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We welcome you this morning as grow in our witness to the Lord.

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.

Children are precious to the Lord and to us as well. Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. It gives us great joy when Christ's little ones gather with us to receive the gifts of salvation *(Matthew 18:10)*. They may fidget and fuss as they learn to sit and hear God's word but they are a gift from the Lord (Psalm 127:3) and we welcome all children to be actively participating in the service. Barring a cry of ear-drum shattering proportions, we encourage you to keep your children in the sanctuary as long as possible, but if you feel you need to take your child out, there is a Nursery located just outside the sanctuary. **Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."** *Matthew 19:14*

Serving others is a direct response to Christ's example, a way to live out the gospel, and a means of both meeting needs and growing in faith. Serving others is rooted in the command to "love your neighbor" and the example of Jesus, who "came not to be served but to serve" *Matthew 20:28*. Scripture frames service as an act of love that honors God and reflects Christ's mission. *Galatians 5:13; Matthew 25:40* Every believer is called to use the gifts God has given to "serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace" *1 Peter 4:10*. Across LCMS districts and congregations, service is integrated into ministry life. Serving others is not optional charity but a core expression of the Christian life - a way to live out the gospel, honor Christ, and experience the joy of giving. It isn't about perfection; it's about showing up with love. It's messy, rewarding, exhausting, and joy-filled all at once. And it's one of the most tangible ways we can reflect Christ's light in this world. Jesus said: *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25:40 Today we recognize the LWML whose main goal is to honor God and serve others from what He has given to us. **Let's get out there and serve with joy!**

To Christ be all the glory!

Bell Choir "Come, O Almighty King"

Opening Hymn 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
(Luke 4:16-21; Mark 10:13-16; John 1:1, 14, 29; 4:5-14)

✢ 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 Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Adult Choir "Go Into the World"

1. Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,
   Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
   Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people,
   Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
   I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;
   I am the light, you, the reflection ev'rywhere.
   Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers.
   Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

2. Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations,
   Go ye now and I will be with you there.
   Go ye now and take the Gospel to all the people,
   Go ye now and I will be with you there.
   I am the vine and you, the branches,
   I am the light for you to share
   So go ye now and tell the story to all believers,
   Go ye now and I will be with you there!

3. ***Repeat 1st verse***
   Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

Introit *Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1*

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**
P The stone that the builder's rejected
C **has become the cornerstone.**
P This is the Lord's doing;
C **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
P This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
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 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

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

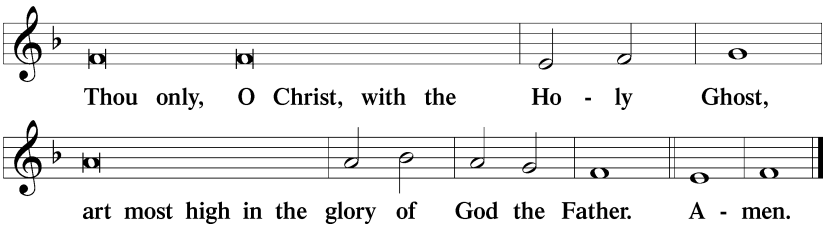




Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* *LSB 187*

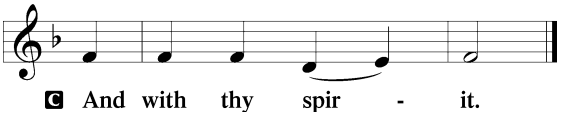
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)





Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



℗ Let us pray

℗ Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 62:1–7*

[1]For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
[2]The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
[3]You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
[4]You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,

and your land shall be married.
5For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
6On your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.
You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,
7and give Him no rest
until He establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

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

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

P He will command His angels concerning you
C **to guard you in all your ways.**
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

The Epistle Lesson *Romans 10:11–17*

11For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. 13For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Alleluia *LSB 190*



The Holy Gospel Lesson *Luke 24:44–53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



44Then Jesus said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to
you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the
Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
45Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and
said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on
the third day rise from the dead, 47and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49And
behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in
the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
50Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands
He blessed them. 51While He blessed them, He parted from them and
was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped Him and returned
to Jerusalem with great joy, 53and were continually in the temple
blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn 834 "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"
(John 1:1-7; Heb. 2:14-15; Rom. 5:17; 15:5-6)

Sermon "Witness of the Word"
Sermon Notes:

Hymn 839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"
(Is. 60:1-3; Luke 1:78-79; John 8:12; Eph. 5:8-14)

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

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.**

Installation of the LWML Officers

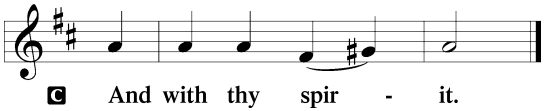
ALL: The LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His

call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Salutation and End of Service Collect

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

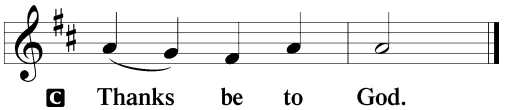


P Let us pray.
Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

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

P Bless we the Lord.



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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



LWML Hymn to Depart "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

(Sung to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

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Altar Flowers are given today by Jon and Jeanette Rettinger in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary. We praise our Savior for His many blessings during our 41 years of marriage.

After Service today the Evangelism Committee will be passing out names of those on our church prayer page, individual prayer requests, and our shut-ins. Each page has 2 names attached to it. Please take one and pray specifically for those individuals. If there is an address included, maybe send a note or a card. Sharing Scripture and words of encouragement are appreciated and uplifting to those who are hurting. *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.* ***Jeremiah 29:12****; Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.* ***1 John 5:14***

Our congregation is hosting the LWML Fall Rally today, October 4th from 1:30-4:30 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited. **This year our Servant Event is to make "Blessing Bags" for the incoming 1st year class at CTSFW.** The Lord has blessed us with the largest class since 2009! 57 men for the ministry and 6 ladies for the Deaconess Program. Laborers are answering the Lord's call and we want to uplift them. Donations for this are: individually wrapped snacks, pens, sticky notes, note pads, bookmarks, anything that could brighten their day or encourage them. There is a box in the Narthex for these items. Flyers are in the Narthex and on the bulletin board for more info. Thank you

Today, LWML Sunday, is the final collection day for "Make a Change" September! Mite Box "coins" (based on the account of the widow's mite in Luke 21:1-4) fund district and national mission grants to spread the Gospel. Your change can be placed in the LARGE mite box, which is located on the back table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a small mite box from the table to collect change at home throughout the year. When it is full, you may put the box in the church secretary's mailbox, give it to Janet Miller, Linda Tinkey, Barb Middaugh or Jeanette Rettinger or bring it with you to one of our meetings. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to join us! Thank you for your donations to share the Good News of Jesus!

LWML Meeting – Please join us tomorrow night, October 5th, at 6:30 in the Bethany Room. After a short meeting, a representative from **RETA** will tell us about their work as a non-profit organization working with pregnant women and families to offer medical services, mental health support, mentorship and education, and family resources. They walk alongside people through every stage of life because transformation happens through connection, not just service. If you would like to support this ministry they are asking for disposable diapers size: 5, 6, and 7, or Pull-Ups. Please bring your donations with you to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, but would still like to donate, place items next to the LWML box in the Narthex under the green RETA sign.

Thrivent is hosting a Zoom Virtual Webinar on October 6th, 7th, and 8th to focus on ways to plan long term charitable giving to the church and school. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Worship Anew can be viewed: Sunday Mornings at 11:30 am on: Dish channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377. You can view anytime at worshipanew.org **As of last week, local CW channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend was still airing Worship Anew.**

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next meal preparation is October 14th at 9:00 am. We are asking for donations of jello cups and individually wrapped snack bars. **All are invited to come help and as always, we thank you for your prayers and generosity.**

October-December Portals of Prayer & Hope-Full Living Devotionals and **LWML Quarterlies** are in the tract rack in the Narthex. Please help yourself.

Elder On Call:

October 4th - October 10th: Dave Burcham - 574-520-9118
October 11th - October 17th: Larry Britt - 574-229-0407
October 18th - October 24th: Terry Miller - 574-248-1770
October 25th - October 31st: Mike Gumz - 574-253-3245

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ LWML Sunday ~ .....October 4th, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
Scrip Day .....After Service
LWML Zone Rally - Here ..... 1:30-4:30 pm
Adult Basketball..... 3:00-5:00 pm
Bell Choir.....5:00 pm
Adult Choir .....6:00 pm
MON:
Preschool Chapel .....9:15 am
PTL Meeting.....3:30 pm
LWML Meeting/RETA Program.....6:30 pm
TUES:
WED: ORGAN REPAIR – ALL DAY.....
Day School Chapel in the Gym.....11:00 am
LifeLight ..... 6:45-8:15 pm
THURS: ORGAN REPAIR – ALL DAY
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 am
6-8th Grade Band Concert at BHS.....7:00 pm
FRI:
NEXT SUNDAY.....October 11th, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....9:30 am
Bell Choir.....5:00 pm
Adult Choir .....6:00 pm

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: **For workers in the mission field**.

Special Concerns:

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!**

PTL is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat booth this year at the downtown pavilion on October 25th. We find this a great opportunity to share God's word with our community! We plan to pass out candy with cards stating St. Paul's information as well as a Bible verse. There is a donation box in the Narthex. Donations are accepted through October 23rd.

The Playground and Gathering Space Project : Listed below are some carefully estimated costs for the project:

30'x 44' Mortise & Tennon Cedar Pavilion - $43,300

Concrete Pad – someone has already donated the money for this

White Oak Climbing Structure - $4,500

Pea Gravel for under the swing set to be moved from the current playground– approx. $500.00

2-8'-10'Corrugated 4' dia. culverts for tunnels–approx. $500-$700 ea.

A few "more mature" trees for shade – approx. $200-$300 each

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Miller 260-519-2884. Please mark donations to this project as **Playground Fund** and place it in the offering box. **Most importantly, please continue to pray that the Lord will bless this project according to His will.**

On Saturday, October 24, Emmaus-South Bend is pleased to be hosting the Rev. Sahar Sadlovsky Gold, pastor in Tel Aviv, Israel, for a Mission Festival. Pr. Sadlovsky will present on "The Biblical Basis for Mission Work to the People of Israel." There will be a catered lunch following ($25/person) We will begin with Matins at 10, Pr. Sadlovsky will speak at 11, and we'll eat at noon. You and your congregations are invited to join us and to get to know Sahar. Please RSVP (for the lunch) by October 11.

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 at 574-209-2084** or **Rebecca Mejia 574-360-3354** with any questions.

SCHOOL CORNER

We are anticipating a busy fall!

October 5th- PTL Meeting, 6:00pm; **October 8th-** 6th-8th Grade Band Concert,7:00pm, BPS; **October 13th-** K-3rd Grade Langfeldt Pumpkin Farm Field Trip; **October 15th-** Grandparents'/Special Guests' Day; **October 16th-19th-** Fall Break; **October 21st-22nd-** Parent/Teacher Conference; **October 23rd-** Lego Club; and **October 25th-** Trunk or Treat, 5:00-7:00pm, town pavilion.

The PTL is decorating a car for the Bremen Trunk or Treat event on October 25th, 5:00-7:00pm, at the town pavilion. They are collecting candy donations in the box in the narthex, please!

Grandparents'/Special Guests' Day is October 15th, 11:00am-2:00pm! RSVPs have gone home with the students. We will celebrate with chapel and share pizza and salad for lunch; plus, the students will have activities with their guests. Guests, we can't wait to see you at school!

With more need every year, we need to replenish the SGO account!

Last school 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!** ***Benefits to donors include*: $1000 Federal Charitable Donation Deduction and a 50% state tax credit; plus, LSGO is matching donations from new donors up to $1000!** Contact the school office if you have questions. More information is available in the tract rack.

Enrollment is ongoing for 2026-27! *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!

Servants for Today's Worship October 4th, 2026

Seminarian Jarrod Thomas
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Jim Mitchell & Larry Winterboer
Acolytes: Cory Miller
Elder: Terry Miller
Video Streamer:

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 11th, 2026

Pastor Micah Wildauer
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Larry Britt & Paul Wonnacott
Acolytes: Rachel Rogers
Elder: Mike Gumz
Communion Assistant: Larry Britt
Video Streamer: