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Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship. We are blessed to have you with us today.

IN PERSON WORSHIP NOTES:

Bulletins, Offering Plates, and Masks are available on tables.

Listening devices are available in the Narthex/front entrance, for those who need them. Please return your device to an Usher following worship. Thank you!

Children's Activity Bags containing children's bulletins and other activities are available on the tables. Thank you!

Restrooms are located in the Narthex/front entrance of the church and in the south hallway of the educational building.

WIFI Connection-connect via "St Paul – Guest"

Password: godlovesyou

The * indicates all who are able may stand

June 18, 2023

Worship Leaders

Ministers
Rev. Ken Locke
Bev Plattner
Kathy Topp
June Oaks

The Congregation
Interim Pastor
Pianist
Liturgist
Sr. Deacon

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME SONG

No Matter

$\text{♩} = 120$

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses | Last time, Fine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together in the sure knowledge:

People: God does not pass us by.

Leader: We gather to worship knowing this truth:

People: God fulfills promises.

Leader: Even when we cannot muster belief:

People: God is faithful to us.

People: Together, we worship our always present God!

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 569

MINISTRY & SERVICE

569 God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part having four numbered lines of text.

Chord symbols: G, C, G/B, G/A, G, D/A, G/B, C6, G/D, D, G, C/E, C, Am7, G/D, D7, G, C, G/B, G/A, G, D/A, G/B, C6, G/D, D, G, C/E, G/B, C, G/D, D, G, D, G/D, D7, D/F#, G, D7, G, G/B, G/B, D7, A, G, D/F#, Em7, D, G/B, D7, A, G, C, G/D, D7, G.

Lyrics:
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils
pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our
bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: God hears our voices and our supplications.

People: **We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures.**

Leader: Knowing that God will listen, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

***CONFESSION**

Leader: God of our salvation, incline your ear to us.

People: **You have given us power:
power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore.**

Leader: But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives.

People: **Too often we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others.**

Leader: God of our salvation, forgive us.

People: **Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.**

(TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION)

***PARDON**

Leader: The ancient words still bring truth today:

People: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: Praise be to God for this abounding love: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.**

734

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." Above the vocal line, various chords are indicated: Eb, Bb7sus F, Bb7 F, Eb, Bb D, Bb, Eb, Bb D, Eb6, Bb F, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb, Ab Eb, Eb, Bb, Bb7, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Ab, Eb, G, Em7 Ab, Eb, Bb, Gm Bb, Bb7, Eb.

WORDS: *Gloria Patri*, 2nd c.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

GREATORTEX
Irregular

PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

We are continuing to pray for Jay Waterman, Tavi Haastrup, Rob Paul, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Jerry Newman, Karen Vornholt, Molly Borkowski, Terri Mullins, Denise Joyce, Bev Poppe, Ann Hudson, Nancy Moots, and Dee Schroer.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15

(OT) pg.14

The Lord appeared to Abrahah by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet,

and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:1-8

(NT) pg.155

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

84 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

C F C/E Am Dm7 G C Am Em Am C D G

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
 5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. Psalm 90
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft (1678-1727)

ST. ANNE
C.M.

G C F Dm G C Dm E C/E F C/E Dm G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.
 be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WE RESPOND WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 34

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system has the lyrics: "praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost." Above the vocal lines, various chords are indicated, such as G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, Am, G, B, D7, and G.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100th
L.M.

***OFFERING PRAYER: God of all time, we know that every time is the right time for doing what is right. Every time is the right time for generously sharing what you have shared with us. Every time, including this time, is the right time for offering a little more of ourselves to you and your world. God of all time, at this time, bless our offering that it may be a blessing for this time and all time. In the name of your timeless love, Amen.**

*HYMN OF SENDING

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

No. 573

573 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Unison

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Pass the Love*

Pass the Love

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go-ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 95. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are the main melody, and the last two are a repeat of the first two. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7, F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C, Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another!

*POSTLUDE

Justification is the act by which God brings people back into proper relationship with God. It is the act of divine forgiveness whereby, because of Christ, an unworthy person no longer has guilt reckoned against them. Accepting that pardon by faith, the unworthy are renewed in their hearts. Faith, and faith alone, is reckoned as righteousness.

But faith is not an intellectual assent to certain doctrines. Here, faith means a basic reorientation of our very selves. Justification by faith implies both a deep, personal appreciation and acceptance for our sins being forgiven because of Jesus' death, and the beginning of a new life by virtue of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Simply put, *being Justified means we have been made right with God. We are no longer 'sinners in the hands of an angry God.'* Because of

Jesus' death, our sins have been forgiven and we are eager to begin the process of Sanctification.

Sanctification is the process of becoming more like God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are released more and more from the compulsive power of sin and guilt and are instead empowered to love God and serve our neighbors. This is the proper response to the joy we experience when we realize we are Justified. Full **Sanctification** is not something we will ever reach in our earthly lives. We are all fallen, sinful people and sin will always be a part of us. But the more we live as God wants us to live, the less power sin will have over us and the more joy we will feel in living Christian lives.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in memory of Loved Ones by Mark and Paula Topp.

Circle of Friends Cards for you to sign are for Marvin Topp (North door), a sympathy card for Dorothy Schneider and Myra and Mike Hanenkratt (South door), and a sympathy card for the Paul family (East door). Recipients appreciate the cards you sign.

Participants- June 11 Worship Online-89, In-Person-75
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Weekly Devotionals- Starting this week, we will be emailing out devotionals. If you would like to be included, please send us your name and email address to stpaulnb@nktelco.net.

Deadline for Monthly Mailer Submissions- If you have anything that needs to go in the July monthly mailer, please email it to stpaulnb@nktelco.net by June 19th. Thank you!

Deadline Extended for Pictorial Directory- June picture taking dates have been filled but our Church Directory still needs updated pictures and information! Please complete the Pictorial Directory Information form online (stpaulnb.org) or pick up a form today from the bulletin tables in the sanctuary. Return to the church office or email to klt@nktelco.net as soon as possible. We will call you to set up a photo appointment.

Miniature Golf- All are welcome to join us for a morning of miniature golf at the K.C. Geiger Park on June 28th from 10:30-11:30am. Cost: \$1/child and \$2/adult. Feel free to bring a lunch to enjoy at the park afterwards!

2023 Altar Flower Chart has an open date: July 30. Please sign up if you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will be \$40.00. Thank you.

September Book Club- We will be reading *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Books are available to pick up from the table

outside the pastor's office. This event will be offered via Zoom and in-person on Sunday, September 24 following worship in the Zoom Room.

June Monthly Mission: Community Backpack+ Program

The Community Backpack+ Program has been designated a Community Project Fund of the New Bremen Foundation. Through the program, they were able to provide backpacks and school supplies to 27 students in 2022. They also donated \$1500 to the NB Schools to help pay unpaid school fees. Two-hundred dollars each were donated to NB, Minster, and New Knoxville schools for their "No Shame Lunch Funds", a guaranteeing that no student goes without a full lunch.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Community Backpack+ Program.

-The Mission Team

St Paul UCC Job Openings-The following positions are or will be available in the near future: Worship Organist, Music Director, Bell Choir Director, and Chancel Choir Director. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume and cover letter, indicating position applying for, to the church office, attention Myra Hanenkratt, Council President.

The Worship Organist is responsible for playing organ/piano during worship services, accompanies the choirs and works closely with the Worship Team.

The Music Director/Bell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director serves part time to recruit, rehearse and perform bell and chancel choir music. The Music Director works closely with the Worship Team.

Blessing Pantry-is open during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm.** The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome—Blessing Pantry Needs-Conditioner, Deodorant (Women), Baby Lotion, Cotton Balls, Sunscreen, Laundry Soap, Body Wash (Women and Men), Shampoo, Razors, Q-Tips, Detergent, Softener Sheets, Bandages, Baby Shampoo, Diaper Cream/Desitan. Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

Bulletin & Sermon Availability-weekly bulletins and sermons are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** or **SERMON** box in the upper right hand corner.

May/June Upper Rooms-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

St. Paul Church Nursery Announcement-The St. Paul Church Nursery will be open on Communion Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion, at 937-658-1770.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul at jrpaul@nktelco.net or 419-305-0584. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Church Directory Update



We need your new pictures and updated information for the 2023 St. Paul Church Directory

June picture taking dates have been filled. Please complete the Directory Information form as soon as possible. We will call you to set up a photo appointment.

Calendar-Week of June 18, 2023

Sunday	10:15am	Worship In Person & via Facebook Live
Monday	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop-NB Coffee Shop
Tuesday	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	1:00pm-3:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open Scheduled Directory Photos
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org

Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25
(minimum amount is \$5.00))**

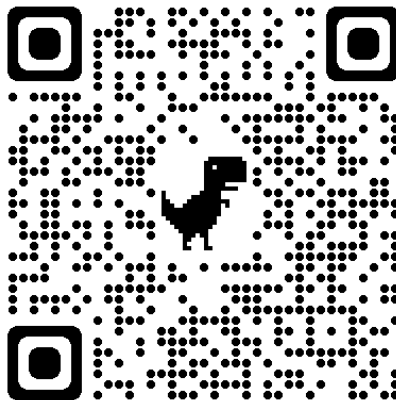
- For general fund giving: Send 25 gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 bp (hit send)
- For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 poy (hit send)

Once a text amount is sent:

Registration Link- Sent via text the first time a donation is made.

Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made.



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF

MINIATURE GOLF @ K.C. GEIGER PARK

Wednesday, June 28th 10:30 am - 11:30 am

\$1 for Child, \$2 for Adults

Bring a lunch to enjoy at the park afterwards!

"MY DOCTOR TOLD ME TO TAKE MY IRON
EVERYDAY AND TO LIVE ON GREENS!"

"THE ONLY IRON DAD KNOWS HOW TO USE!"

