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## GO DEEPER

### DEEP DESIRE:

*"The world and its desires pass away" (1 John 2:17). It is easy to desire things in this world. How do we develop a desire for the eternal, for things we cannot see? Today we will see that a deep desire for Jesus comes from his deep desire for us.*

September 29, October 1 and 2, 2022



### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online by scanning the QR Code on the left.

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

#### OPENING HYMN 349, vv. 1-3

Jesus, priceless Treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure, Truest Friend to me.  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.

#### Jesus, Priceless Treasure

In thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;  
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.

## HOLY BAPTISMS

(Saturday 5 pm)

**Hayden John Bauman,**

*Son of Nicholas and Rebecca (nee Fritz) Bauman, born September 22, 2022.*

(Sunday 9:30 am)

**Theodore Francis Fagan**

*Son of Justin and Ashley (nee Zietlow) Fagan, born July 21, 2022*

M The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, there is so much confusion about the way to God. People often think it is based on our performance. Lifelong Christians are influenced by this satanic lie. As we see the power of sin in our lives, we begin to lose hope. The way to God appears closed. But Jesus came to open the way to God. He announced:

C **“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).**

M Therefore, let us approach God the Father through his Son and confess our sin.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Hence, all fear and sadness!**

**For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.**

**Those who love the Father,**

**Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.**

**Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,**

**Jesus, priceless treasure!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have revealed that the only way back to you is through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ. In love and mercy, you reached out to us through the power of your Word in Holy Baptism to give us the faith to believe that all you say.

C **Increase our zeal and commitment patiently and lovingly to share that Word of Truth, so that many more may know the Way that leads to our heavenly home.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

**Deuteronomy 8:1-18**, Bible page 184

*The elder Prophet Moses, in this farewell address, warns his spiritual children that they would begin to take the wealth the LORD had given them for granted.*

SECOND LESSON

**1 John 2:12-17**, Bible page 1229

*The elder Apostle John wrote to remind his readers of the wealth they have in Christ. Sadly, he knew his spiritual children would be tempted to take this spiritual wealth for granted and desire the things of this world.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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 OF THE DAY 379, VV. 1-4

**Amazing Grace – How Sweet The Sound**

**Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

*In this section from The Chosen series, Jesus shows his deep desire to save sinners, and the deep desire the saved have to tell others about Him.*

SERMON

**Jesus' Deep Desire for Us Creates Our Deep Desire for Him**

*Pastor Pete Panitzke*

SERMON RESPONSE

*Congregation sings Hymn 272 (Thursday and Saturday)*

**Create in Me**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

*Mike Westendorf leads in singing Known (Sunday)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word

C **Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness, that our conscience may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.**

M Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.

C **We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.**

M Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home. For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
 Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
 Gladly I follow, my future his care;  
 Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
 Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
 Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.  
 Doubt cannot daunt me -- in Jesus I stand!

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
 Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.  
 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
 Can touch my salvation -- with Jesus I reign!

**CLOSING PRAYER**

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BLESSING**

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.



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