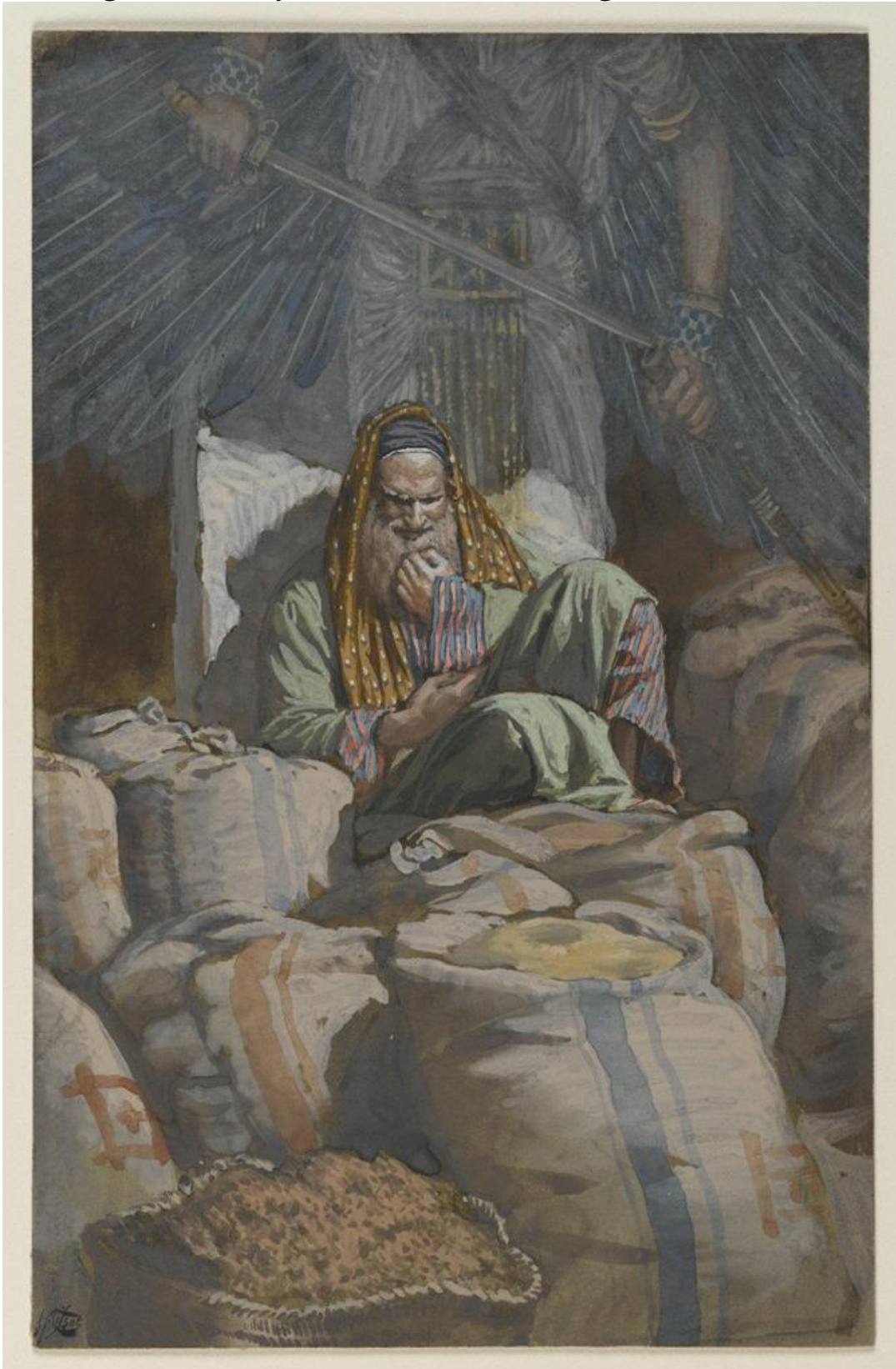


+The Divine Service+

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | August 3, 2025 | 9AM



THE MAN WHO HOARDS BY JAMES TISSOT.

The Parable of the Rich Fool

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.



The Divine Service

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

Hymn of Invocation | 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Hear this, all peoples!

*Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together!*

Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
**for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice.**

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts.

**Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd.**

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Hear this, all peoples!

*Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
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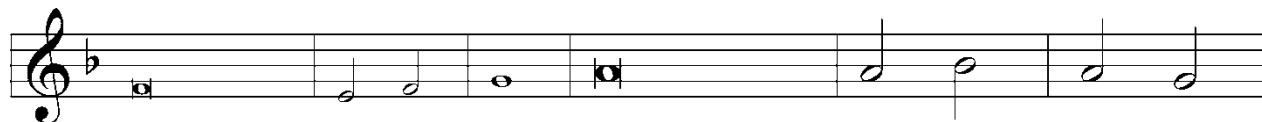
Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



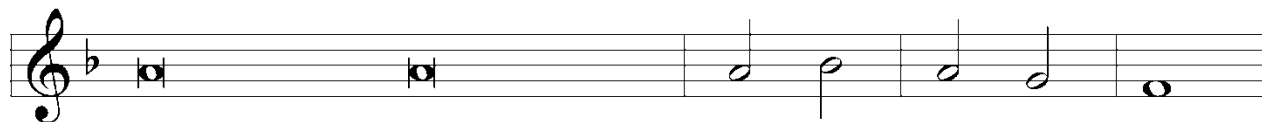
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



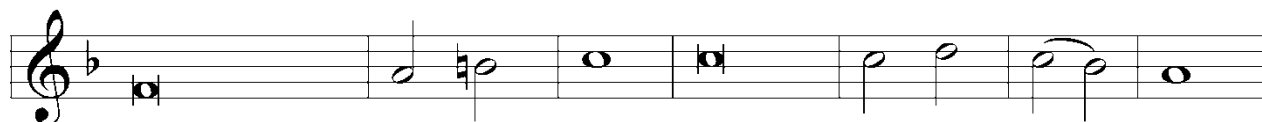
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



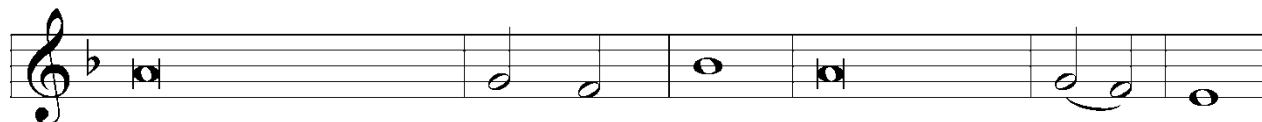
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



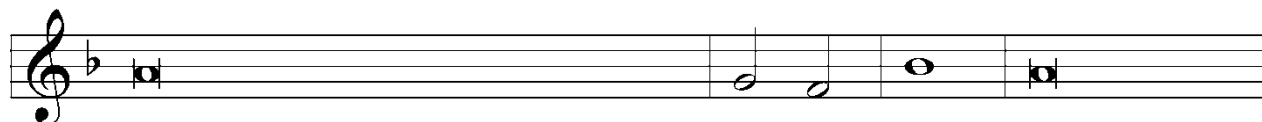
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



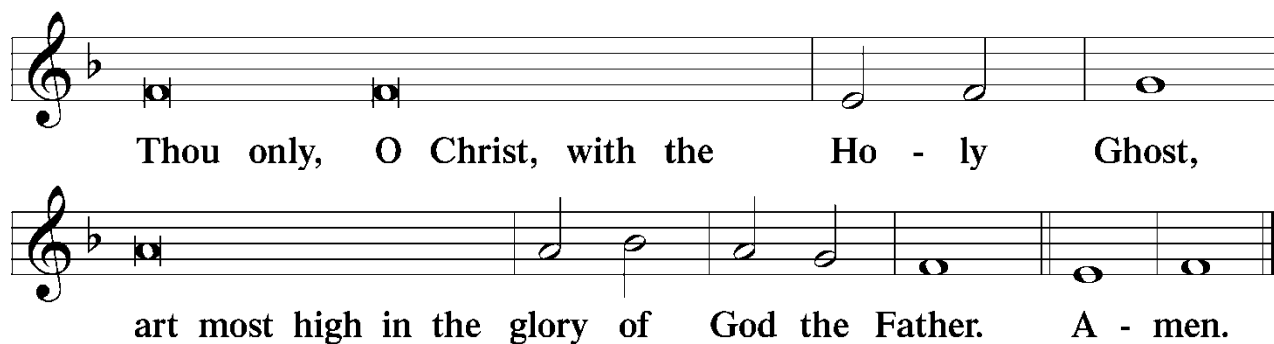
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



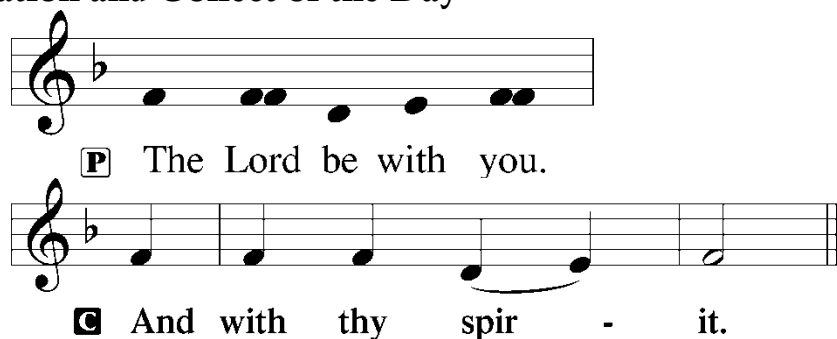
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

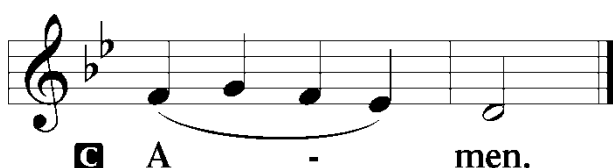


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under

the sun,²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun?²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

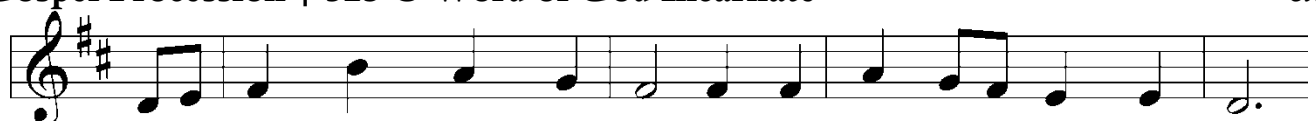
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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Procession | 523 O Word of God Incarnate

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1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,

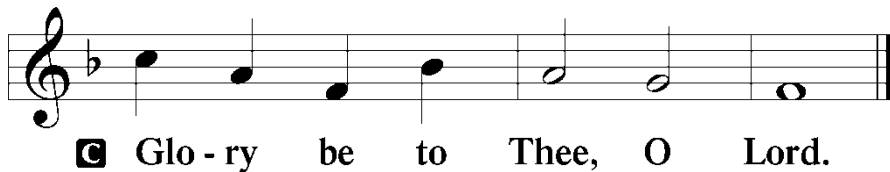


O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

back cover of the hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 730 What Is the World to Me

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

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

The Offering

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



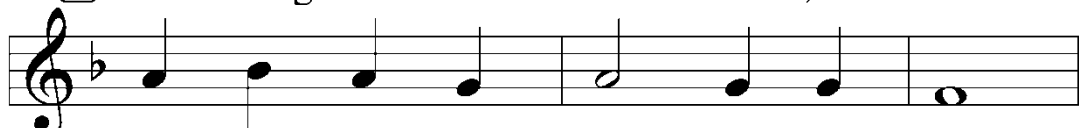
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

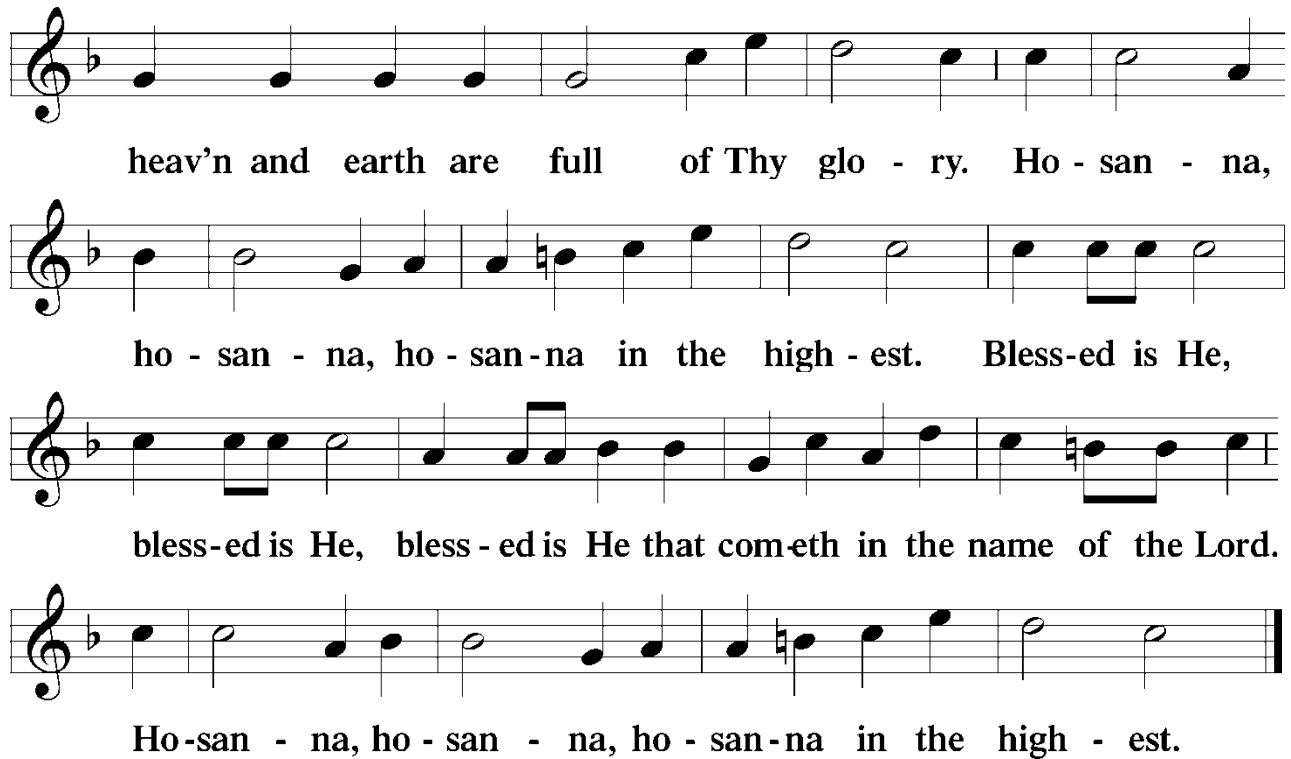
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

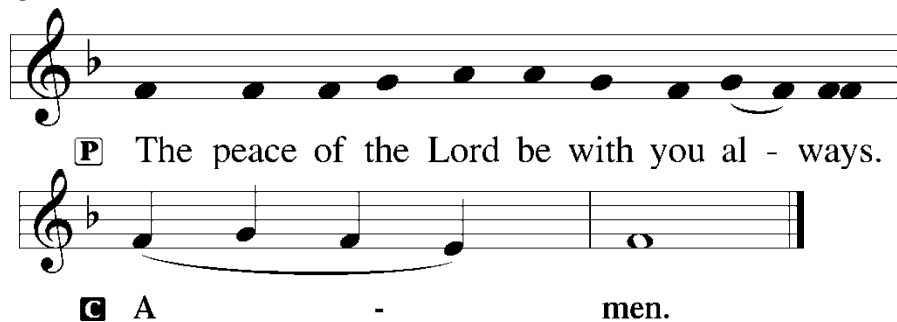
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

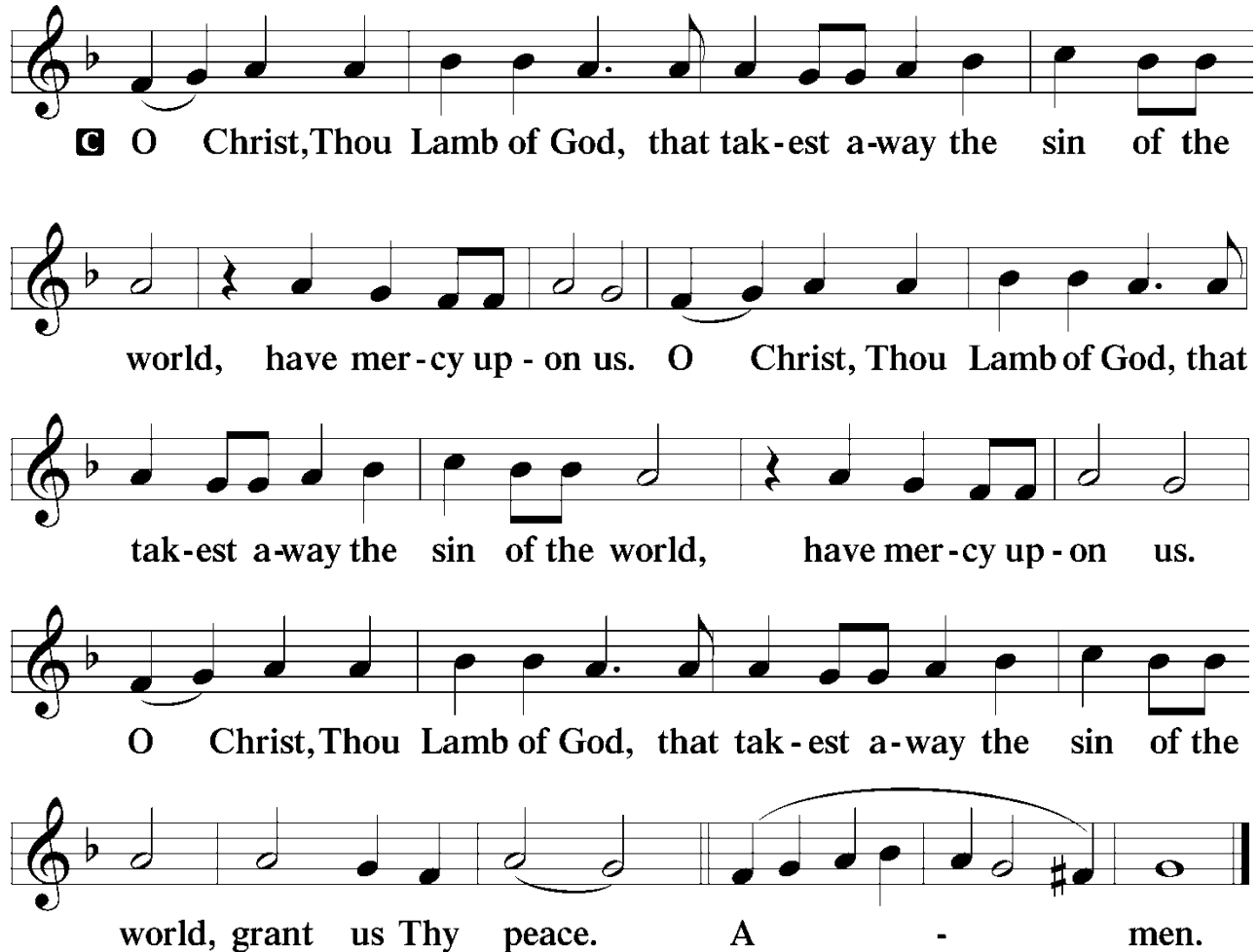
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 731 O God, Forsake Me Not

Distribution Hymn | 732 All Depends on Our Possessing

Distribution Hymn | 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

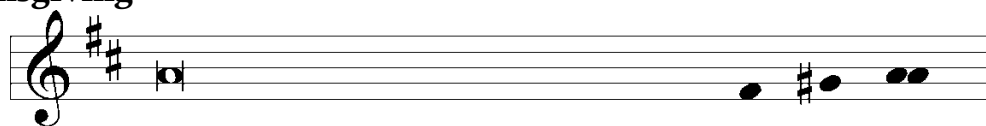
Nunc Dimittis

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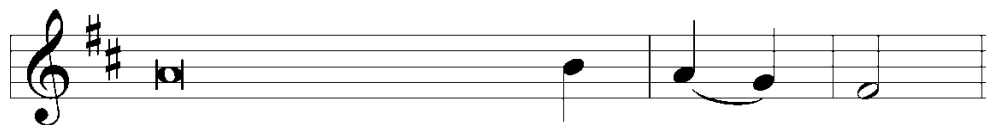
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

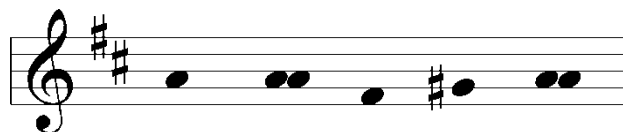
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

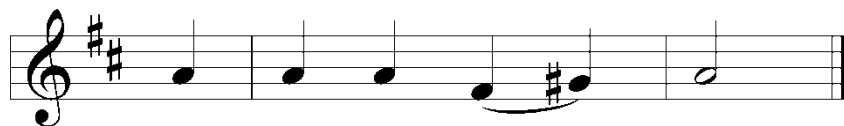


C A - men.

Salutation



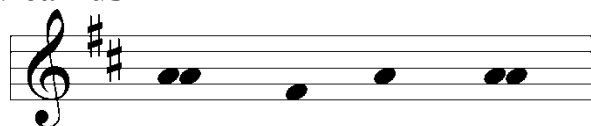
P The Lord be with you.



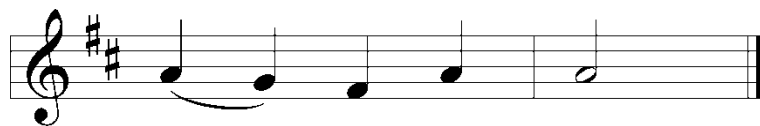
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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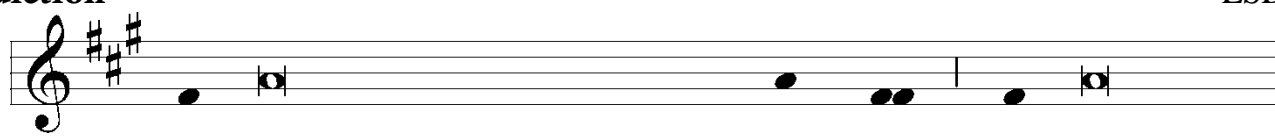
A Bless we the Lord.



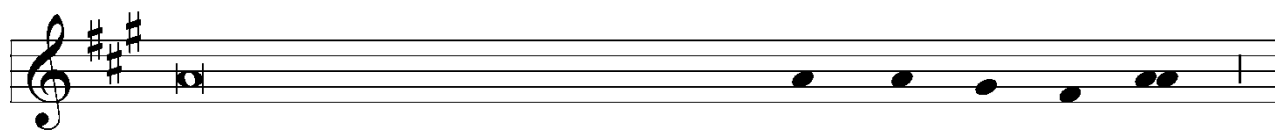
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

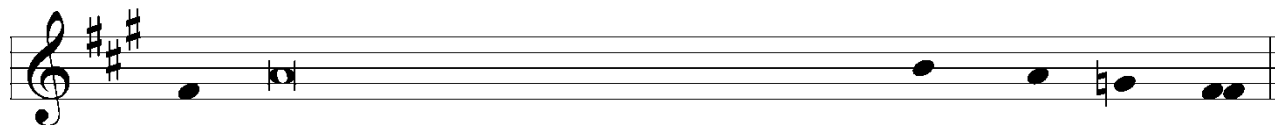
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

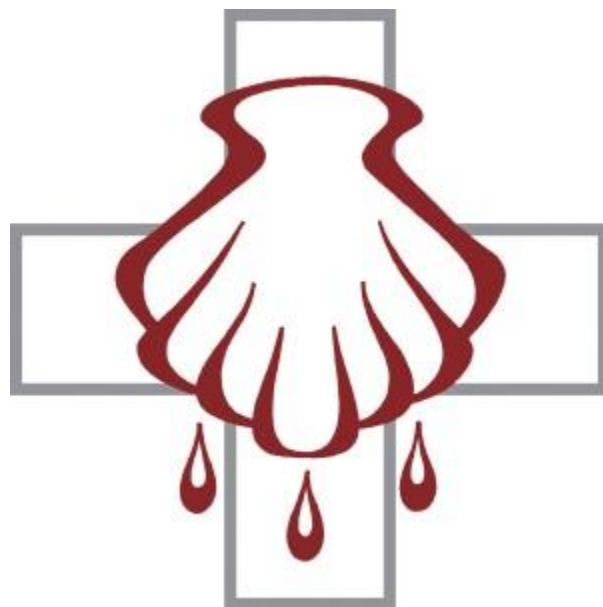


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 861 Christ Be My Leader



The Parable of the Rich Fool

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 12:13-21

Take a look at the bulletin cover for today. The artist captured Jesus' parable well. A man peers at his own possessions with a devilishly greedy look on his face. He strokes his beard, calculating all his wealth. Little does he know the Angel of the Lord stands behind him with sword unsheathed, ready to slay him that very night. The artist calls the painting 'The Man Who Hoards.' This is an apt description for the parable. The man hoards treasure on earth. He accumulates for himself earthly possessions and finds his security in his full barns, his stockpile of earthly goods. As the Lord requires his soul that very night, he is revealed to be a fool. Why?

Because he failed to inwardly digest the wisdom of Solomon in today's Old Testament reading. What are the things of this world? Vanity. A Hebrew word which means 'vapor.' Try to catch vapor and put it in your pocket. Earthly possessions are like vapor because the one who slavishly devotes himself to gathering them dies and leaves them to someone else: they vanish like morning mist. "You can't take it with you." "There are no U-Hauls behind hearses." The sinner gathers and collects, only to give his possessions to the one who pleases God. This is a sad business Solomon says, because even the gathering and collecting is unsatisfying. The pursuit of greedy gain does not satisfy. Those who are motivated by greedy gain are not happy and satisfied people, even though they might find wealth on earth and get rich.

Who is the happy one? He who finds enjoyment in his toil with which he toils under the sun. The one who lives by the faith that recognizes the Lord as the Giver of every good gift is the one who finds true enjoyment in his work—the one whose sights are trained, not on the things of this world, but on God. He or she finds, not the shallow happiness that comes from acquiring possessions, but the real and deep happiness that comes from faith in the promises of the Gospel. The things we have are transitory, but the love of God for his people is everlasting.

The hymn of the Day sets before us true versus false wealth. *What is the world to me/ with all its vaunted pleasure / When you and you alone / Lord Jesus, are my treasure!* In another parable, there was a man who found buried treasure in a field and sold all he had to buy that field, so he could have that priceless treasure. Jesus is that treasure. He is worth losing everything for. He calls his disciples to give up all to follow him. Even more, the Lord is the one who lost his very life to have us again in his kingdom. Look at what he spent to purchase you from your sins for God! *The world seeks after wealth/ and all that mammon offers/ yet never is content/ though gold should fill its coffers.* This stanza so faithfully conveys the wisdom of Solomon. We pursue earthly wealth like the Rich Fool, but what contentment does it buy our souls? Devoting ourselves to greedy gain, the contentment we seek proves elusive. Try to catch the wind. *I have a higher good./ Content with it I'll be/ My Jesus is my wealth...* in Christ, we find every blessing both temporal and spiritual. We find true joy, lasting peace, deep contentment. A life wholly given over to his service is not a vain life, but a rich life. Even those who go without the things of this world and suffer here are rich in the hereafter. See the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus for proof of this. Those who die to self and the idolatry of money find in Jesus a God much more worthy of our devotion. Faith in Christ and not in money is the key to true joy, both in this life and in the life of the world to come.

Announcements

St. Paul

We rejoice with our new staff at Wyneken: Mrs. Casey Nidlinger, interim Principal; 4th Grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Conrad, 5th Grade teacher Mrs. Heather Yeager; Music teacher Mrs. Allison Ulmer, and aides (will be announced but forthcoming). We are pleased to have a school that is fully staff and ready for this school year—thanks be to God! Please join me in praying for our new staff and for a successful year for the students entrusted to us!

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 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. 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 7th 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!

I have declined the call to serve Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, CT. Thank you all for your words of kindness to me during the call process. Every call declined reminds us of the need for pastors. Pray for the Synod and our sister Churches. Pray the Lord of the harvest send out faithful laborers into his harvest, and that God would raise up faithful men who would serve in the ministry. Join me in praying for Immanuel, Bristol, that they might find a pastor, and for all congregations which are currently vacant, that they might receive pastors soon. —Pr. Yeager

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 10; 5 p.m. – Wyneken Kitchen Clean Up (Middle and HS) Youth volunteers are needed to help clean up the Wyneken kitchen. Please note the start time of 5 p.m. *The date of this event has changed from Aug 3rd as previously listed. The date is Aug 10th.*

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 (2nd grade-8th 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 20th 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.

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. 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.

Prayer of the Church

+**Sick and Recovering:** Emelia Hoffman.

+**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 8/4—8/10.** Maddie Barney, Caleb Dicke, Emelia Hoffman, Charlotte Stout, Kim MacDowell, Marko Fuelling, Kenny Williams, Corene Scheumann, Patrick Keane, Abigail Koenemann, Grant Ainsworth, Susie Ehlerding.

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Attendance

Wednesday, July 23 20

Sunday, July 27 155

Stewardship for 7/20/25

Offering: \$4,755.71 Online Offering: \$473.71 Total for the week: \$5,229.42

vs. weekly goal: -\$4,919.29

vs. Year to Date: -\$83,892.60

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 3

Wednesday, August 6

Sunday, August 10

9AM The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service

7PM The Divine Service

9AM The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost--Matins



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