+The Office of Matins+

The Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 25, 2025 | 9AM



In the World, You Will Have Tribulation But Take Heart, I Have Overcome the World

Saint Paul Ev. Lutheran Church—Preble, Indiana

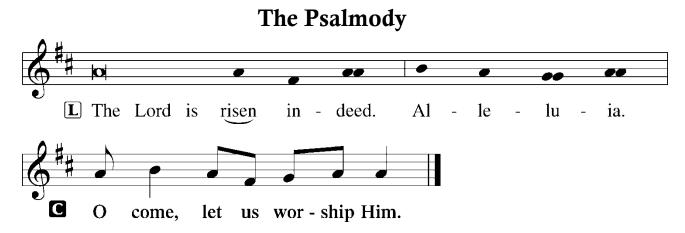
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When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross. **Processional Hymn | 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**

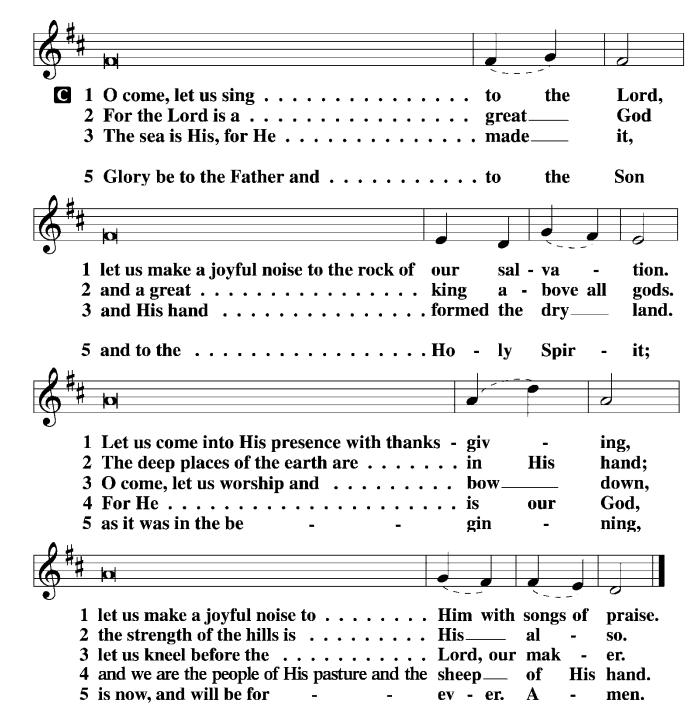


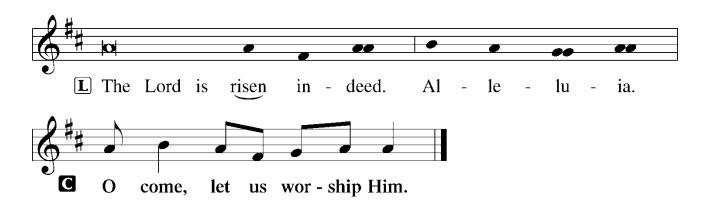




The Venite

LSB 220





Additional Psalms

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ²that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Sit

Office Hymn | 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

The Readings

Reading

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3

L A reading from Acts, chapter 16.

Acts 16:9–15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

L A reading from Revelation, chapter 21.

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.C Thanks be to God.

Reading

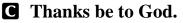
L A reading from John, chapter 16.

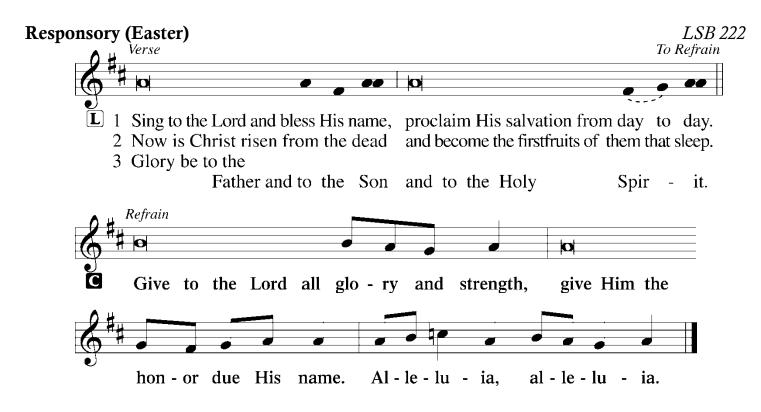
²³[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.





The Sermon

The congregation rises for the Apostolic greeting:

- **I** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen.

It is customary for the preacher to read a section of the text for meditation here:

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

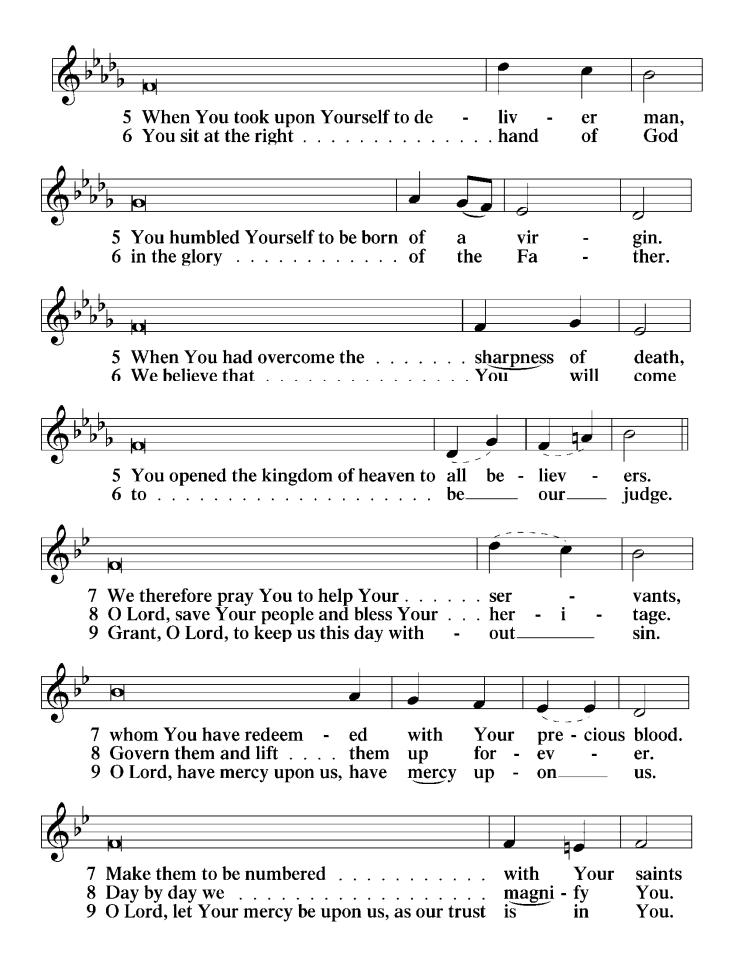
At the end of the Sermon, the pastor invites the congregation to rise for the blessing:

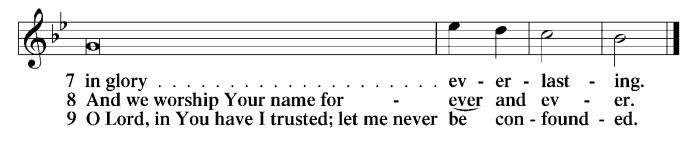
- **L** The peace of God which passes understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

The Canticle

Te Deum Laudamus LSB 223 **C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. oth; 3 The noble army of martyrs praise_ Үон. Θ 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last ing. 2 heaven and earth are full of the maies - ty of Your glo rv. 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise_ You. 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son: Christ: 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do crv: 2 The goodly fellowship of the \dots proph-ets praise_ You. 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son ther. the Fa of

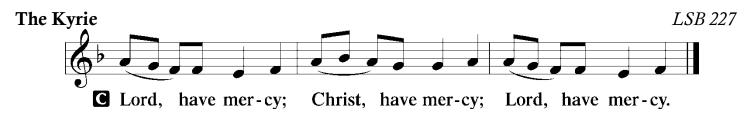




Sit The Offering

Prayer

Pastor speaks the Announcements of the Church and Prayer of the Church here. Then he invites the congregation to stand for the singing of



The Lord's Prayer

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.



Collect of the Day P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



We recognize the graduation of our nine high school seniors: Ayla Bowersock, Emma Ehlerding, Madison Hamilton, Drew Kolter, Dane Lenegar, Evan Sovine, Eli Steiner, Madeline Vitatoe, and Daniel Vogel.

Collect for High School Graduates

L Heavenly Father, we thank you for graciously bringing Ayla, Emma, Madison, Drew, Dane, Evan, Eli, Madeline, and Daniel through their years of high school and unto graduation. For the efforts of parents and teachers throughout the years, we praise you. Bless them with discernment that they make wise decisions about their future. Grant them your Holy Spirit, that, as fields of study and employment become available to them, they may assess the talents and abilities you have given to them, and apply those talents and abilities to best use, to the end that they might serve their neighbors through work which suits them well. When they leave home and venture forth into the world, keep them from false and dangerous doctrines and unholy living, that, within the communion of your Holy Church, they might remain steadfast in the confession of your truth and in Christian virtue, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



We give thank to God for a Sunday-school year now ending and seek God's blessing on our summer:

Collect for the Close of the Sunday School Year

L Heavenly Father, as another Sunday School year draws to a close, we thank you for those who teach and those who learn in our parish. Grant us all your Holy Spirit, that we might never become bored or complacent with the study of your holy Word, but zealously desire a deepening of our knowledge into the sacred mysteries. Bless the teachers of our Sunday School that they might teach your Word faithfully, and bless the students that they might pay attention to it. As we break for the summer, bless the homes in which your people dwell that they might be perfumed by the rich fragrance of the Word of God and prayer. Help fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and all your dear Christians attend to Bible reading, prayers, and devotions, to the end that we might grow in grace and in holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Collect for General Intercession

- Almighty God, bless the kingdom of your Church that it might grow and expand.
 Bless Andrew and Daniel our pastors, Richard our District President and Matthew our Synod president, and all godly pastors and teachers in their holy vocations;
- Bless the United States of America with wise and faithful leaders. Bless Donald our President, Michael our Governor, and all those who govern in the State of Indiana and this nation, that your people might be free to worship you in peace and in quietness;
- Bless farmers; grant us seasonable weather; prosper our industry and economy; and grant us the strength needed for the fulfilling of our vocations, and the living of our days;
- Visit and relieve the sick of our congregation, and those for whom death is drawing near. Bless expectant mothers with a healthy term, labor, and delivery, and bring all newborn children to Holy Baptism for the new birth by water and the Spirit;
- Finally, when our last hour comes grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to yourself in heaven;

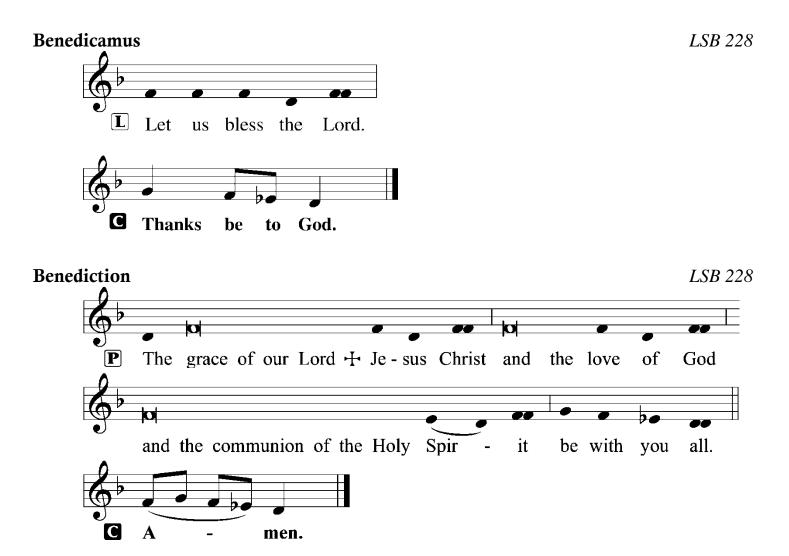
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Collect for Grace

■ O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Sunday School Materials

will be distributed to our Kindergarten, Second, Fourth, and Sixth grades students. Kindergarteners receive Little Visits with God, Second Graders, the Lutheran Study Bible, Fourth Graders, the Lutheran Service Book (hymnal), And Sixth Graders, Luther's Small Catechism.

Pastor also has a material to give to High School graduates, "Lutheranism 101"

Please have your student come forward when their names are called.

Hymn to Depart | 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

The Lord Jesus Catechizes Us On Prayer *A Meditation on the Word of God* | John 16:22-33

Today's Gospel reading is taken from our Lord's Upper Room Discourse, at the Institution of the Lord's Supper. Jesus mentions prayer in our reading three times. At the end of the discourse, he breaks into prayer directly, praying that his Father might be glorified through the offering of himself on the cross for the life of the world, and that his Father might bestow a loving unity upon his disciples and the Church that would follow them. This is called the High Priestly Prayer of John 17. Then he goes directly to Gethsemane, and prays some more.

Here are the three passages in the Upper Room Discourse concerning prayer. Jesus says, Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it, (John 14:3). Then, If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you, (John 15:7). Then finally, In that day, you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full, (16:22-23).

The emphasis of our Lord's teaching is clearly on the unconditional and generous promise of the Lord to hear and answer prayer. But all prayer must be "in Jesus' name." Prayer must be "in Jesus' name" because Jesus is the only way to the Father. No one has ever seen God. The only God—the incarnate Son—he has made him known. No one may approach God apart from Christ. His death is the propitiation which reconciles sinners to God. The only way to the Father is through the Son and his sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, "in Jesus' name" is not a magical incantation tacked onto the end of our prayers, designed to get God to do whatever we want. It is the faithful cry of the Lord's Christians who recognize Jesus' divinity and believe that through his sacrifice on our behalf, our Father in heaven will be merciful and answer us.

The only prayers which are truly heard are those prayers made in faith, when Christians, confident of the Lord's mercy toward them through Jesus, will hear and answer them. We pray because God commands us to pray (the Second Commandment), and because he promised to hear us. Our prayers are not uncertain in the sense of, "Is anybody up there listening to me?" That would not be a faithful prayer because it would not be a prayer that takes hold of the promise of Jesus that his dear children will be heard by their dear Father. God's promise comes first; our prayer comes second, in faithful response to the Lord's promise. In prayer, we take our cues from God's Word. We pray in Jesus' name and not in any saints' name, because there is no promise that the saints who have died and gone heaven can hear our prayers or answer us.

Prayer is not giving orders to God or trying to get God to do whatever we want. Prayer is not getting God to align to our will; it's just the opposite! In prayer, we are aligned to *his* will. We say, "Thy will be done," knowing that God will do for us what is best, but that what is best for us might not be *our conception* of what is best. Still, we leave all things to him knowing that in his incomprehensible divine wisdom he does all things well. If we fixed a time, measure, goal, manner, or person by which God should answer us, this would be a sin: tempting God. We wait on him and know that he works all things together for the good of them that love him.

Announcements

St. Paul

Summer Schedule. On Sunday, May 25th, which is Memorial Day weekend, we will revert to our summer schedule at St. Paul. One service will be offered at 9AM on Sunday mornings with no Bible Class or Sunday School. Wednesday services continue weekly at 7PM.

Sunday School materials for our Kindergarteners, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade students will be passed out today <u>Sunday, May 25th</u> at the end of the service. Kindergarteners will get a storybook, 2nd graders a study Bible, 4th graders a hymnal, 6th graders a catechism, and HS graduates Lutheranism 101. Please have your student to Church this Sunday to receive their materials. Thank you!

High School graduates. We will recognize and pray for our high school graduates today, during the service on <u>Sunday, May 25th</u>. Our 2025 HS grads are Ayla Bowersock, Emma Ehlerding, Madison Hamilton, Drew Kolter, Dane Lenegar, Evan Sovine, Eli Steiner, Maddie Vitatoe, and Daniel Vogel. Parents, if you could have your grads to the May 25th service so that they can be recognized, we would appreciate it. God bless our graduates in Jesus' Name.

Church Picnic has been scheduled for <u>Sunday, June 1st at 11:30AM</u>. Sign up in the narthex to bring a side dish or dessert to share. <u>There will be a cornhole tournament too with untold riches</u> <u>as prizes for the winners—sign up in the narthex for teams</u>. Do you have any talents like face painting? We could use your help! Come and join us for some good fun and fellowship!

****A Note on Christian Stewardship: SGOs.**** SGO gifts must be in by the end of May to be applied as a credit to St. Paul for to next school year. SGO gifts are a wonderful way to increase our giving to support our school AND reduce St. Paul's annual commitment to Wyneken. There is a personal benefit as well, as individuals receive a 50% tax credit on their state taxes. Donation forms are located in the narthex. Go to <u>lutheransgo.org</u> to learn more.

*******<u>10lb. bags of flour may be donated and left in the kitchen for upcoming noodling</u>.******* Noodles. From the Ladies Aid: We will be making noodles in June two weeks in a row. Starting Sunday, June 15 with set up after church. We'll make noodles on the 16,17,18, bag on the 19th, rest then start again on the 22nd making the loaves and then cutting them into noodles the 23, 24, 25. with bagging and clean up in the 26th. All are invited to come and help! We start at 8am on the week days and try to finish up by 1-2pm. Lunch is a carry-in.

Housing help sought: Seminarians. Seminarian Cory Gabor and his wife Megan are looking for a home to rent. Cory is finishing up his second year at the seminary in Fort Wayne. He is serving as a fieldworker at St. John Flatrock. He plans to take one more year of classes before going on a delayed vicarage. Before attending seminary, Cory was a dairy farmer in Wisconsin. Megan works in the baby room at the childcare at Wyneken. They have six children and two dogs. Please contact Pastor (260-226-0375) or Heather (443-615-6359) if you know of a home they could rent this year. They need to move in by the end of June. Thank you!

Youth

Wyneken Service Night for high school students is 6:30-8:30PM at Wyneken on May 25th.

– Gathering at Roger and Lisa Hormann's Home (10537 N. 700 W.-1; Ossian, IN 46777) Sunday, June 15; 3:00-6:00 p.m.

<u>Wyneken</u>

Helpers needed! Helpers are needed to assist with the moving of school furniture on the following dates and times: Sunday, May 25 @6:30pm; Sunday, June 8 @ 2pm; and Friday, June 13 @ 6pm. Please come for as long as you are able to assist! All hands are welcome and appreciated!

Assistant AD Sought for the 2025-2026 school year. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Wyneken Childcare is excited to offer Summer Care starting May 23rd-August 12th. We will be open 7am-5:30pm. If interested, please contact Janine Albert at <u>childcare@wyneken.org</u>.

Summer Art and Music Camp: Zion Friedheim is holding Art and Music Camp on Tuesday, May 27th-Thursday, May 29th from 9-11:30. Students entering 2nd-8th grade are eligible to participate. Students will sing and play instruments with Allison Ulmer and create artistic masterpieces with Joan Tietz (acclaimed multimedia artist and art teacher), A supply fee of \$25/student will be collected to offset the cost of t-shirts and art supplies. Register here or text Allison at 361-236-5507 before May 5th to ensure that your child gets a spot and a shirt!

All day preschool and pre-K. It is our pleasure to announce that Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is now offering a full day pre-school option and a full day pre-kindergarten option for the 2025-2026 School Year! All students will be together in the mornings to learn core concepts. Those who stay for the afternoon will build on those foundations with enrichment activities and work on school-readiness skills. We are blessed to have this opportunity and feel that it will truly benefit both the families and the children of our community.

Pre-School (*age 3 by August 1st, 2025 and potty trained*) will have two options to choose from for the 25/26 school year:

- 1. Part Day: *Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am 11:00am
- Part Day transition to Full Day after Christmas: *Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am 2:45pm

Pre-Kindergarten (*age 4 by August 1st, 2025 and potty trained*) will have two options to choose from for the 25/26 school year:

- 1. Part Day: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am 11:00am
- 2. Full Day: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am 2:45pm

Please carefully consider what option would be best for your family and contact Mrs. Dressler in the school office (260)-639-6177 to confirm the option you would prefer. If you have questions concerning these options, do not hesitate to contact Jen Conrad at <u>jconrad@wyneken.org</u> or speak to her personally. ***Note: the change of days offered for preschool are different than the registration paperwork previously sent to you.**

Prayer of the Church

+Thanks be to God for Sunday School year now ending, for S.S. teachers.

+A prayer for our High School graduates as they graduate high school.

+Wyneken: our teachers, Chelsea Wilson, students, staff, and childcare.

+Expectant mothers: Kelly Skove, Danielle Meshberger.

+The Homebound: Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
 +Birthdays 5/25—5/31. Brian Steiner, Anna Yeager, Josh Harkless, Mark Mesing.

Acolyte 5/25

9AM Jordan Miller

Attendance

Wed. 5/14 7PM: 5

5/18 8:00: 87

5/18 10:15: 125

Total F.T.W.: \$10,446.05

Stewardship

Offering 5/11: \$10,054.05

Online: \$392.00

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vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): +\$379.05

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 25

Wednesday, May 28 Saturday, May 31 Sunday, June 1 9AM Matins
Summer Schedule begins: no Sunday School/Bible Class
High School Graduates—prayer and recognition
Sunday School materials—K, 2, 4, 6th graders

6:30-8:30PM Service Night at Wyneken/
Helpers needed: moving furniture at Wyneken
7PM Vespers—Wednesday evening service
Fellowship Hall—reserved, Steiner gathering
9AM Divine Service
11:30AM Sunday School Church Picnic
Cornhole Tournament
Sign up in narthex with cornhole team/dish to share