+The Office of Matins+

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | July 13, 2025 | 9AM



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Saint Paul Ev. Lutheran Church—Preble, Indiana

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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

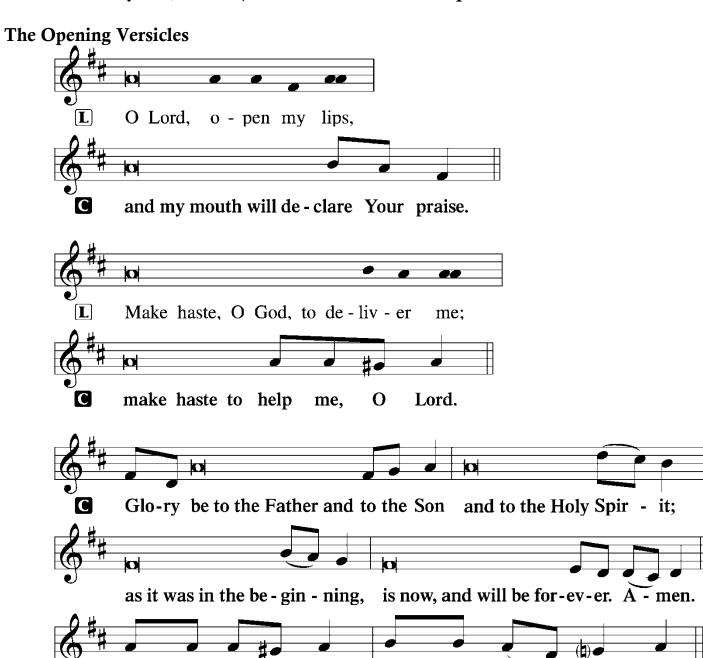
O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His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



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

Processional Hymn | 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion





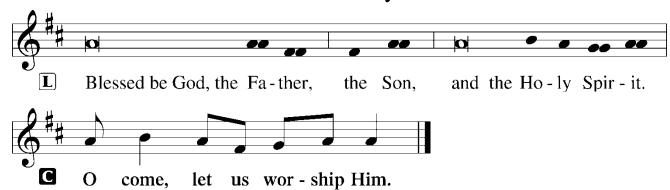
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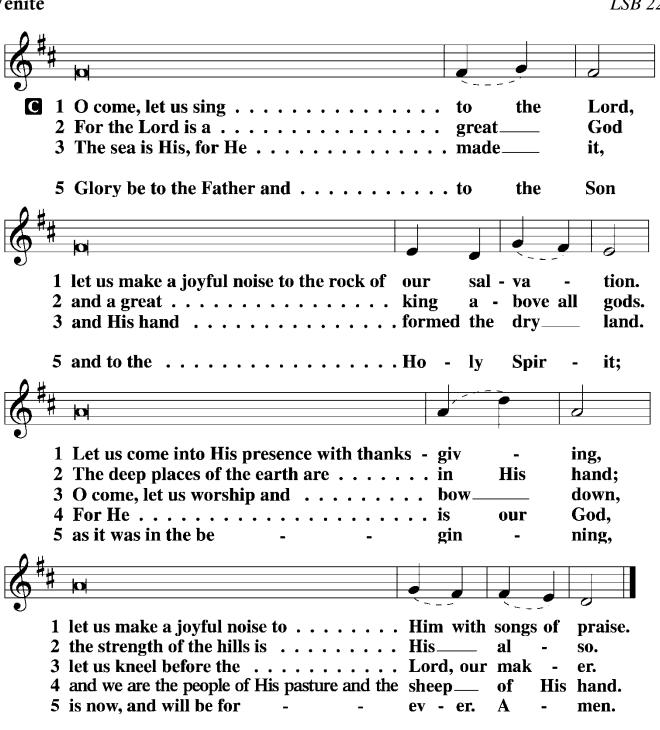
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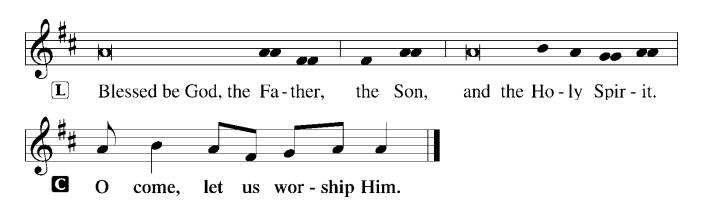
Praise to You, O Christ.

The Psalmody



The Venite LSB 220





Additional Psalms Psalm 41

¹Blessèd is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

- ⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- ⁵My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"
- ⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;

when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.

⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen.

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.

The Readings

Reading

Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

L A reading from Leviticus, chapter 18.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

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

Reading Colossians 1:1–14

L A reading from Colossians, chapter 1.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the

saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Reading *Luke 10:25–37*

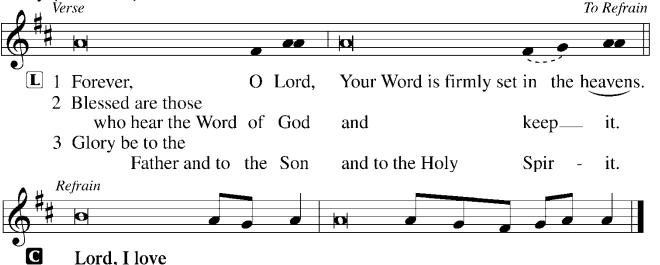
L A reading from Luke, chapter 10.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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





the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

The Sermon

The congregation rises for the Apostolic greeting:

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

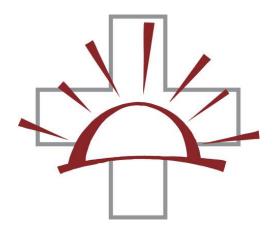
It is customary for the preacher to read a section of the text for meditation here:

- **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:

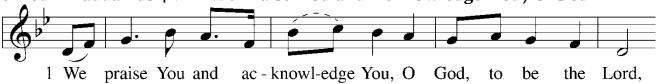
- The peace of God which passes understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- C Amen.

Stand



The Canticle

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



- tles in glo - ry sing Your praise; 2 The band of the a - pos _
- ry, the ev er last ing Son, 3 You, Christ, are King of glo
- ry, en-throned at God's right hand. in splen-did glo sit _



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored. fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. 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.



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



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



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



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

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.

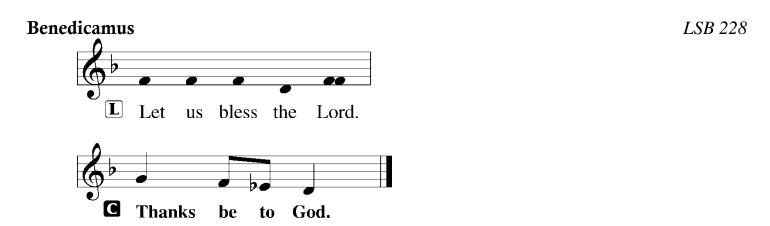
And, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work You have given us to do while it is day; before the night comes when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Your power and receive us into 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.

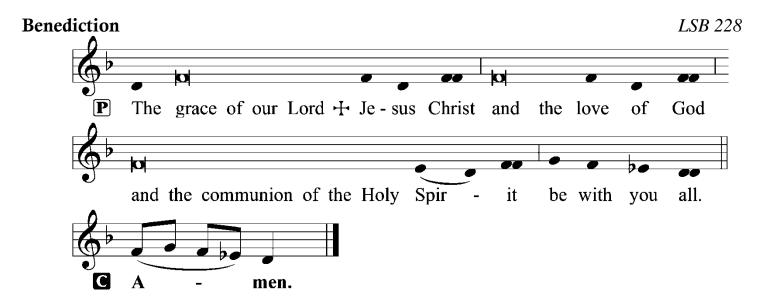


Collect for Grace

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.







Hymn to Depart | 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 10:25-37

Who is the Good Samaritan? See what he does. **The binding up of the wounds**: we know of one who spent his whole life healing the sick, raising the dead. **Pouring on oil and wine:** we know of one who gave the Holy Sacraments—Baptism and the Lord's Supper, medicine for every infirmity of body and soul. **Setting him on his own animal**: there is one of us of whom Isaiah said, 'Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.' **Brought him to an inn for recovery:** there is one of us who established the Christian Church: a place where a constant stream of perpetual healing would flow forth for us in the preaching of the forgiveness of sins. **And the promise, in three days, to come back:** there is one of us who promised to come for us on the Last Day to graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to himself in heaven.

We haven't loved like the Good Samaritan. We haven't kept the Law. But there is one of us who has: with a love that extended even to the foreigner and the stranger—with a love that found all humanity in sin and wretchedness and pulled us up out of Sheol—with a love that was so constant and self-giving that he actually did fulfill every requirement of God's holy Law: Jesus. He did love God perfectly. And he did love his neighbor even more than himself. This is not your love described here. This is the love of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Good Samaritan. And, who are we?! We're the man in the ditch! We're not the <u>doer</u> in this Parable. We are the <u>objects</u> of Christ's mercy. It is we who were lost, and bruised, and broken, and beaten, and left for dead. Yet Christ found us, and he rescued us, and he pulled us up out of the pit, and he restored us to health and strength, and all this he did by giving his own life for us.

Jesus wants to show the lawyer two things: first, there is no salvation by works of the Law. Remember, the lawyer comes to Jesus assuming that eternal life is something you must earn by works. Well, there is a path of salvation given in the Law. Here it is. Here is what you must do. Here is what 'loving your neighbor as yourself' looks like: the Good Samaritan. **Do this and you will live.** But when we compare ourselves to this kind of love that is so deep and so broad and so high as the Good Samaritan, we see the truth about ourselves—an awful truth indeed—that we haven't done it. That we haven't loved like this. That we have been motivated more by self-love and selfish desires than charity for others. The Law accuses us of our sins, so that we give up the foolish attempt of trying to justify ourselves by works, and so that we flee to Christ in repentance. The Law was not given to make us righteous, but to show our sins.

The second thing Jesus wants to show the lawyer is that the Law of God has actually been kept. Not by us, but by Jesus: when he, the Son of God, came into this world, and took on the form of a Samaritan—one who is despised and rejected of men, one who was hated by his own Jewish brethren. And yet, his entire life was selfless, sacrificial, self-giving love, even for his enemies. Jesus, like the Good Samaritan, bore the weight of our burdens and took them to Calvary. There the sacred blood flowed that brings us healing. So salvation is not by works of the Law, but by the work of Jesus Christ, and by the faith that believes that, for Christ's sake, we have a gracious God, a God who forgives our trespasses, who cleanses us of iniquity, and who gives us his Holy Spirit. So that, as his new creation, we might begin to **go and do likewise**, loving the people around us with the same love by which our Good Samaritan loved us.

Announcements

St. Paul

Pastor Yeager and the HS Youth have been away at Higher Things from July 7th to July 12th. The bulletins were printed early and so announcements and weekly information are not completely up-to-date. They will be made current in next week's bulletin.

Voters Assembly at St. Paul is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 15th at 7PM</u> in the fellowship hall. The elders and council will meet on <u>Monday</u>, <u>July 14th at 6 and 7PM</u>.

A Note from Pastor Yeager. Dear friends, I have received the Divine Call to serve Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bristol, Connecticut, as pastor. Please pray for me, Heather, and my children, along with the Churches where I am divinely called: Immanuel-Bristol, and St. Paul-Preble, that the Lord would grant me wisdom of discernment for this call process. Thank you.

Lutheran Institute of Theology 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 might benefit from LIT. This exciting project seeks to get theology out to God's people in a new way. They are asking Churches to subscribe annually to these courses—if St. Paul wanted to subscribe, our commitment would be around \$1000 for the first year. I am looking to see if there are any members interested in subscribing with me. If a few of us went in together, we could provide sound biblical theology to our congregation for a whole year and I imagine we are going to really enjoy and grow from what LIT is putting out there. There are pamphlets in the narthex that explain more. Talk to me if interested. –Pastor Yeager

Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble. Many people today reject or are indifferent to the pro-life view, often because they've never heard the pro-life position presented in a compelling manner. This workshop will prepare you to confidently communicate the pro-life position to others. Using science & philosophy, you will learn to simplify the debate. Come learn to speak intelligently and graciously to the most pressing moral issue of our time: abortion. You'll leave prepared to confidently persuade others by exposing the logical fallacies of abortion-choice rhetoric without the need for vitriol and angry dialogue.

When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm. The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble (4510 W 750 N, Decatur, IN 46733). 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

Principal and Mrs. Gavrun have accepted their calls to be teachers at Trinity, Davenport, IA. We give thanks to God for the years the Gavruns have served our school. We pray for the Gavruns during their transition to Iowa, and we pray for our school, that he would send us a principal and teachers in his own good time who will serve our students faithfully.

Teacher calls, open positions. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking a school teacher (4th grade and/or 5th grade) for the 2025-2026 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. In addition, Wyneken has an opening for a part-time teacher's aide. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

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!

Youth

Sunday, July 13; 12-5:30 p.m. – **YMCA Camp Clay.** The YMCA Camp Clay Aqua Park and Splash pad consists of 7 water attractions and 3 floating splash mats. They also have a boating area with canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards (SUP's), and peddle boats. They have a floating raft transport over to their island in the pond. Their biggest attraction is a water zip line! US Coast Guard-approved life vests must be worn by all swimmers in the Aqua Park. Concessions are available at the guard shack. Cost per youth is \$5.

Community

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!!! Registration form is attached. 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.

Prayer of the Church

- +**Those who rejoice**: Nate and Danielle Meshberger on the birth of a daughter, Natalie Jane; and that she might be brought safely unto Baptism for her new birth by water and the Spirit.
- +Pr. Yeager—Divine Call to Immanuel, Bristol, CT.
- +**Wyneken**—Mr. and Mrs. Gavrun on their departure to IA, teachers, students.
- +Expectant mothers: Halei Faurote.
- **+The Homebound**: Laurna 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 7/13—7/19. Nolan Scheumann, Ashlyn Vogel, Allen Gaines, Ron Weigmann, Pandora Zimmerman.

Acolyte 7/13

9AM Hank Nussbaum

Attendance

Figures will be updated in next week's bulletin.

Stewardship for 6/22/25

Offering: \$3,625.72 Online Offering: \$473.71 Total for the week: \$4,099.43

vs. weekly goal: -\$6,049.28 vs. Year to Date: -\$69,511.36

Weekly Calendar

9AM The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins
6PM Elder Meeting—Pastor's Study
7PM Council Meeting—Fellowship Hall
7PM Voters Assembly—Fellowship Hall
7PM Divine Service
7PM Ladies Aid Business Meeting
9AM The Sixth Sun. after Pentecost—Divine Service