

# +The Office of Matins+

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | August 10, 2025 | 9AM



# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

## *Holy Communion.*

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

## *Prayer Before Worship.*

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,  
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper  
in the house of my God than dwell  
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

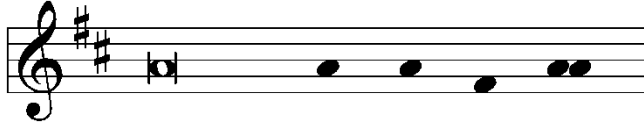


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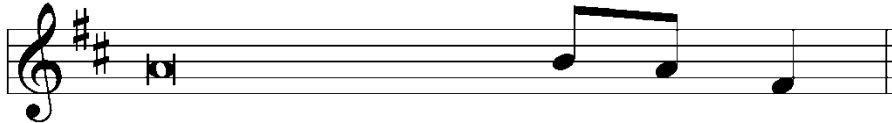
*When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.*

Processional Hymn | 726 Evening and Morning

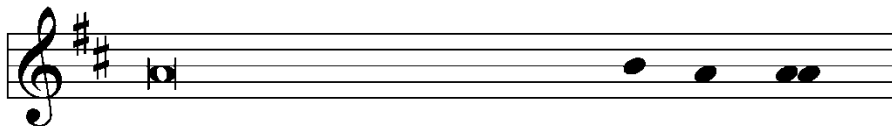
## The Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



# The Psalmody



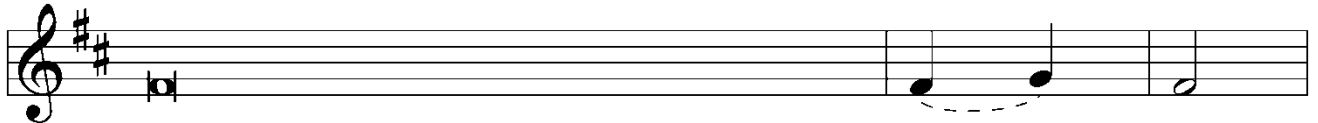
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

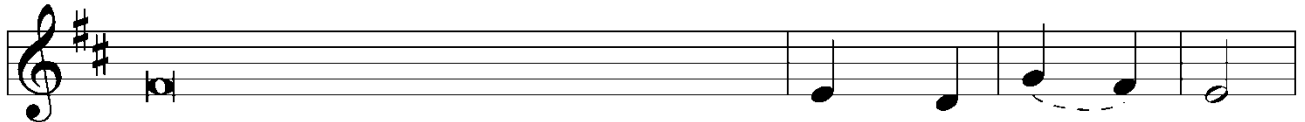
## The Venite

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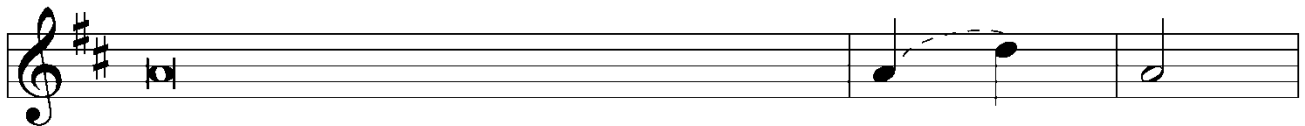
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

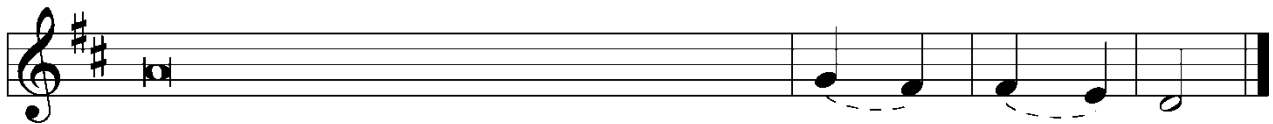


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a-bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al-so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak-er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Additional Psalms

*Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20*

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;**

<sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

**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.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

## The Readings

### Reading

*Genesis 15:1–6*

**L** A reading from Genesis, chapter 15.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

**L** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 11.

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born

descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Luke 12:22–34*

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 12.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responory (Common)

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To Refrain



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

## The Sermon

*The congregation rises for the Apostolic greeting:*

- L** 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

## The Te Deum Laudamus | 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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 Kyrie

LSB 227



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### 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.



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

## The General Prayer

*from The Lutheran Hymnal*

Almighty and everlasting God, who are worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give You most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, You have bestowed upon us.

We praise You especially that You have preserved unto us in their purity Your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of Your house. We beseech You, O Lord, to preserve and extend Your Kingdom of Grace and to grant unto Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors, who shall preach your Word with power; and help all who hear rightly to understand and truly to believe it.

Send forth laborers into your harvest, and open the door of faith unto all the heathen and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church, and grant unto them repentance unto life. Be the Protector and Defender of Your Church in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Your Church and in brotherly unity with all our fellow Christians, fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Your grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat You to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause Your glory to dwell among us and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Your care all our schools and pray You to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper everyone in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless, the helper of the sick and needy, and the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we beseech You, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You, which is our reasonable service.

And, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work You have given us to do while it is day; before the night comes when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Your power and receive us into Your everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



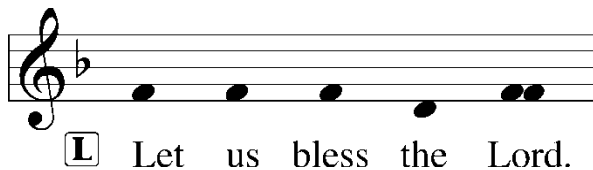
## Collect for Grace

**L** 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.



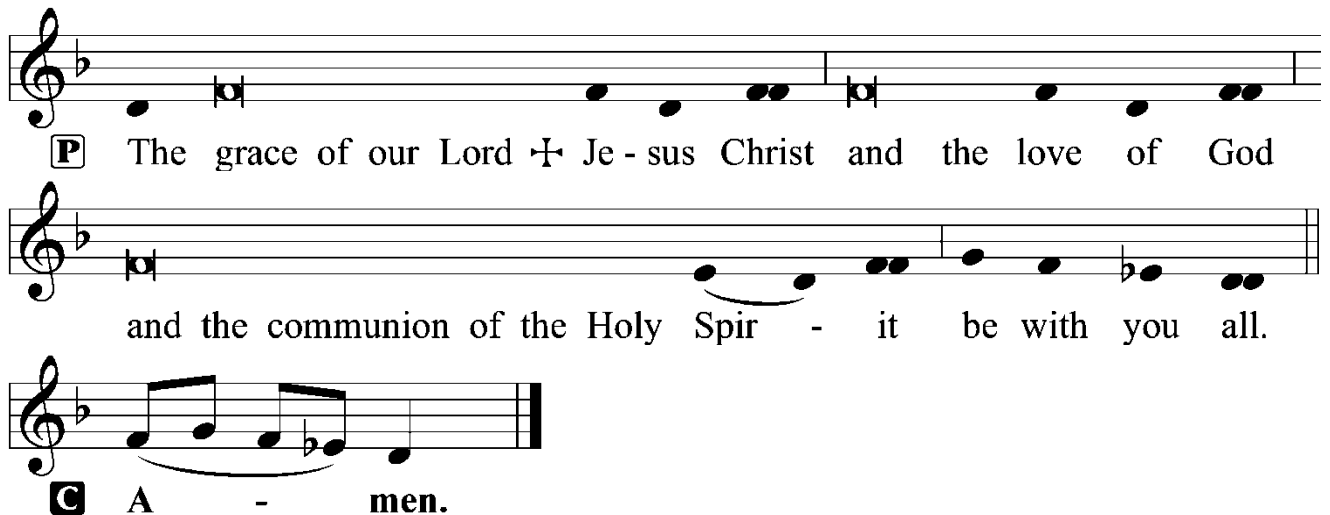
## Benedicamus

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## Benediction

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## Hymn to Depart | 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*The Service is ended. Depart in peace!*

# Jesus Attacks Our Worry

## *A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 12:22-34*

In this morning's Gospel, our Lord launches a full scale attack on our worry.

Very simply, Jesus doesn't want us to worry or be anxious about anything. To help us with our worry, Jesus uses two examples from nature: the ravens and the lilies. Jesus says, let these be your teachers this morning. They have some wisdom to give to you, some knowledge to impart to you, if you will only consider them, study them, pay attention to how they live. Jesus says: **Consider the ravens, they have neither storehouse nor barn.** Remember the rich man from last week's Gospel? How God gave him a plentiful harvest, and he thought he needed bigger barns. Well, the ravens don't have any barns, Jesus says. Unlike us, they have no fridges or food pantries or extra storage space in their homes. When they wake up in the morning, they don't know what they are having for breakfast. And they don't know if they have enough for tomorrow. But they're not worried. They're not anxious. Why?

Because God feeds them—the Creator of heaven and earth, of whom David confesses when he says, **He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry**—the God we speak of in the first article of the Creed, when we confess: *he gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He daily and richly provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.*

So when Jesus calls us not to worry, he's not peddling vague optimism: "Don't worry, be happy." It's always darkest before the dawn," or other clichés. He is telling us, you really have a good reason not to worry. Why don't the ravens worry? They know something we know too, but are prone to forget for the fallen flesh. You have a Father in heaven. You have a God who loves you and cares for you: who has never ceased—not even one day of your life—to provide for you. So that every good thing you have can be traced back to his providence, his giving. Every blessing you have in your life is something you can acknowledge as a gift of the Creator God. God takes care of you. That's why you needn't be anxious.

And now, Jesus says, **consider the lilies.** These lilies Jesus has in mind, by the way, are not your hothouse grown florist flowers, made durable enough to be packed in the back of a truck and shipped across the country. No, these are the tenderest flowers that spontaneously grow upon Galilean hills. They are so fragile! Here today, and gone tomorrow. They bloom one minute and wilt the next. They don't worry. It's not that they have nothing to worry about.

They're not in paradise, the Garden of Eden. They grow up in this fallen world, like you do. To be trampled by children and dogs. Sprayed with weed killer and pesticides. Eaten by deer and rabbits. Gathered up with the grass and thrown into the oven as fuel. But ever year they return, like Christ risen from the dead, to remind us that death does not reign.

If death reigned, there would be no lilies. If Adam sinned, and God washed his hands of creation and gave up on us, there would be nothing beautiful, or excellent, or worthy of praise in the world. But even one lily in the field is testament to the fact that God hasn't given up on us, that he's still providing for us, still taking care of this broken creation. And why does God

love us so? Because of Jesus. If not for Christ, we would not have a God of love, only a God of wrath. If not for Christ, we wouldn't have any good thing, only the death we deserved for sin.

So even one lily in the field is a reminder, not only of our Creator, who provides for us, but of our Redeemer, who died so that we may have every good thing. Have you ever thought of that? Why do we get these blessings, down to the simplest pleasures like the beauty of a lily, or a cup of coffee, or piece of chocolate, the companionship of a pet, or the glory of a sunrise?

Because Jesus died on the cross. Without him, we have no good thing. So he says, **Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** What is the kingdom of God? It is nothing else than Christ with his righteousness, his forgiveness, his salvation, his life. That is what the Father loves to give you. It is a reminder **that life is more than food and the body more than clothing.** All the nations of the world are so obsessed with getting material possessions for themselves. Why? Because they do not know there is more to life than earthly treasure. They think the things of this world will actually satisfy them, and will protect them from their inevitable death, at which time, they will lose everything they have stored up for themselves here. But you have something greater than food and drink. You have the kingdom of God: brought into it when you were baptized, preserved in it through word and sacrament. And when your mortal life ends, you will be in the kingdom of God forever.

Here is Jesus' point: if God has given you the kingdom—if God has taken care of the big things—the great spiritual, and heavenly needs, why are you sweating the small stuff? Why are you worried about daily bread? St. Paul says the same: **If he did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for us all,** do you really think he is going to overlook the little things, like what you will eat, and what you will drink, and what you will wear? If he's got the big things covered you can be sure that he's got daily bread covered.

Why do we worry? We worry when we stop trusting God. We worry when we fall back into a trust and reliance upon self. We worry when we live under the illusion that we are in control of the world and our lives. We worry when we think that we are alone, and that if we don't care for ourselves, no one will. But Jesus says, **Which of you, by being anxious, can add a single hour to his span of life?** Worrying is futile. It's fruitless. It is unproductive. In fact, worrying destroys productivity. Because it eats away at you. It raises your blood pressure and heart rate. But you are not working. You are just spinning, your mind racing for no reason. And that's right where Satan wants you. Satan, your adversary, is a robber of joy. He wants to destroy your contentment in Christ. And he will throw anything he can at you to get you to worry. Money is often the easiest target. He would turn you to thoughts to how you will pay your bills, how you can get the stuff you want, how you can be popular or successful or just plain survive.

If he cannot get you to fret over your own desires, he will turn you to fear for others, to obsess and fret over your children or your country, to discourage you with gas prices, or scare you with what Russia might do. He will fill the broadcast news with tragedies and crimes and disasters. He will fill the book stores with lies, propaganda, and useless information. And all of it is a campaign to wear you down, to overwhelm you with sadness, to bury you with the impossibility of it all. Do not be anxious. Anxiety is useless and unnecessary. You are only hurting yourself, and the ones you love.

There is no doubt that today has its troubles. When Jesus tells us not to be anxious, he is not telling us there are no troubles in the world. He is not telling us that we shouldn't work, and are free to be idle. There are troubles that need your attention and action. Your children need their lessons and their teeth brushed. Your mother needs a phone call. Your husband needs a pat on the back. Your dog needs a treat. Even your country needs you. She needs your prayers, your involvement, and support. She needs you to pick up the trash and put it in the can, to vote for the best candidates, to watch out for your neighborhood. But those needs are small, nothing to be anxious about. The work God has given you today is well within the range of your talents and gifts. And the things you cannot control—like inflation or wars in distant lands—say a prayer, leave it in God's hands, and go to bed at once and in good cheer.

If you cannot fix geopolitical issues, it's no use worrying about them. Focus on what you're given to do, to the work God has entrusted only to you. Like a lily in the field, bloom where you are planted. Invest the gifts God has given you to love and serve your neighbor. And as you go to work and get busy, don't worry about tomorrow. Jesus lives. He will provide. The lilies do not toil or spin. The birds do not sow or reap or gather. And your Father takes care of them. How much more will he take care of you?



# Announcements

## St. Paul

**Wyneken Kitchen Clean Up** is today, **Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** in the Wyneken cafeteria. Originally this was billed as a youth event but lots of hands are needed, not just youth! If you could lend a hand for cleanup day today, we would appreciate it. –Wyn. School Board.

**Staff Positions at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School.** We are searching for an athletic director and a food service (cafeteria) worker for the 2025-6 school year. Any interested parties are welcome to talk to a member of the school board.

**Seminarian Ryan Skove** is the preacher of this morning's sermon. We are thankful for the field work program and our partnership with Concordia Theological Seminary as we get to assist the training of men for the office of the Holy Ministry, and we are thankful for the excellent field workers we have been blessed with over the years. Today we rejoice that Ryan, Kelly, and their children are in our midst and we pray for them as Ryan grows in the Word to become a preacher of that Word. **Seminarian Michael Hahn** should be joining us again after the conclusion of his vicarage year in Portland, Oregon within the next few weeks. Also, the Seminary will be placing another first-year field worker at St. Paul. We should receive him for the first time in September. Thanks be to God!

**Church Directory.** St. Paul's last photo directory was created in 2019—it is time for a new directory. This time, we are partnering with Universal Church Directories out of Mansfield, Oh. for our next photo shoot and directory. Please mark your calendars for the dates **Fri.—Sat. October 10-11** which are the dates set for the photo shoot at St. Paul. The company makes no profit on this directory and the Church is not charged for it, but it does rely on members voluntarily purchasing pictures. This would be a great opportunity for you to get your family pictures taken and all will be ready just in time for Christmas. Our Church leadership is working with Universal on the specifics; more information will be forthcoming. Thank you.

**St. Paul will be subscribing to the Lutheran Institute of Theology (LIT)** and coming up in early August, members will be given access to its online courses and content for free. Our annual subscription as a congregation is \$1000. St. Paul will pay for this outright. *Any member who would like to donate to this cause is encouraged to write a check to St. Paul with 'Memorial Fund' in the memo line and include with your offering.* What is LIT?

It is a new organization created by LCMS pastors. Its aim is to provide solid Lutheran content through online courses for individual and congregational use. Each course (not for credit) includes 6-8 video lessons, averaging 30-40 minutes each. Their aim for these courses is to have biblically faithful, intellectually engaging, and beautifully produced made available to congregations and laypeople, and to reach out to skeptics and the non-Lutheran world. Think: do you ever listen to podcasts through your phone, watch documentaries on Netflix, or partake of any online content for the purposes of personal growth? Then you will benefit from LIT. This exciting project seeks to get theology out to God's people in a new way. Members who take in online podcasts and content regularly will benefit from these courses. Go to



[www.lutheraninstitute.org](http://www.lutheraninstitute.org) to learn more about this exciting new program.

**LWML Meetings, Stamps, Aluminum Cans.** Did you know that all women of our congregation are automatically members of The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission)? Members of the LWML meet four times a year. These meetings are held prior to the Ladies Aid meetings in February, May, August and October. Please join us! *Cancelled Stamps - Mites for Missions.* We all receive mail with cancelled stamps. Please consider saving these stamps for "Mites for Missions." What to do? Trim stamps from the envelope, leaving ¼ inch margin. Place trimmed stamps into a zip lock bag. Place your stamps in the designated basket located at the back of church. That's it! Donated cancelled stamps are sold to stamp dealers and the money received is given to the LWML Indiana District Financial Secretary and earmarked "Mites for Missions." *Aluminum Cans.* Pastor and Lynn Brege are collecting aluminum cans for Missions. Please bring your cans (preferably crushed) to 8369 N 300 W and leave them by the barn door. All proceeds will go to local missions. Thanks!

**Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble. When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm.** The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble. This workshop is open to adults and students 7th grade and older. \*Please register here <https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/right-to-life-workshop--preble>. Let us know in the "comments" block of the form who is coming! For questions, please call 260-471-1849 or email [lucy@ichooselife.org](mailto:lucy@ichooselife.org). Registration by cash is available at the door.

### Wyneken

**Golf Outing—Fundraiser.** The Wyneken class of 2027 is hosting a golf outing fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to our nation's capital! We're looking for sponsors to help make this incredible learning experience possible. Whether you're a business owner, golf enthusiast, or just want to support young people's education, your sponsorship would mean the world to these students. <https://bit.ly/2025GolfSponsor> Of course, they are also looking for golfers too! Come and enjoy a day of golfing at Cross Creek on Sunday, September 21. Check in is at 11 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. The cost is \$75 per player or \$300 for a foursome. A pulled pork meal will follow at 5 p.m. If you don't golf but would like to enjoy the meal, you can purchase a meal ticket from any Wyneken 7<sup>th</sup> grader for \$12. All proceeds goes to Wyneken's Class of 2027's Washington DC trip. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Clemons at 260-706-3213. Thank you for helping the class with their fundraising activities!

Copies of the **Wyneken Annual Reports** are in the narthex.

Copies of the **Board of Education meeting** from June 12 are in the narthex.

The next **Voters Assembly** is Tue Oct. 21.

### Youth

**Sunday, August 17; 12-5:30 p.m. – All-Youth Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake (Middle and HS)** The current plan for the Back-to-School Bash at Pine Lake Waterpark is to meet in the St. John, Bingen parking lot at 12 noon on Sunday, August 18 and carpool to Berne. The cost for youth is \$5. Chaperones are free as always. You may bring food and beverages in a cooler to

be consumed at the picnic tables near the parking lot at Pine Lake. You may also bring additional cash to purchase concessions such as hamburgers, nachos, ice cream, etc.

**TinCaps Game. (MS/HS Youth) Sunday, August 31; 5:00 p.m. – Tin Caps Game**

We will leave at 5:00 p.m. from the Bingen parking lot for the 6:05 p.m. game. We plan to return around 10 p.m. Please let your pastor know if you're going by August 11.

Community

**Singing With The Saints Hymn Festival: Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m.** You are invited to join us at Zion Friedheim for an afternoon of singing and fellowship. We are currently planning to include a Festival Adult Choir (high school and older), a Festival Children's Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade, unchanged voices), and instrumentalists. **You do not need to be members of Zion Friedheim in order to participate!** Text Allison Ulmer at 361-236-5507 or fill out this short google form <https://forms.gle/925uVAhhsPHhuZDF8> **no later than August 20** if you or your children are potentially interested in participating. Rehearsals will start after Labor Day and will be scheduled based upon the information from the form.

**Craft for a Cause.** Attention Ladies! *Our first event was such a success we are doing it again this fall!!!* You're invited to join the Women of Bethlehem for Craft for a Cause on **September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.** Lots of food, fellowship, prizes and 12 hours of crafting FUN!!! SPACE IS LIMITED and will fill up! Be sure to register EARLY! Questions? Text or Call Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144 or via email at [deannrene@outlook.com](mailto:deannrene@outlook.com).

**Fall Banquet: Right to Life of Northeast Indiana** will be **October 14, 2025 at the Memorial Coliseum!!!** We are excited to share our keynote speaker with our eight counties! **Kirk Cameron**, well known actor and author. He is known by millions as "Mike Seaver" from the 1980's hit sit-com, "Growing Pains." Kirk is also known for his family-focused films, "Fireproof" and recent film, "Life Mark." Last year we were blessed to have 3000 attendees for our banquet, which made the banquet a record-breaking event for the United States!!! This year we are hoping to break the record with having 3200 attendees. We are hoping you are able to join us to share in this amazing event! Here is the link with more information: <https://ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/fallbanquet>. We are thankful for your continued support for our mission to protect LIFE from conception to natural death through education, advocacy and public policy.

**40 Days for Life** is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. Volunteers spend time praying on the sidewalk outside of the Fort Wayne Planned Parenthood, located at 2930 Lake Ave. **How can I help?** You can sign up to cover a few hours of prayer, or as a group or church, you can sign up to sponsor a whole day (8 am-8 pm) and break the day into shifts to ensure coverage. **When is it?** This year's Fall 40 Days for Life campaign will take place from September 24 to November 2. **Opening Rally** (outside Planned Parenthood): September 23rd, 5:30 pm with Pastor David Reed, St. Mark's Church, Decatur. **Closing Rally** (outside Planned Parenthood): November 2nd, 2 pm, with Fr. Glenn Kohrman, St. Therese Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Parking is available at the

Right to Life office (3106 Lake Ave). **How can I sign up?** You can visit [our website](#) to sign up online, or you may email [case@ichooselife.org](mailto:case@ichooselife.org). We thank you for your prayerful consideration of your participation in this campaign, and we hope to hear from many of you and see many of you out on the sidewalk soon.

**Immanuel, Union.** From the Circuit Visitor, Rev. Sam Wirgau: At a Special Voter's Meeting held on Sunday, July 20 the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church (Union Township) in Decatur, IN elected to Call the Rev. Paul M. Doellinger of St. Paul Lutheran Church Cassopolis MI as their pastor. Please keep Rev. Doellinger, Immanuel - Union, and St. Paul - Cassopolis in your prayers as Rev. Doellinger receives and deliberates this call.

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## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 10

**9AM The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins**

5PM Wyneken Kitchen Clean Up—

Lots of hands needed; not just a youth event!!

Wednesday, August 13

First Day of School—Wyneken

**7PM Vespers**

Sunday, August 17

**9AM The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service**

12PM—(MS/HS Youth) Back to School Bash at Pine Lake

# Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick and Recovering:** Sharon Ewell; Cindy Gallmeyer.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Halei Faurote; Taylor Selking; Maddie McCullough.
- +**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Golden Years, Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays 8/11-8/17.** Randy Wefel, Marlin Scheumann, Theo Friedt, Doug Miller, Alisha Bulmahn, Ralph Selking, Kenzie Mesing.

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## Attendance

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## Stewardship for 7/20/25

Offering: \$21,112.91      Online Offering: \$879.50      Total for the week: \$21,992.41

vs. weekly goal: +\$11,437.91

vs. Year to Date: -\$72,454.69

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