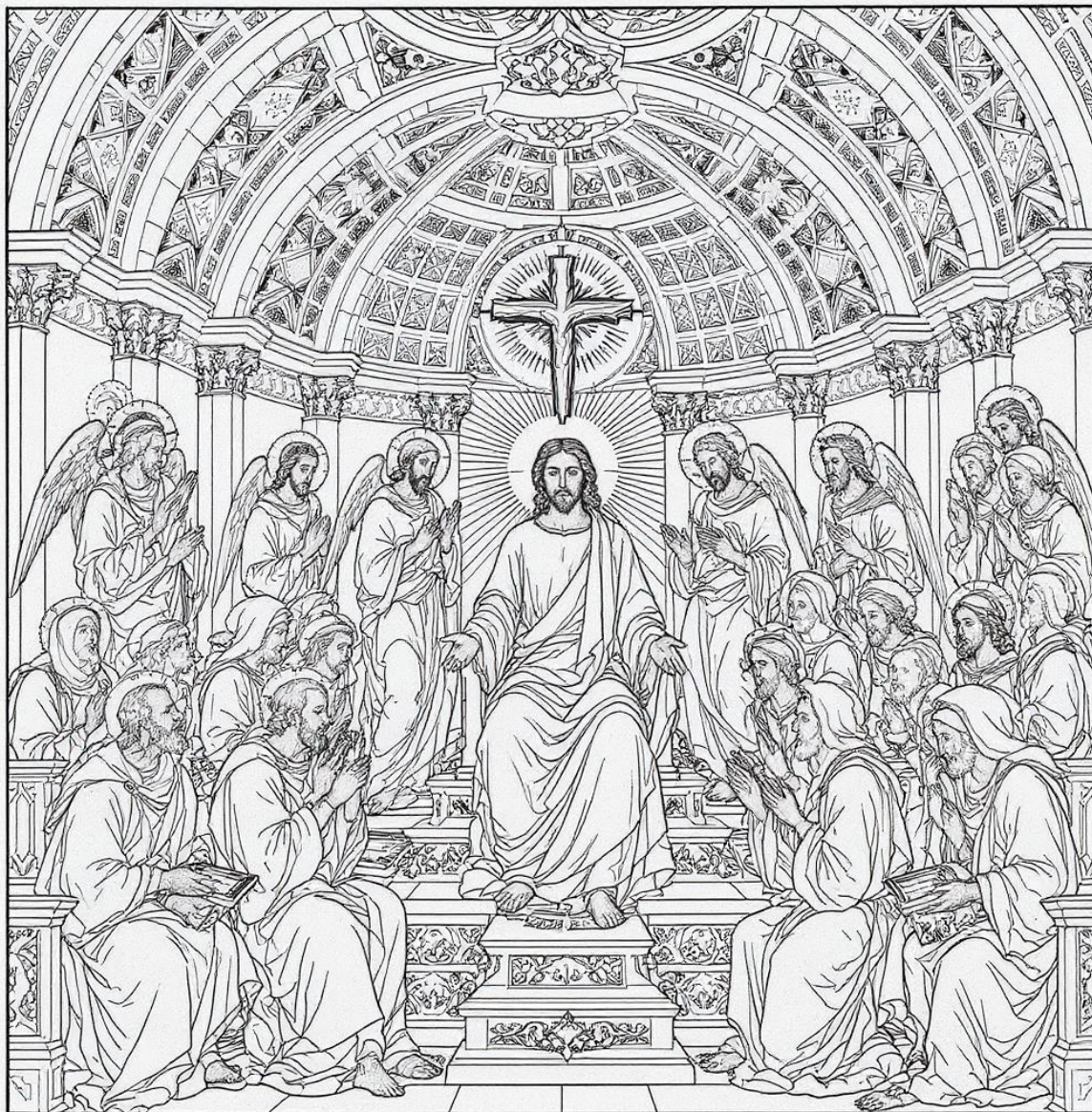


+The Divine Service+

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 17, 2025 | 9AM



The Noble Army of Martyrs Praise You



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The Divine Service

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

Hymn of Invocation | 664 Fight the Good Fight

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 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

*Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*

Give ear to my prayer, O God,

and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal,

my companion, my familiar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel together;

within God's house we walked in the throng.

But I call to God,

and the LORD will save me.



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.

*Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*

Kyrie



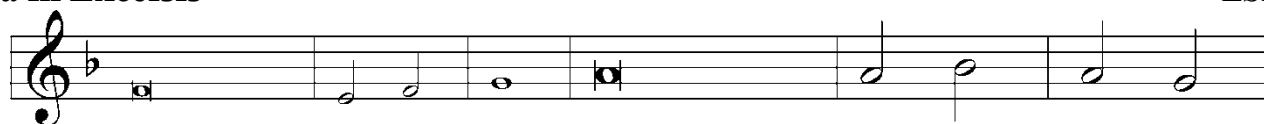
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

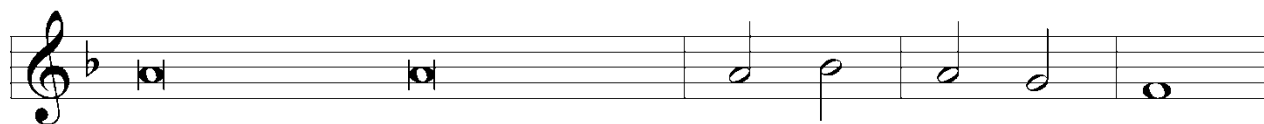
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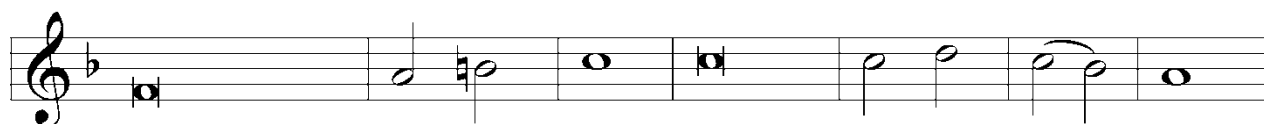
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



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



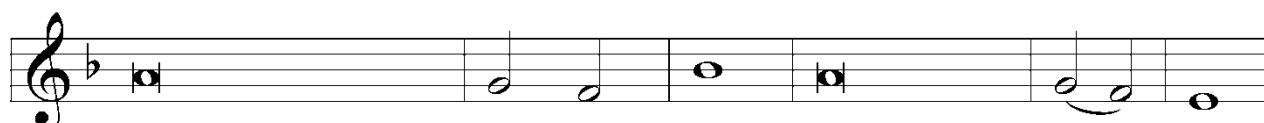
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



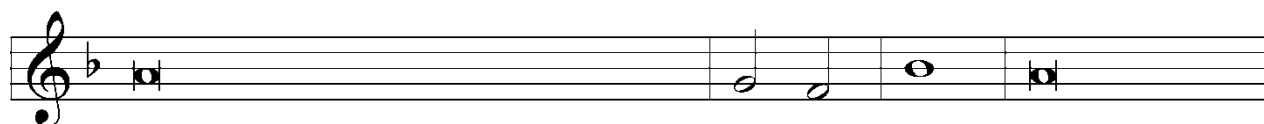
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



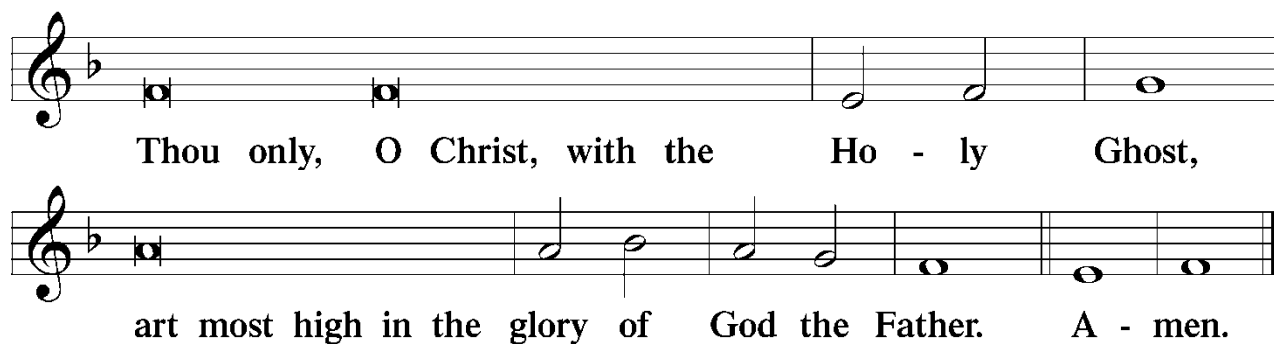
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



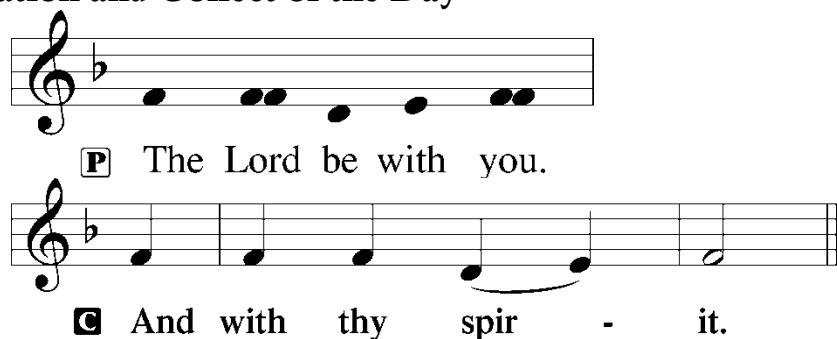
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

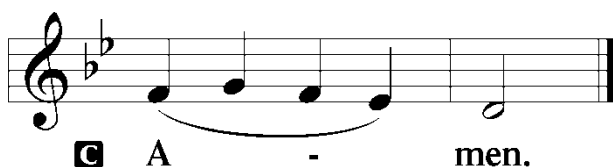


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith

he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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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The Gospel Procession | 523 O Word of God Incarnate *st. 1*



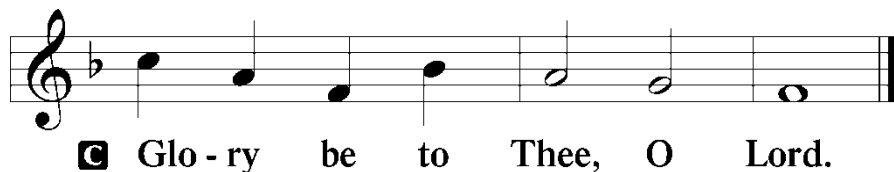


O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

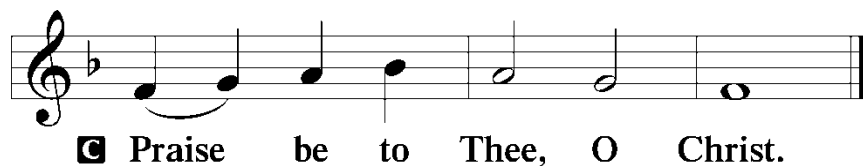
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!
⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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

LSB 194



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.

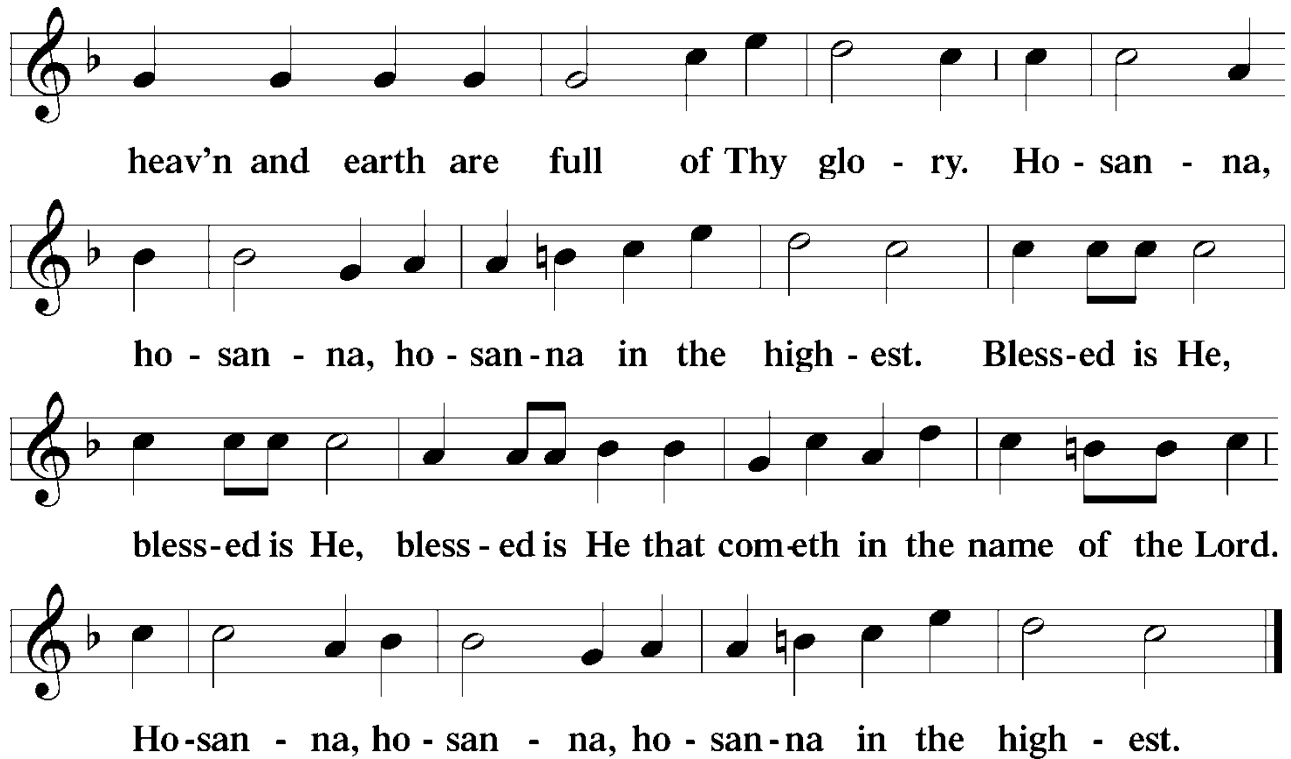
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross 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

LSB 195



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

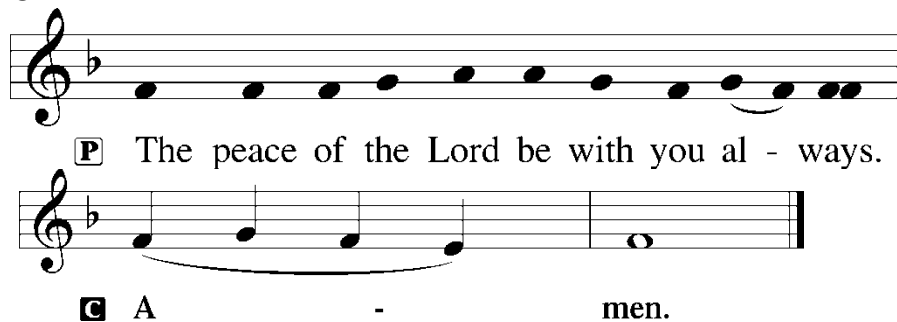
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

LSB 197



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 | 677 For All the Saints

Distribution Hymn | 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Distribution Hymn | 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Stand

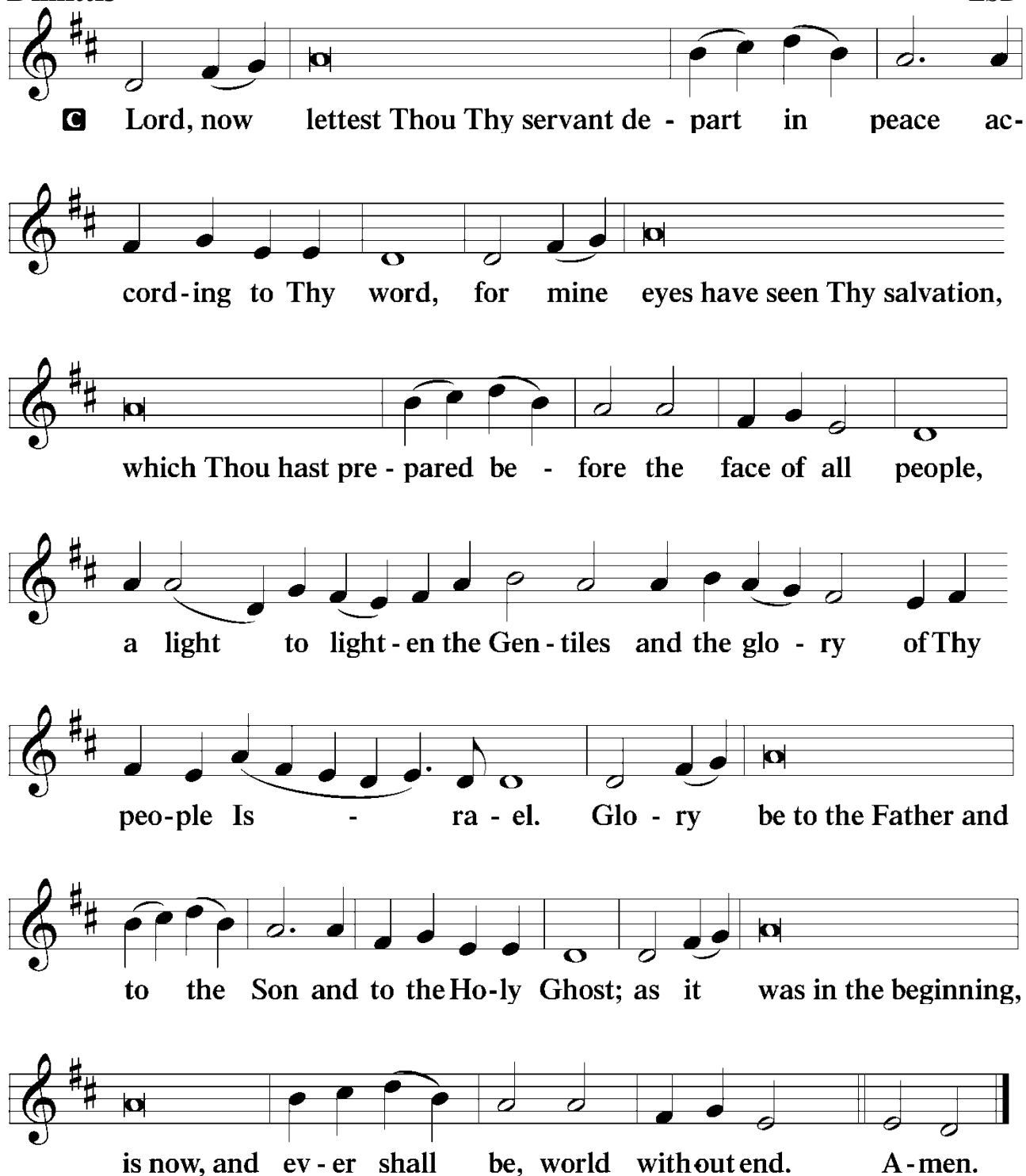
The Dismissal

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

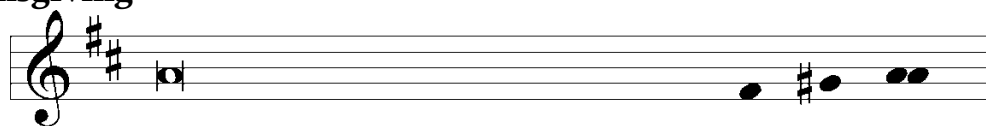
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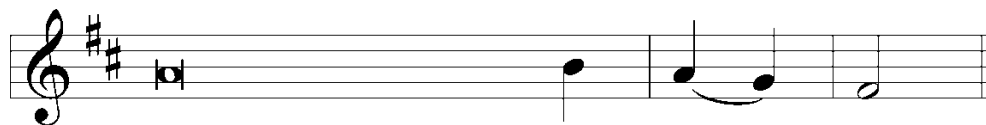
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the 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.

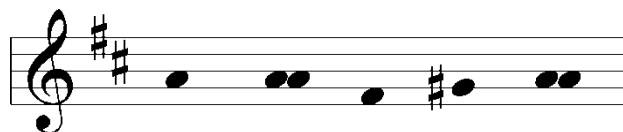
Post-Communion Collect

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.

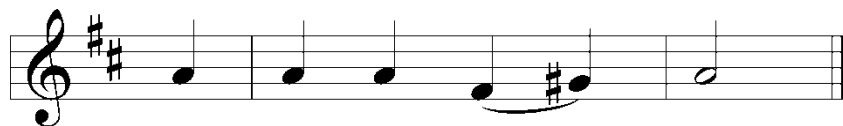


C A - men.

Salutation



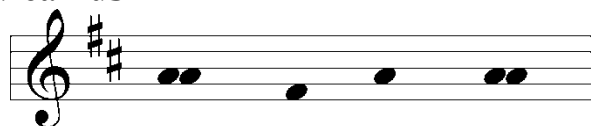
P The Lord be with you.



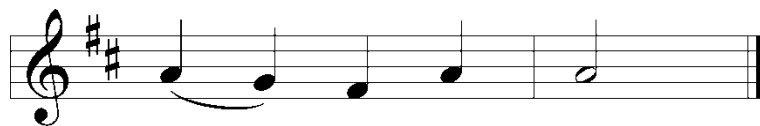
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Hymn to Depart | 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War

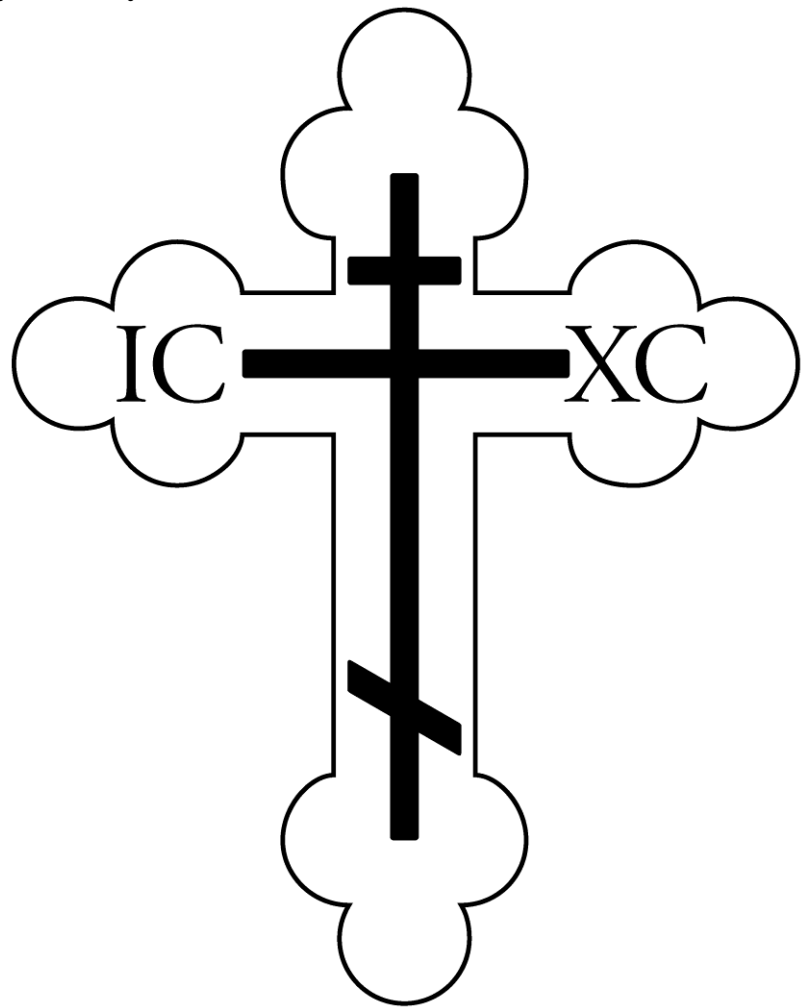
A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 12:49-56

Very much unlike the martyrs are the ‘false prophets’ Jeremiah speaks about in today’s Old Testament reading. These false prophets do not preach the true Word of God but a ‘false peace’ to people who despise the word of the Lord. They say to scoffers, **‘It shall go well with you,’ and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’** The false prophets are telling people who stand under the judgment of God that there is no judgment for them. In Lutheran terms, they fail to preach the Law to sinners. They refuse to

warn the wicked from his wicked way. They do not preach God's Word because they want the approval of men and are afraid of the consequences of being faithful. So, there are the martyrs who give a true witness at the cost of their own lives. And there are the false prophets who failed to preach the true Word of God and suffer for it. We are to be like the martyrs, not the false prophets.

When Jesus says, '**I came not to bring peace**' in today's Gospel, he is not referring to the TRUE peace which he most certainly came to bring between God and Man by his death on the cross. Truly and certainly, Jesus came to bring **THAT** peace to the world—the peace of sins forgiven in his blood—peace with our Father in heaven. Jesus also came to work a true peace between fellow believers through his Holy Spirit. The angels at his birth proclaimed, '**Peace on earth**,' because indeed, Jesus came to bring us peace with God and peace with one another.

The peace Jesus is speaking of when he says, '**I came not to bring peace**,' is *false* peace: the kind of false peace Jeremiah preached against: the peace that is preached to those who need to hear the Law, who need to be warned of the impending judgment of God. Jesus then goes on to show how his kingdom will actually not bring peace but division, as members of one household or family will be divided because of him. How many of us know of that division painfully and personally? You have people in your family whom you love who do not know the Lord Jesus by faith. So, there is a division in your family. Jesus does not want you to proclaim false peace to them. He does not want you to tell your loved ones that all will go well with them. Jesus wants you to speak Law and Gospel. He wants you to tell your family members about God's coming judgment but also about God's grace. He does not want you to hide the truth of the coming judgment (hell) because sharing that hard truth will be uncomfortable to you. You may have to suffer for it. Are you willing? You should be willing. Jesus wants you to take a lesson from the cloud of witnesses, the martyrs. See how they suffered. See how they proclaimed Christ fearlessly in the face of death. Follow in their footsteps and warn, admonish, teach the ones you love even when it hurts. Maybe one day because of your witness you will see those you spoke the Word of God to on earth in heaven with you.



Announcements

St. Paul

Returning to our Regular Schedule. Sunday, August 31st is Labor Day weekend. It will be the last Sunday with only one service at 9AM. On September 7th, we return to two services at 8AM and 10:15AM. Sunday School and Bible Class resumes on September 7th. Confirmation for our 6-8th non-Wyneken students will also begin on this day and will continue weekly. If you have not spoken to Pr. Yeager about being in confirmation class, please do this now. Starting on September 7th, we ask all Wyneken students AND ALL confirmation students to start marking their attendance in the narthex on the chart provided. Thank you.

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.

Lutheran Lads Greek Study. Pastor Yeager has been meeting with some boys in the congregation to study koine (biblical) Greek (!). We have only met a few times. Therefore, it wouldn't be too late if any other boys would like to join this study. If so, Pastor Yeager will get them a Greek New Testament along with a Intro to Greek study book. The cost for these materials will be between \$50-100. Talk to Pastor Yeager if you are interested.

Staff Positions at Wyneken. We are searching for an athletic director for the 2025-6 school year. Any interested parties are welcome to talk to a member of the school board.

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 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!

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.

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick and Recovering:** Sharon Ewell; Cindy Gallmeyer.
+**Expectant mothers:** Halei Faurete; 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 8/18-8/24.** Lynn Garner, Michael Pritchard, Megan Friedt, Samantha Nower, Kim Fravel, Connie Garner, Lanae Gilbert, Henry Faurete, Gracelyn Gallmeyer, Owen Pearson, Halei Faurete, Pastor Yeager, Mike Rabel, Alexa Melcher.
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9AM Lucas Blum

Attendance

Wednesday, August 6 20

Sunday, August 10 175

Stewardship for 7/27/25

Offering: \$5,679.39 Online Offering: \$377.00 Total for the week: \$6,056.39

vs. weekly goal: -\$3,995.61

vs. Year to Date: -\$76,450.30

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 17

9AM The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service

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

Wednesday, August 20

7PM The Divine Service

Thursday, August 21

7PM Ladies Aid Meeting

Sunday, August 24

9AM The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

