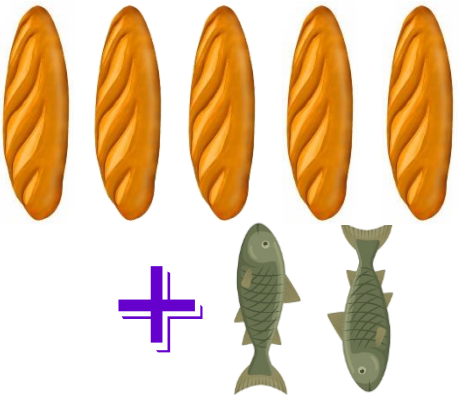
...and taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and said a blessing.

Matthew 14:19



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Welcome to the Lord's house. Pastor Gregory Fiechtner leads us in worship this morning. May we learn and grow in the faith as he preaches God's word to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 child out, there is a Nursery located just outside the sanctuary.

Jesus performed miracles at different times for different reasons: ***Compassion:*** He often asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" showing His deep empathy and concern. ***Establish Authority:*** Miracles demonstrated Jesus' divine authority. Jesus said, "So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" *(Mark 2:10)*. ***Build Faith:*** Miracles were also intended to strengthen faith. Jesus asked Peter, "Why did you doubt?" *(Matthew 14:31)*. Ultimately, the miracles of Jesus are glimpses of heaven breaking into earth. They build our faith and trust in Jesus, pointing to the greater miracle of His death and resurrection. Jesus came for our redemption and new life, demonstrating God's compassion and power to build our faith. The feeding of the 5,000 is a foretaste of the kingdom of God. It whets our appetite for the eternity Jesus has promised and won for us. In the meantime, Jesus calls us to trust in His promises - our sins are forgiven, we have peace with God, and eternal life awaits those who trust in Him. Proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the eternal peace that Jesus offers. Point others to the eternal hope we have in Him.

Sermon excerpt: Pastor John Rallison, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salem, OR

Opening Hymn 914 "Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"
(John 1:1-17; Col. 1:15-16)

✢ 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.**

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit *Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon: v.1*

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;

C **make known His deeds among the peoples!**

P He spread a cloud for a covering,
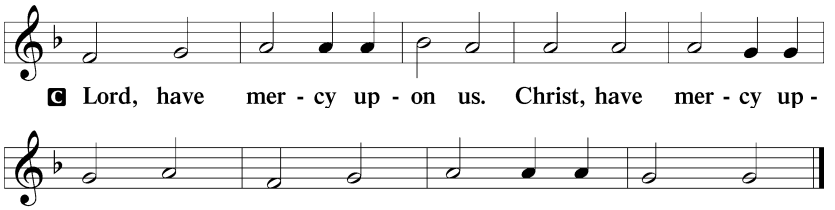
C **and fire to give light by night.**

P They asked, and He brought quail,

C **and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

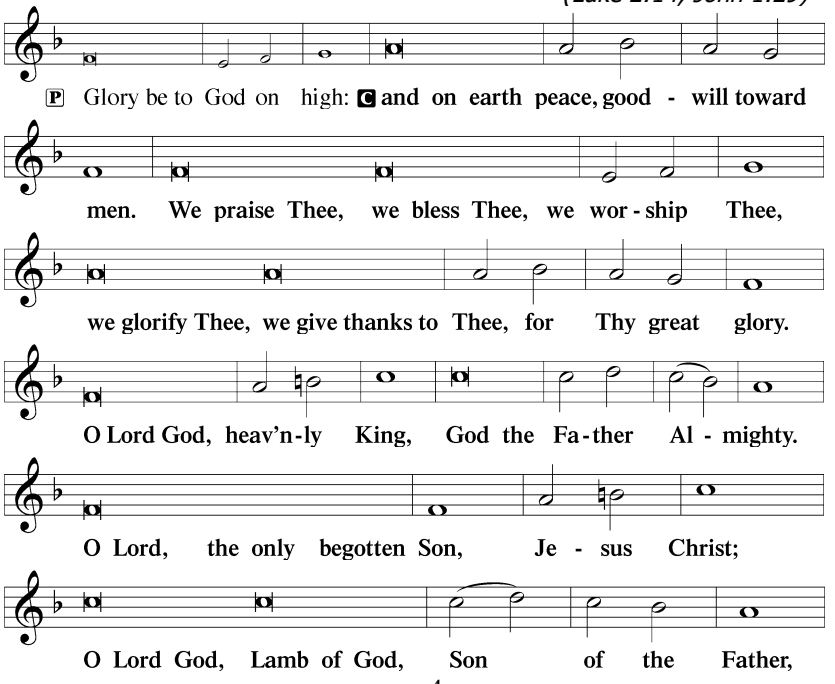
℗ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
℄ it flowed through the desert like a river.
℗ For He remembered His holy promise,
℄ and Abraham, His servant.
℗ So He brought His people out with joy,
℄ His chosen ones with singing.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
℗ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
℄ make known his deeds among the peoples!

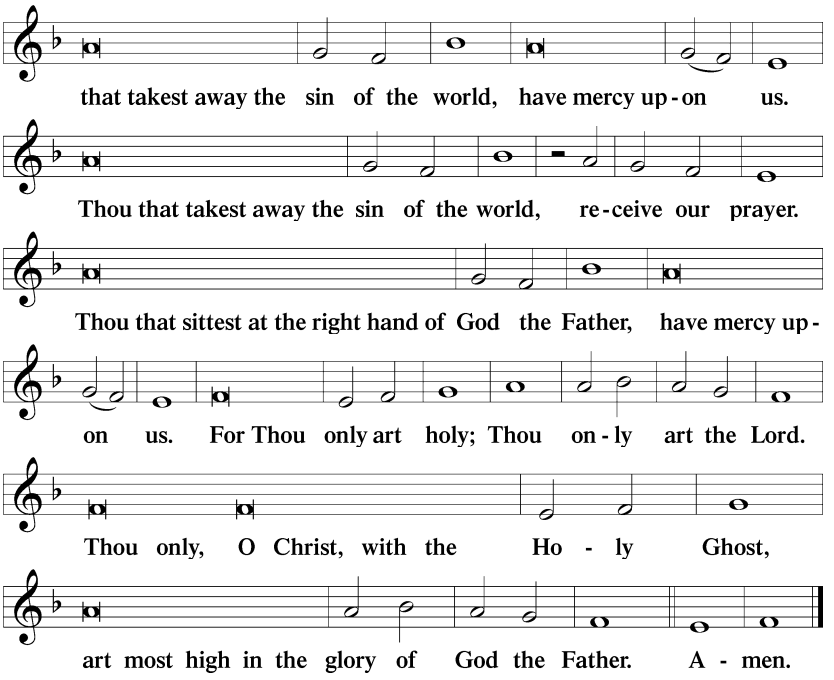
Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* *(Mark 10:47)* *LSB 186*



Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* *LSB 187*

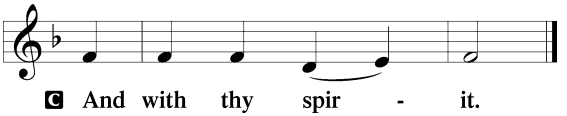
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)
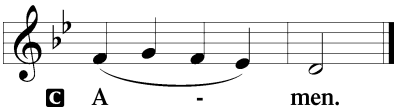




Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



℗ Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 55:1–5*

1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3Incline your ear, and come to Me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
My steadfast, sure love for David.
4Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for He has glorified you."

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

Gradual *Romans 11:33, 36*

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**
P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson *Romans 9:1–13*
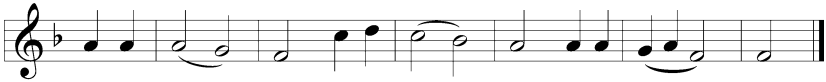
1I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

6But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall

your offspring be named." [8]This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. [9]For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." [10]And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, [11]though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of His call— [12]she was told, "The older will serve the younger." [13]As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."
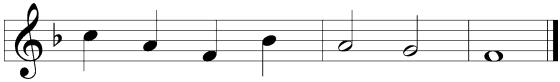
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia *LSB 190*
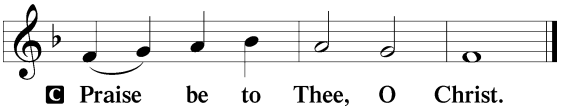


The Holy Gospel Lesson *Matthew 14:13–21*

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



[13]Now when Jesus heard about the death of John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. [14]When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. [15]Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." [16]But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." [17]They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." [18]And He said, "Bring them here to Me." [19]Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20]And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. [21]And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Hymn 697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"
(Eph. 5:1-14; Eph. 3:16-19; 4:3-6)

Sermon "St. Eutychus: The Man Who Fell Asleep in Church"
Acts 20:6-12

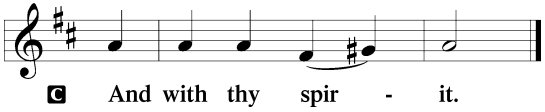
Hymn 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"
(Matt. 25:1-13; Is. 62:5-12; Rev. 19:6-9; Rev. 7:9-17)

Prayer of the Church *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

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

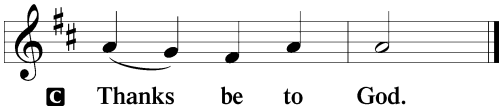
℃ **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

℗ The Lord be with you.
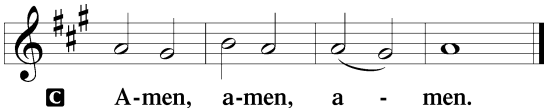


Benedicamus *Let Us Bless* *(Psalm 103:1)* *LSB 202*

℗ Bless we the Lord.



Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)* *LSB 202*

℗ 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 868 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"
(Ps. 59:16-17; 92:1-4; 108:1-2; 1 Cor. 10:31)

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All are welcome to come to LWML tomorrow, August 3rd at 6:30, for a presentation from Pastor Soe Moe about the Lutheran mission work with the Burmese people in the Ft. Wayne area. Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB) has done amazing work with this large immigrant population. There will be a very short meeting beforehand as we want to allow as much time as we can for Pastor Moe, and, as always, there will be delicious refreshments to enjoy afterwards.

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.**

Please join Evangelism and Youth as we pack and delivery Welcome Bags to our newest Bremen neighbors following today's church service. We will be packing bags in the Bethany Room. You may pick up bags and addresses for delivery there. Bags will include special school information along with all the regular goodies and info. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way. You are a blessing. Please keep our neighbors in your prayers! Thank you for all you do!

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. 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 2026 are as follows: 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9.
If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

Calendar of Events

TODAY ..... August 2nd, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 8:30 am
Worship Service ..... 9:30 am
MON:
PTL Meeting ..... 6:00 pm
LWML – LAMB Ministry ..... 6:30 pm
TUES:
School Cleaning .....
WED:
Men's Bible Study Breakfast ..... 6:30 am
School Cleaning .....
THURS:
FRI:
SAT:
Naomi Meal ..... 11:30 am
NEXT SUNDAY ..... August 9th, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 am

The Naomi Meal for all widowed and single ladies of the congregation is this Saturday, August 8th. Please RSVP by Wednesday so that we can be sure to have enough for everyone.

The Playground and Gathering Space Project is once again moving forward now that the sewer lines and parking lot are completed. The sewer issue set us back several weeks but we still have a goal to complete the pavilion before the snow flies. **Please continue to pray that the Lord will bless this project according to His will and grace.**

YOUTH NEWS

Look for 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.

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.

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!

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: **That through God' word and worship** we are lifted up, encouraged, and awakened to the faithfulness and grace of the Father.

Special Concerns:
That we remain awake in the Lord.
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!**

Servants for Today's Worship August 2nd, 2026

Pastor Gregory Fiechtner
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Ben Andrews & Wayne Spicher
Acolytes: Cory Miller
Elder: Dave Burcham
Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 9th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Ellen Augustine
Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Dakota Schmeltz
Acolytes: Wiley Napper
Elder: Terry Miller
Communion Assistant: Mike Gumz
Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt