Your name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Sanctify their ministry in Your Word of truth.

L: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the wounded-warrior wards and in our military hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans and their families.

R: Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatments for patients' suffering.

L: God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve in all branches of our armed forces. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

MINISTRY-BY-MAIL REGISTRATION

If members of your congregation are in the military, be sure to send us their names and addresses so we can include them in our Ministry-by-Mail program.

☐ New name addition ☐ Change of address ☐ Name change

Your congregation:_____

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