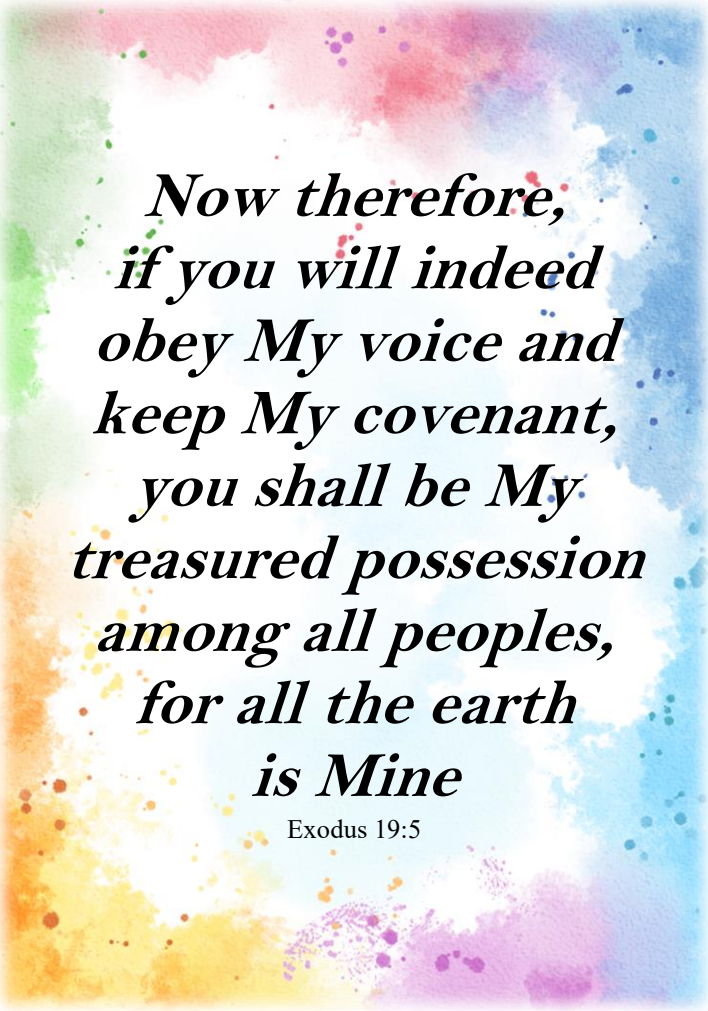


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We once again welcome Pastor Gregory Fiechtner to lead us in worship. May we all be blessed by the words the Lord speaks to us through him.

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, near the water fountain.

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.

At Mount Sinai, the LORD reveals Himself with thunder, lightning, cloud, and trumpet blast. Israel is commanded to consecrate themselves and keep their distance, for God is holy. The people tremble at His presence. Yet the LORD's purpose is gracious: He calls Israel His "treasured possession" and promises that they shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Exodus 19:5–6). This covenant points to the greater covenant to come through Christ, who fulfills the Law, removes fear, and makes His people holy not by distance but by His indwelling Spirit. The terrifying glory of Sinai prefigures the majesty of Christ at His Second Coming, but also highlights the tenderness of Christ's first coming, where He approached sinners not with terror but with mercy. In Christ, the fearful distance between God and man is bridged, and we are brought near. Christ fulfills the covenant, grants us access to the holy God, and makes us a kingdom of priests to serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

Opening Hymn 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
(1 Chron. 16:23-26; Ps. 103:1-11; 106:48)

✢ 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 67:4-7; antiphon: v.3*

P Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **let all the peoples praise You!**

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

P Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **let all the peoples praise You!**

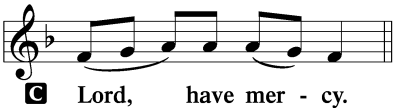
℗ The earth has yielded its increase;
℄ God, our God, shall bless us.
℗ God shall bless us;
℄ let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
℗ Let the peoples praise You, O God;
℄ let all the peoples praise You!

Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)* *LSB 152*

℗ In peace let us pray to the Lord.



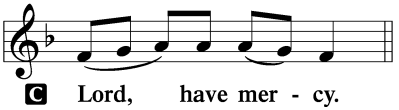
℗ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



℗ 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.



℗ 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)

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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



P Let us pray.
Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us

faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 19:2–8*

2 The people of Israel set out from Rephidim and came into the
wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There
Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God.
The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall
say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 You
yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore
you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if
you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be
My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine;
6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."
7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before
them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8 All the
people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we
will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

Gradual *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

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

The Epistle Lesson *Romans 5:6–15*

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though
perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God
shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood,
much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. 10 For if
while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of
His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

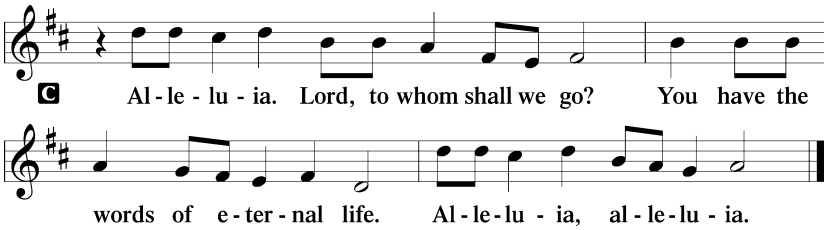
by His life. [11]More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

[12]Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— [13]for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. [14]Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One who was to come.

[15]But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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

Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)* *LSB 156*



The Holy Gospel Lesson *Matthew 9:35—10:20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



[35]Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. [36]When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37]Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; [38]therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

[1]And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. [2]The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of

Zebedee, and John his brother; [3]Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; [4]Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

[5]These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, [6]but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [7]And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' [8]Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. [9]Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, [10]no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. [11]And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. [12]As you enter the house, greet it. [13]And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. [14]And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. [15]Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

[16]"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. [17]Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, [18]and you will be dragged before governors and kings for My sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. [19]When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. [20]For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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 689 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"
(Ps. 119:10; Eph. 1:7; 2 Tim. 1:8-10; John 8:31)

Sermon "You Shall Be My Treasured Possession"

Hymn 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"
(John 10:27-28; Psalm 23; Ps. 5:8; 121:4-7)

Prayers

✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

Preface *LSB 160*

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



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

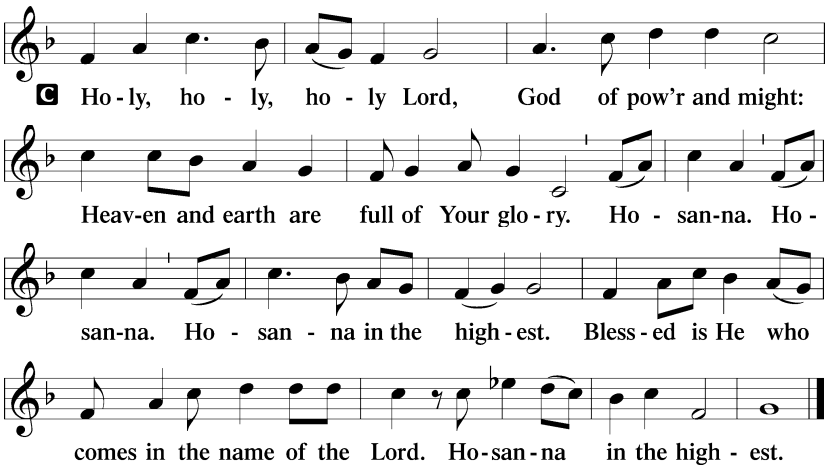


℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*



℗ It is truly good, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 161*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

℗ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,

which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

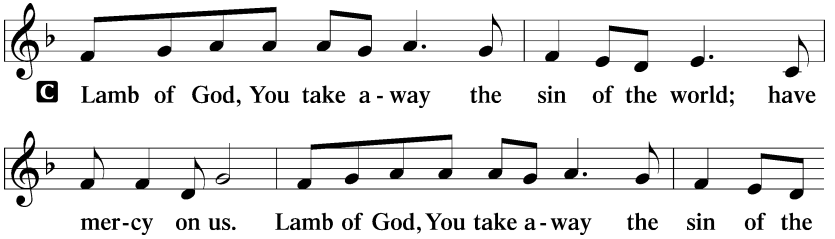
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

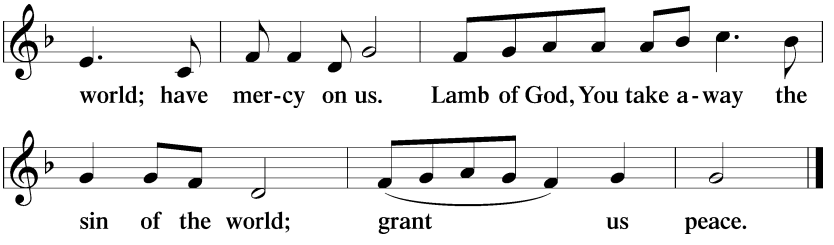
Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)* *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)* *LSB 163*





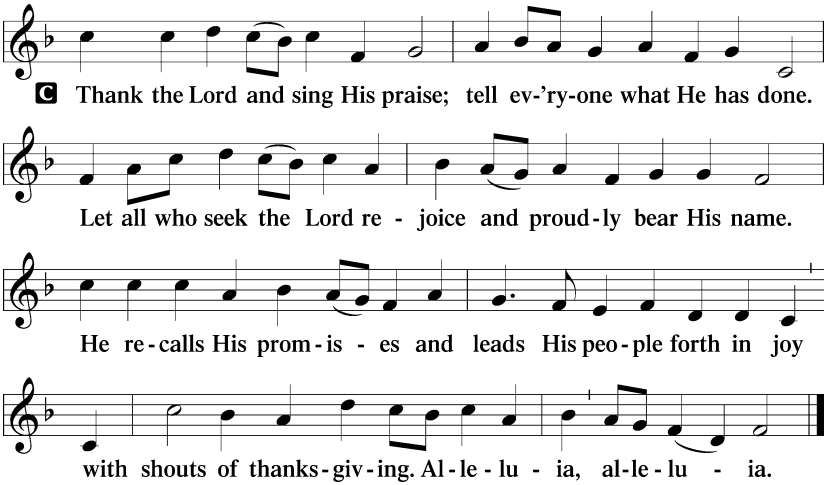
Hymn 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"
(John 3:16; Titus 3:4-7; 2 Tim. 1:9; Matt. 9:2)

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"
(1 Cor. 11:23-29; Luke 22:17-20; Romans 8:33-39)

Hymn 625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"
(John 6:33-35, 48-51; 1 Tim. 1:15-16; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Psalm 23)

Hymn 687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"
(Mal. 3:17; John 10:27-30; John 6:39)

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)* *LSB 166*

P 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 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"
(Ex. 15:13; Ex. 13:21-22; John 6:32-35; John 4:14)

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The congregation is invited to Autumn Napper's graduation open house on Saturday, June 20th from 4-8 pm. Please come celebrate Autumn with us at 68501 Poplar Rd. Walkerton, Indiana.

Join St. Paul's LWML group as we do some preparation work for St. Paul's Vacation Bible School. We will meet tomorrow, June 15th, at 6:30 pm in the Bethany Room. After a short business meeting, we will work on the VBS arts/crafts projects. **Bring your own scissors, a smile, and willingness to serve.** We would love to have you join us. (Snacks too!) For more information or questions: ask Janet Miller, Linda Tinkey, Barb Middaugh, or Jeanette Rettinger.

Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living devotionals for July through September as well as the Summer LWML Quarterlies are now available in the tract rack in the Narthex. Please help yourself to one or more of these publications to enhance your spiritual life.

Free Event! Answers in Genesis will be in Shipshewana, IN on June 26th to presenting "An evening with Ken Ham and Capt. Barry Whitmore". Discover how to think Biblically and apply the timeless truths of Genesis 1-11. A flyer with more info is on the bulletin board.

The Evangelism committee ingathering for Grace Food Pantry will continue through June 21st. There are cards on the table in the Narthex with Grace's current needs. Items purchased should be returned to the Narthex table by Sunday, June 21st. All items will be delivered to the food pantry the week of the 21st. (If you have reusable grocery bags that you would like to donate along with grocery items, these are always appreciated by the food pantry.) Thank you in advance for your support.

Calendar of Events

TODAY ..... June 14th, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 am
MON:
LWML Worknight for VBS – Bethany Room ..... 6:30 pm
Board Meetings ..... 7:00 pm
TUES:
WED:
THURS:
FRI:
Euchre ..... 7:00-9:00 pm
SAT:
NEXT SUNDAY ~ Father's Day ~ ..... June 21st, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 am

We currently have enough in The Playground and Gathering Space project fund to pay for the pavillion concrete. Work will progress as weather allows. If you would like to make a monetary donation for this project, please place it in the offering box marked "Playground Fund". **We also thank you for your prayers and support as we create a God pleasing space to glorify Him.**

Tropical Trek VBS is coming up June 22-26. This year in addition to a morning program from 9-11:30 am, there will be an evening program on Wednesday. It will begin at 5:30pm with a supper and a Patriotic Program with the theme "In God We Trust" following and concluding at 7:30pm. Families and congregation members are invited to come with the children. Other than the Bible Story, activities will be Patriotic as a special celebration for our country's 250th anniversary. There are two ways to register your children ages 3 to those currently in 5th grade: fill out a registration form available on the table in the Narthex or go online to vbsmate.com/StPaulsBremenVBS
We look forward to sharing Jesus with your children this summer.

From the Board of Church Properties – Parking Lot Financing
We currently have nearly two thirds of the approximately $152,000 needed to redo the parking lot. Additional monies needed will have to come from Church and School Special Needs Funds as well as the Endowment Fund which would deplete those accounts. Any and all donations are welcome to cover this cost. You may place your donation in the offering box in an envelope marked "Parking Lot Fund". Thank you for your generosity to St. Paul's in the upkeep of our facilities that we may glorify our Lord. Work is scheduled to begin between the middle to end of July.

St. Paul's provides financial support to a student who is studying to be a church worker through one of our Concordia Universities or Seminaries. The current student we support just graduated with a Deaconess degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Therefore we are searching for a candidate to support who is attending school this fall. Certainly we would love to support a St. Paul's member, however, we have supported Lutheran students not at St. Paul's. If you have a student that you know may qualify for this support please contact either Lori Haug, Brian Denk or Jim Tinkey no later than June 30.

Did you miss getting a Picture for the Directory?
That's OK! You can send an electronic photo to the church at church@stpaulsbremen.org and we'll include that in the directory. If you only have a hard copy, then bring it to the church secretary and we'll get it scanned in and get your original back to you

YOUTH NEWS

June 19th - Putt-Putt Golf outing for 4th-8th grades – 6:00-9:00 pm. Cost is $5.00 per youth attending.

June 21st – Father's Day: Donuts for Dads

July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th – Youth Nights are back! Each Wednesday in July at 7:00 pm 4th Grade - High School will meet for a time of fellowship, fun, & food. Please join us and invite your friends!

July 18th – Tara's Bible Study & Bonfire from 7:00-9:00 pm for 4th grade through High School.

***** See the Youth Board for Sign-Up sheets for these events! *****

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.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: **That we are God's treasured possessions.**

Special Concerns:

That we remember God pursues us because He treasures us.
For the Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family.
For the Micah Wildauer family as their ministry is temporarily refocused.
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 soldiers and first responders.
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!**

Worship Anew can be viewed: Sunday Mornings at 11:30 am on: Dish channel 26 or Direct TV channel 377. You can view anytime at worshipanew.org **Please note that local CW channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend will no longer be airing Worship Anew.**

Servants for Today's Worship June 14th, 2026

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Wayne Spicher & Ben Andrews
Acolytes: Wyatt Wildauer
Elder: Dave Burcham
Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger
Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Today's Worship June 21st, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Tyler Schmeltz
Acolytes: Emiliano Mejia
Elder: Jon Rettinger
Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

SCHOOL CORNER

Please consider helping us replenish the SGO account!

This year, we gave over $53,000 in scholarships from the SGO Fund! As Choice only provides for 77%-83% of tuition costs, we use the SGO to **"close the gap"** between our tuition fee and the Choice Scholarship. This has enabled our families, most of whom have financial concerns, to receive education at St. Paul's for nominal cost. **We need to replenish our SGO account so please consider donating to the SGO!** Contact the school office if you have questions. More information is available in the tract rack.

PTL is hosting several events: First, thank you to all who helped with the Firemen's Festival float and in the ticket booths! We appreciate you!

We are currently collecting donations for the Rummage Sale July 11th, 8:00am-1:00pm! Please donate gently used items, except for large furniture and appliances. **We will need volunteers to set up, manage, and take down the sale. We will also need volunteers to help with a pancake breakfast that morning. Please contact Ericca Thornton if you can help, 574-209-2318. (see flyer)**

The School Office will be open during the summer, starting June 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm. Alternative hours for enrollment/scholarship appointments are available upon request.

Enrollment for 2026-27 is OPEN! *Please encourage family and friends to learn more about St. Paul's!* We offer a Christian alternative to education for Preschool through 8th Grade, 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!

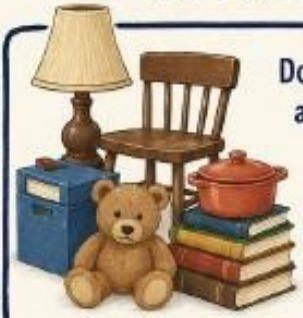
We are starting to save natural wood and mulch for the new playground. If you are interested in joining the committee, volunteering, or have items to donate, please contact Beth Miller.

St. Paul's RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 11th 8-1

Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10

Free Will Donations



Donations accepted until July 8th and can be dropped off at the school/church from 9-1 Mondays-Fridays or call Ericca Thornton (574)209-2318 to schedule drop off or pick up of donations

