

St. Paul's Plymouth

June 10th, 2018 – Trinity 2

Divine Service 1

Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

Broadcast Sponsor

Our broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of Bev Philippi (Jake Carrel's aunt) by Tim and Nancy Zander of Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Focus for Our Worship

Today is the Second Sunday after Trinity. The general theme of the season of Holy Trinity is "Life in the Church of the Triune God." The general theme of the 5 Sundays after the Festival of the Holy Trinity is "The Basis of the Christian Life: The Work of the Holy Spirit." Specifically on this Sunday, we will focus on the love that flows from the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts through Word and Sacrament. This love motivates us to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.

OPENING HYMN "Speak O Lord" (CWS 735) – see p. 21 of service folder

INVOCATION

- M** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS, KYRIE, HOLY ABSOLUTION

- M** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- All** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second line contains the melody for the final phrase: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M** In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry to God in the

The image shows a single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "Glo - ry to God in the" are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M O Lord, who never forsakes His children, continue to send Your Holy Spirit to work through Your Word so that we may grow to know and love You more and more until You call us to enjoy eternal fellowship with You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON — Ruth 1:1-9; 14b-17

Ruth bears witness to God's love as she shows love to Naomi, her mother-in-law.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. ⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud...

Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

SECOND LESSON — I Corinthians 15:57,58

Sermon Text

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

VERSE OF THE DAY — 1 John 4:19

Alleluia. We love because he first loved us. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL — Luke 14:16-24

M The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 14:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus, in the parable of the Great Banquet, speaks of the call to saving faith in His gospel which we have received from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’ ”

M The Gospel of the Lord:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through Him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Glorious in Majesty" (CW 496)

SERMON — I Corinthians 15:57,58 — NOT IN VAIN

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

AI 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 SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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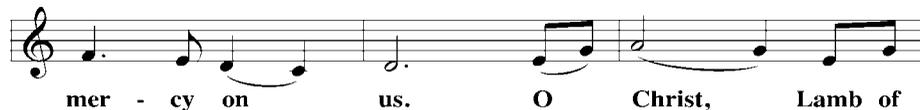
M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



CLOSE COMMUNION *We ask that only those who have previously spoken to our pastor or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (1 Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.*

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's in the future, please talk to Pastor Berger after worship this morning. He would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not cast me out. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW 372)

"Take and Eat" (CWS 741) – see p. 22 of service folder

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (CW 329)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with Your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in You as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endures forever.

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "In Christ Alone" (CWS 752) – see p. 23 of service folder

NOTES AND NEWS

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This Week, By God's Grace (June 10th – June 17th)

Today	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	Pastor Preaches at Installation in Stanton	4:00pm
Mon.-Fri.	Vacation Bible School	9:00-11:30am
Tuesday	Growing in Hope Bible Information Class	7:00-8:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
Friday	Wedding Rehearsal	5:30pm
	VBS Closing Program	6:00pm
Saturday	Schroeder/Wemhoff Wedding	3:30pm
Sunday	Worship – VBS Children Sing	10:00am
	(Greeters: Neil & Beckie Bekemeyer)	

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Justin Weichel, Meila Gronemeyer

Monday – Dianne Weishahn

Wednesday – Donna Hayek, Cari Schroeder

Thursday – Dick Drewes

Friday – Ila Burger, Garrett Freese, Damyn Weichel, Dylan Weichel

Saturday – Richie Styers, Andrew Danner

Sunday – M/M Joe Kenny

In Our Prayers – The family of Allen Schroeder – Allen was called out of this life to life eternal this past Monday. His obituary is printed on page 20 of the service folder.

 **Growing in Hope Bible Information Class** – Our “Growing in Hope” Bible Information Class is now being offered each Tuesday evening through June 26th. The class runs from 7PM-8PM. If you would like to know more about what the Bible teaches, are considering joining our church family, or would just like a review of the basic teachings of the Christian faith, this class is for you! All materials are provided, and you are welcome to come to any or all classes. Onsite childcare is also available. Please join us and bring a friend!!

Vacation Bible School – VBS will be held Monday – Friday this week from 9:00-11:30am each day. Registration is available online by clicking on the VBS icon at www.stpaulsplymouth.org or by completing the yellow paper registration form which can be found on the back table in the front entrance. If you are able to help out, please contact Mr. Danner (402-433-5349) or email him at danner@stpaulsplymouth.org.

We will be trying something new this year with our VBS Closing Program. Weather permitting, we will be hosting the closing program outdoors at the west ballpark at 6:00pm on Friday, June 15. The children will sing their songs and we will then spend some time enjoying food, games, and fellowship. We do need your help to make this event happen in three different ways:

1. On Friday in the afternoon, we will be setting up a bounce house and various activities (duck races, penny pitch, etc.).
2. We then need volunteers to help run each of the games and activities on Friday evening.
3. And finally, we need help tearing everything down after the event finishes.

Please consider helping us make this outreach event a success! If you can help with set-up, running an event, or tear down, please sign up in the church entry way or speak to Mr. Danner or one of the teachers. Thank you.

 **WELS Coed Church Softball Tournament** – We are hosting a Single Elimination Church Softball Tournament at the east ballfield in Plymouth on Sunday, July 8th. The first game (with the two nearest teams playing) will begin at 1PM. Men and women who are in high school or older, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Preferably, we’d like 24 individuals signed up so that St. Paul’s can have two teams in the tournament. There will be a concession stand open for food and drinks. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Fred Berger – pastorberger@gmail.com – or call the church office – 402-656-3003. Hope to see you there!

Summer Music – Anyone interested in sharing his/her musical gifts during our worship services this summer is asked to contact Pastor Berger. He would be happy to discuss options with you.

Cemetery Flowers – If you placed flowers or decorations on our cemetery grounds, please note the following cemetery regulations: “No plants, shrubs, or trees shall be planted on this cemetery by any person other than the cemetery committee. All living plants, artificial flowers, vases, ornaments, and decorations shall be removed from the graves from June 10 to November 1. Exceptions will be made to all vases permanently attached to monuments. No glass jars or vases are permitted on cemetery grounds. Flowers may be left on new graves for thirty days.”

NELHS Golf Outing – The need for tuition assistance at NELHS has never been greater. A fun way to help provide support is through the annual NELHS golf outing. This year the golf outing will be in **Norfolk** at the beautiful **Eldorado Hills Golf Course**. The date for the event is **Saturday, July 28**. We hope you can gather some friends and join us for golf. If you can't make it or are not a golfer, consider sponsoring a hole. It appears there will be many families that need assistance, so every dollar counts.



Upcoming Camps

WELS Youth Camp Jefferson

The dates for camp this year are Friday, July 27, through Sunday, July 29. The camp is for children entering grades 3 - 8 and the cost per child is \$55. Registrations must be submitted before July 7th and can be done on the camp



website: www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org. Payment and donations can be made by check or by PayPal on the website. If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to welscampjefferson@gmail.com or call 402-745-0055.

WELS Teen Camp

The dates for WELS Teen Camp this year are Sunday, July 29, through Wednesday, August 1, at Camp Jefferson, Fairbury, Nebraska. This year's theme will be “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever” (1



Peter 1:25). The camp is for those entering 9th grade through age 19 and the cost is \$65 per person. For additional information please call 402-310-8538 or go to www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org. Online registration began May 1.

Broadcast Dates – Anyone interested in sponsoring a broadcast is asked to note that the following dates are still available for 2018:



July 8	August 12, 26	September 16, 23
October 7, 28	November 18	December 16, 23, 30

- The cost to sponsor one of these Sunday broadcasts is \$115.
- The Thanksgiving Day broadcast is also available. The cost to sponsor this broadcast is \$195.
- To reserve a date, please contact the church office (402-656-3003) or talk with Craig Scheele.

Upcoming Dates to Remember



June 26th–29th – WELS International Youth Rally

July 8th – Softball Tournament in Plymouth with Area WELS Churches

July 17th–18th – Youth Activity (grades 6-12) with Youth Group from Roscoe, SD

July 22nd – Mission Festival with Russia Missionary Luke Wolfgramm

July 27th– 29th – WELS Youth Camp Jefferson

July 28th – NELHS “Tee-It-Up-For-Tuition” Golf Outing

July 29th – August 1st – WELS Teen Camp Jefferson

September 15th – Branches Band Concert

September 23rd – St. Paul’s Golf Outing

Church Council Meeting Highlights - Thursday May 31, 8:00 PM

Opening:

Chairman Brian Burger called the meeting to order.

The opening devotion was given by Pastor Berger on Acts 19:23-41.

The Secretary's minutes from the April 5th meeting were approved as presented.

Elders:

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to transfer the Tom Worster family to Bethel in York.
- Reminder for this Sunday-Chris Driesbach concert at 9:00 am; coffee in fellowship hall for new member welcome; Chris Driesbach leads song service at 10:00 am.
- Mission Festival will be held Sunday, July 22. Russian Missionary Luke Wolfram will be guest speaker.
- Branches Band Concert on Saturday, September 15.

Board of Education:

- Mr. Danner reported that preparations are in full swing for VBS.
- Teacher Planning Meetings have already begun to review the Handbook and prepare for the coming School year.
- Chairman Burger reported that he has appointed Brian Scheele to fill out the remaining 1.5 years of Tom Worster's term on the Board of Education. Tom resigned due to their move to York.
- Mr. Danner also reported that the net enrollment for next school year will increase by about 7 students. He will also be taking a summer course on School Law.
- Ethan Schroeder gave the various School Financial reports.

Trustees:

- Repairs on the east steeple will begin on Monday, June 4 and will last about a week. Sprinkler heads will be flagged, so the lift can avoid them. (Chappell roofing has postponed this date since the meeting).
- Ceiling water damage in the Fellowship Hall and Offices has been repaired.
- Trustees will do a walk through of the School Building tonight after the meeting.

Stewardship Report:

- Youth Rally meeting last Sunday finalized plans. Due to the long drive home, the group will stay in a motel on the way back. A motion was made, seconded and passed, to pay for the rooms out of the Thrivent Fund.
- Pastor Berger is working on details for a joint youth group outing with a group from South Dakota. They will be here July 16-18.
- Coffee and Donuts will be served at 9:35 am on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to welcome new members Wayne Schroeder, Elaine Schroeder, Geron Brown, Jennifer Brown, Hannah Brown, and Dave Upchurch.

NELHS Report:

- NELHS Board Called Tim Bode of Elk River, MN to serve as Campus Pastor.
- Holly Marquardt of Guntur, India as Dorm Supervisor and Instructor.
- Martin Santos of Seattle, WA as Dorm Supervisor and Instructor.
- Megan Schoch of Merrill, MI as NELHS Dorm Supervisor and Instructor
- Ben Olson was reassigned a second year as Dorm Supervisor and Spanish Instructor.

Pastor Berger's Report:

- Finished with pre-marriage counseling classes for summer weddings (June 16 Amy Schroeder and Justin Wemhoff; June 30 Logan Scheele and Megan Roberts) and started working with Whitney Scheele and Michael Hoffmann.
- Bible Instruction classes continue through June on Tuesday evenings.
- District Convention is June 4-6 at Waco.
- Pastor will be Preaching at the Installation Service for Jason Schulz in Stanton on June 10.
- VBS is June 11-15.
- Justin Wemhoff & Amy Schroeder Wedding Rehearsal will be Fri., June 15, wedding June 16.
- Still planning Softball Tournament for July 8 and Golf Outing for September 23.
- Pastor also reported on plans by the District Mission Board for Mission Churches in Joplin MO, and Blair NE.
- Shut in visits and Private Communion are still being made regularly.

Other Business:

- A lengthy discussion was held on what to do with the Housing Fund. This fund was put in place many years ago, to assist a Called Workers with a down payment on a house. It was decided to keep this fund in place for future use.

The next Church Council meeting was set for June 28 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

The Obituary of Allen Schroeder

Allen Laverne Schroeder, son of Edwin Schroeder and his wife, Rosa neé Zimmermann, was born December 18, 1935. On January 1, 1936, he was baptized here at St. Paul's by Pastor Walter Baumann.

On May 30, 1948, Allen was confirmed here at St. Paul's by Pastor Alvin Degner. His confirmation verse was 1 John 2:15, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Allen graduated from Plymouth High School in 1952 and then attended Fairbury Junior College. On May 19, 1962, he was united in marriage to Elaine "Liz" Heiliger at the Church of Peace in Plymouth. The Lord blessed this union with two sons and two daughters.

Allen was a manager for Sack Lumber in Plymouth, Ord, and Beatrice. He served on the Tri-County School Board and was a faithful member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth where he served on the church council in various positions. Allen enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing cards.

The Lord called him out of this life to life eternal this past Monday at the age of 82 years, 5 months, and 16 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by two sisters, Marlene Scheele and Marilyn Freese and her husband Richard.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his beloved wife, Elaine "Liz" Schroeder; two daughters, Lisa Roseland and her husband Doug of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and Amy Thimm and her husband Randy of Roca; two sons, Tom Schroeder and his wife Deb of Sioux City, Iowa, and Timothy Schroeder of Beatrice; eight grandchildren, Brandon, Aaron, and Nicole Roseland, Alex and Marcus Thimm, Jared, Jacob, and Mallory Schroeder; two brothers, Wayne Schroeder and his wife Elaine, and Gail Schroeder and his wife Sharon, both of Beatrice; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, may the name of the Lord be praised.

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Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Last time

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 10 8 10)

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Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y
giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

Verses

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4 I am the cor - ner stone that God has laid,
5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;
I am the seed that died to be re - born;
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day.
A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
You are my flock: you know the Shep - herd's voice;
You are God's dwell - ing place; on me you rest.
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
I am the Bride - groom, this my wed - ding song. *To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism that the power of the Sacrament is not our "eating and drinking . . . but the words 'Given' and 'poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" This hymn underscores the powerful and creative Word of our Savior.

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone—who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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