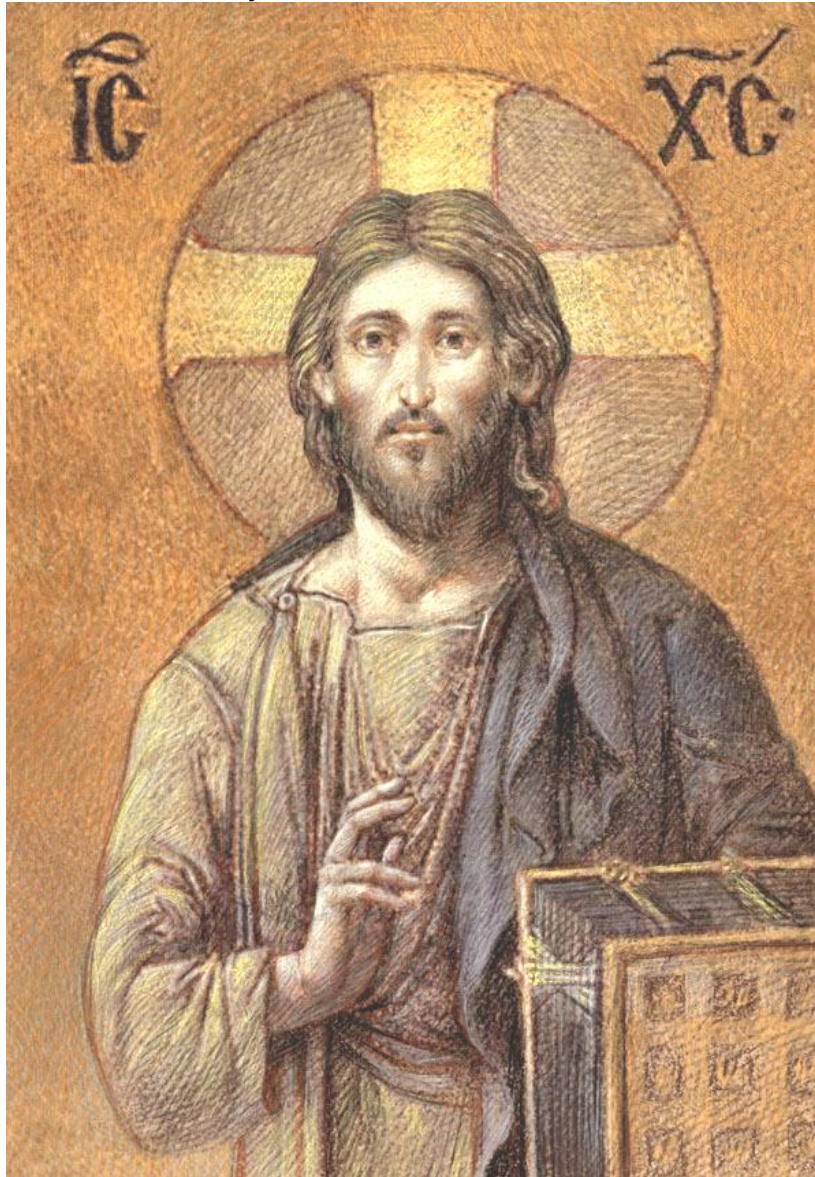


+The Divine Service+

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 5, 2025 | 8AM



Catechesis On The Way: Faith, Forgiveness, and The New Obedience



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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 152 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.

Processional Hymn | 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

**10:15: The Divine Service begins with Confession and Absolution, P. 184.*

Today at the 8AM service, Kennedy Gerig is baptized and confirmed in the Christian Faith. Kennedy is a friend of the Borne family. She has been attending worship faithfully at St. Paul, and, after attending Adult Catechism classes with Pr. Yeager, will now receive the new birth by water and the Spirit through Holy Baptism and will be joining our communion by the Rite of Confirmation.

Today we pray for Kennedy, welcome her, give thanks to our Father in heaven that he has called Kennedy to saving faith in Christ Jesus, and beseech him to keep Kennedy in this confession and faith until life's end, that with us she may share in the eternal victory of the blessed saints in heaven.

The Holy Baptism of Kennedy Alyse Gerig

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

The Exorcism

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You

preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Kennedy according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

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.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Kennedy, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R Yes, I believe.

P Kennedy, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Kennedy Alyse,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor anoints the newly baptized with oil while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

The Baptism party returns to its pew.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

*I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.*

I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.
**Seven times a day I praise you
for your just and righteous decrees.**

Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.

**My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.**



G 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.

*I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I do your commandments.*

Kyrie



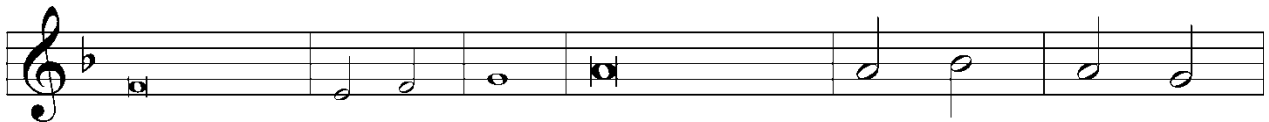
G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

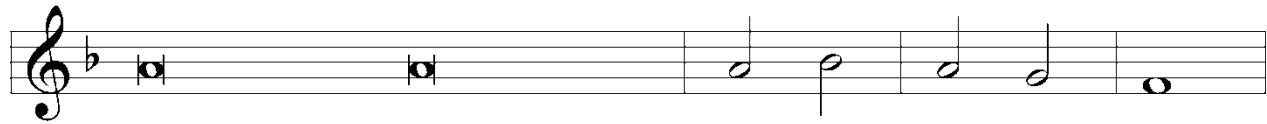
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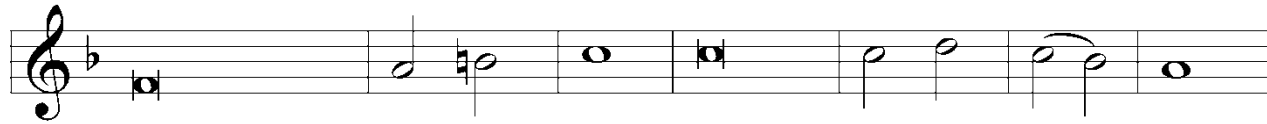
P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



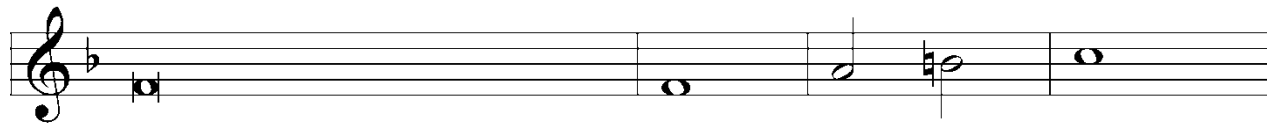
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



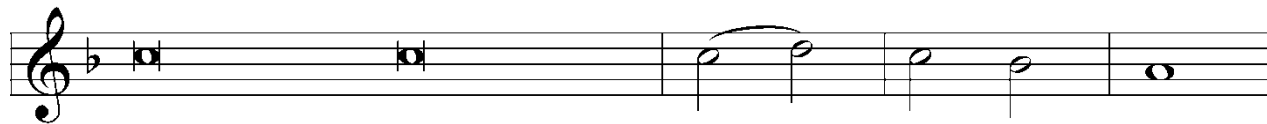
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



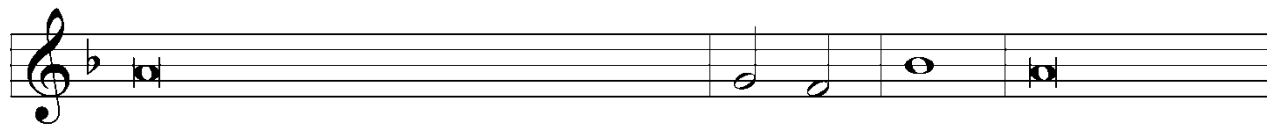
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



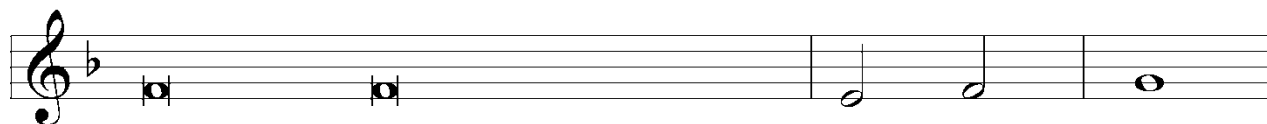
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

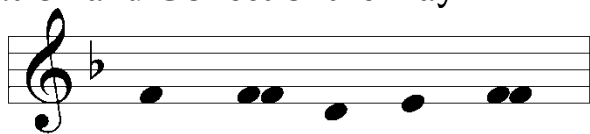


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:
“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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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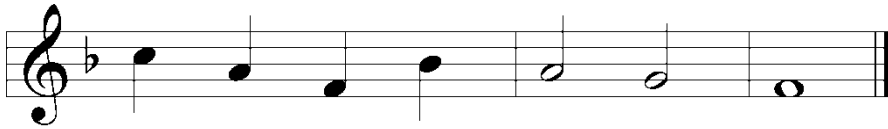


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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



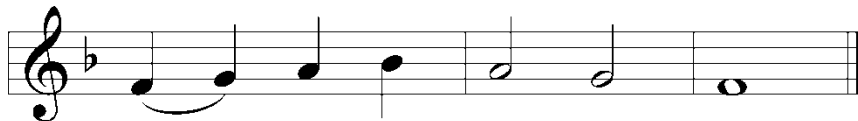
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**8AM: The Creed is omitted, as it was confessed in the Baptism Rite.*

The Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

The Sermon

Stand



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

10:15AM: The Service continues with the Prayer of the Church.

The Rite of Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Kennedy, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor reads a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation:

1 Peter 5:7. Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

After all the catechumen has received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your child in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing her by His blood. Renew in her the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that she may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to her Savior. Deliver her from the power of Satan and preserve her from false and dangerous doctrines, that she may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen her to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable her to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and her neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

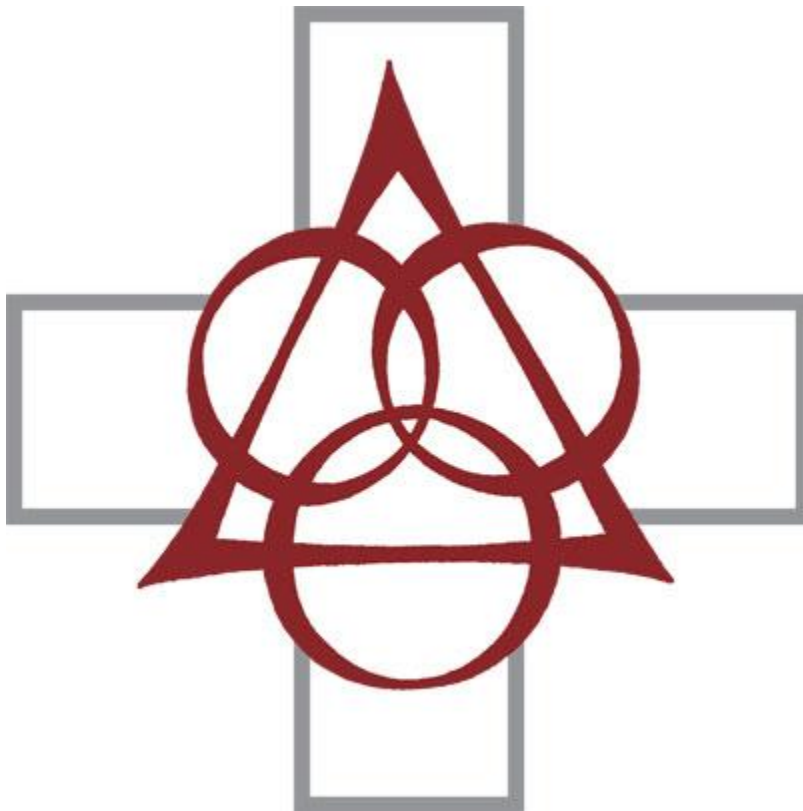
C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

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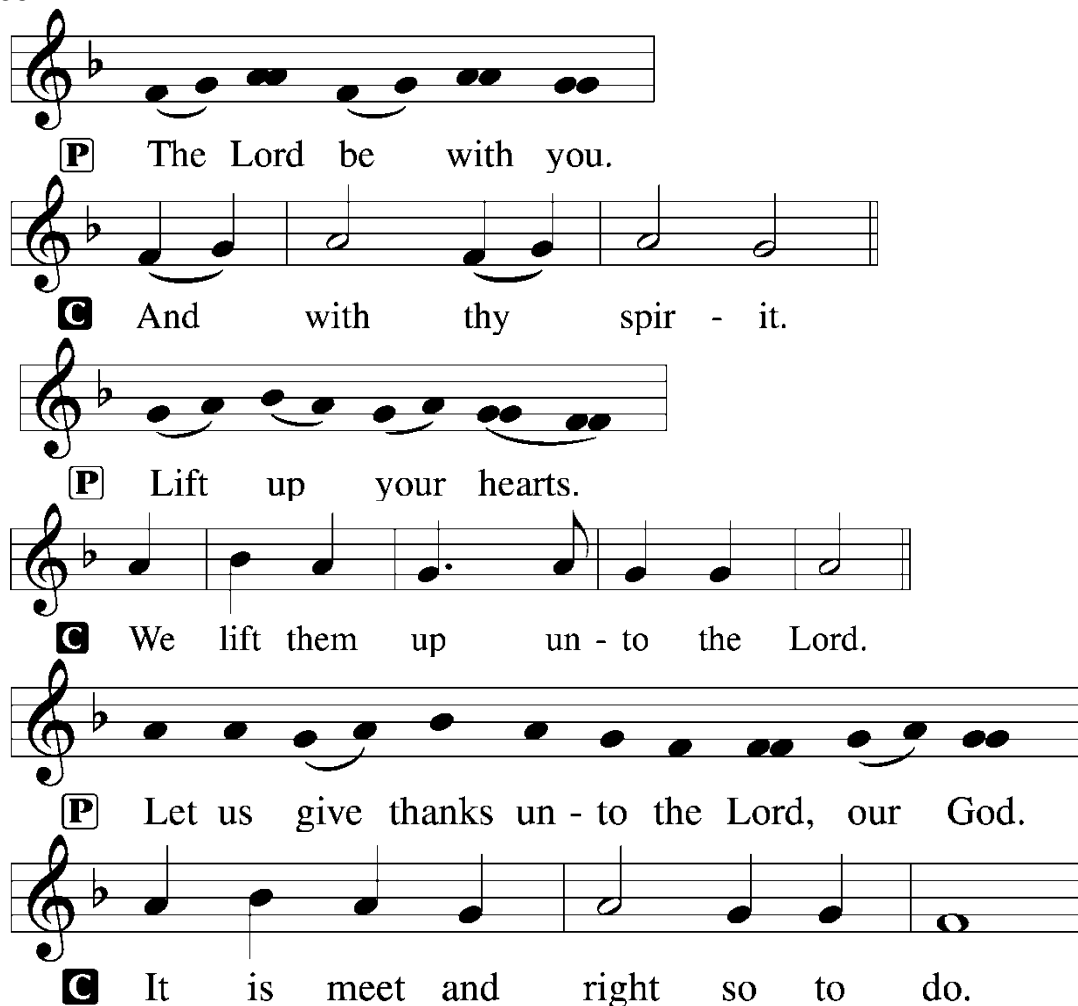
Prayer of the Church



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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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.



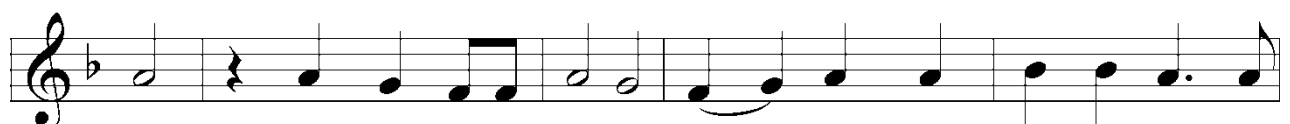
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Agnus Dei

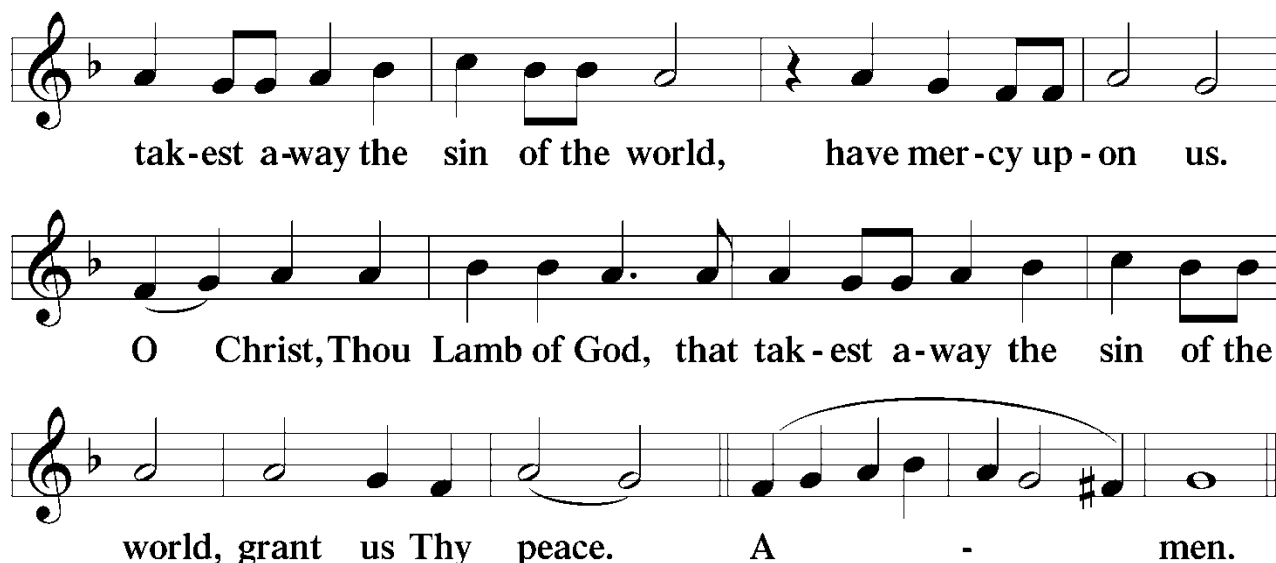
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G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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 | 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

Distribution Hymn | 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Distribution Hymn | 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Stand

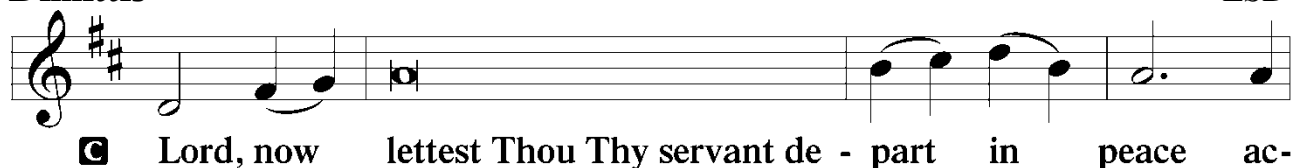
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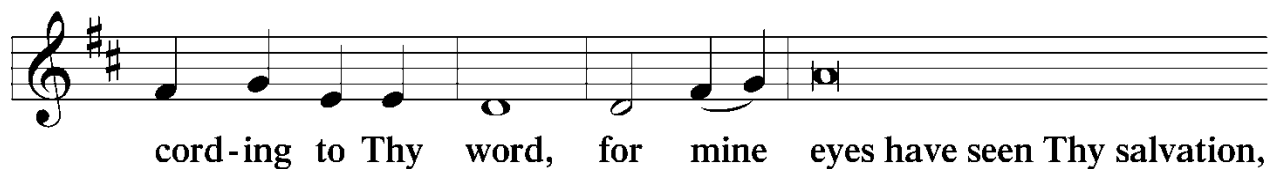
P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

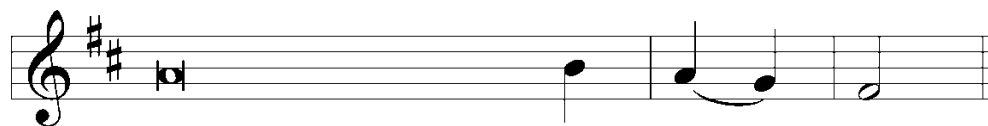
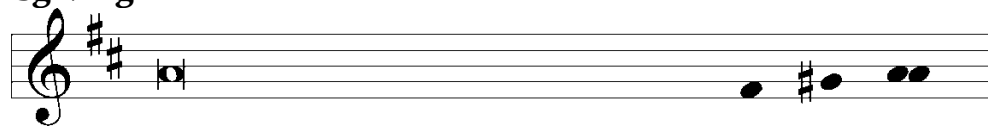
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Thanksgiving

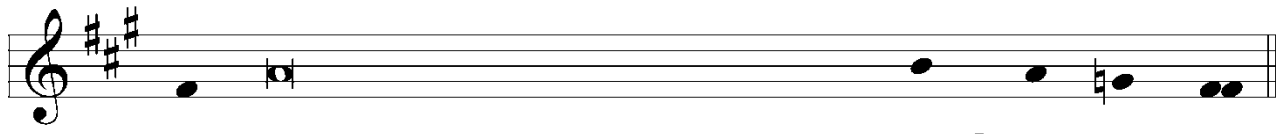
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Post-Communion Collect

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.





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



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

Hymn to Depart | 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Catechesis on the Way: Faith, Forgiveness, and the New Obedience

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 17:1-10

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against '**temptations to sin**' [Verse 1]. The literal translation of that word is '**stumbling blocks**.' What is a stumbling block? Anything you trip over. A rock in the path. A shoe in the hallway. A matchbox car on the stairs. Jesus is calling us to watch our words and actions so that we do not peer-pressure our neighbors to sin. He wants us to guard our doctrine and life. He doesn't want anything taught in the Church that would cause our neighbor to believe false doctrine or lies. He doesn't want our behavior—our words and actions—to harm our neighbor's conscience or prevent good works. So examine yourselves carefully: is your presence in another person's life encouraging them on the way of holiness, or preventing them? A millstone awaits the neck of the person who offends the faith of one of our Lord's little ones. Heavy law to be sure, but a much-needed warning. We all influence others whether we are conscious of it or not. This is a call to be holy influences to others.

Jesus turns to our neighbors who sin against us [Verses 3-4]. **If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him...**our lives are to be about the holy task of doing the Lord's mercy—of constantly forgiving our neighbors who sin against us, even seven times in one day if that is what is necessary. And why? *Because this is how God in Christ forgives you: endlessly.* One of Luther's favorite Proverbs was **The righteous falls seven times** [in a day]...(24:16). We are sinners by nature, even after baptism. Because of our sinful nature, our desires, thoughts, words, and actions are soiled with sin, even as Christians. But the full Proverb says, **The righteous falls seven times** [in a day] **and rises again.** What does this mean? To fall is to sin. To rise again is to be restored to God through the forgiveness of sins, the Absolution. And so seven times a day we sin against God. But seven times a day, God forgives our sins. And more than seven. Endlessly. (Seven: a biblical number for totality, perfection.) And thus, the Lord calls us to forgive others as he forgives us: endlessly, and without fail.

Now, the Apostles hear this and say, **Increase our faith!** [Verse 5] That is to say, “Lord, if you expect us to be as merciful to our neighbors as you, you’d better give us a whole lot more faith than we have now!” Jesus replies, **If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea!” And it would obey you.** [V6] The size of your faith is not what matters. What matters is what your faith is *in*. Example: If I fall off a cliff and grab onto a branch, it doesn’t matter whether my faith in that branch is big or small. All that matters is *how strong the branch is*. If the branch is strong, I am saved. If it is weak, I fall and die. So, even if your faith is mustard-seed-sized tiny, it is still a great faith if it is founded upon Christ. He is the object of faith and even when our faith is weak, he is strong. Don’t look at your faith because your faith is not in your faith: how much you have, whether it is growing or shrinking, etc. Your faith is in Christ. Look outside yourself to him.

In the last part of the reading, our Lord is catechizing us on how we should think about ourselves. Read verses 7-10. With these words, the Lord is counseling us toward *humility*. Humility is a forgotten virtue. The culture in which we live preaches against humility. It tells us that we should have high self-esteem, that we should cultivate a positive self-image, that we should think highly of ourselves. Jesus says the opposite. Even when we have done all that God has asked of us (if that were even possible!), our self-confession still has to be, **we are unworthy servants**. Why? Even our faithful works are tainted by sin, selfishness, etc. By works of the Law no one will be justified in God’s sight. But the Gospel says we are saved by grace through faith in the blood of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. The Gospel leaves no room for boasting, arrogance, pride, or self-righteousness. The Gospel proclaims a righteousness we haven’t earned or merited, but that which is freely given in Jesus. Our Savior Jesus lived the life we should have lived, and he died the death we deserved. So be humble. We deserve nothing. But also, be confident and joyful. In Christ, we have been given everything.

Announcements

St. Paul

Visitation. Today is a formal visitation of our parish. We welcome The Rev. Samuel Wirgau, pastor of Bethlehem, Ossian, and the Circuit Visitor for our Decatur Circuit, Indiana District, LCMS, who joins us in worship today. The circuit visitors are tasked with conducting visitations of all synod parishes to assess the welfare of congregations and their pastors. **To this end, we ask that the members of the Church Council meet with Rev. Wirgau in the 7th Grade Sunday School classroom at 10:15AM today for a brief meeting.** Thank you.

Adult Catechism. Would you like to join St. Paul as a communicant member? Pastor Yeager is looking to form a group for adult catechism classes toward Confirmation. At this time, we have no dates/times for meeting in mind. But please speak to Pastor if you think you are ready to take this step toward membership in our congregation.

Church Directory. Appointments for pictures on Friday and Saturday (10/10-10/11) are completely full. There are a few openings on 10/9 remaining, but I do realize many of you

cannot make this time/date work for your schedule. What to do if you do not have an appointment? There are a couple options:

1. Call 419-522-5011 to see if there are any photo shoots going on in the Ft. Wayne area that you might join. The company invites you to come to ANOTHER photo shoot at another Church if you'd like, and your pictures will still be included in our directory.
2. Pay \$15 to have a pre-existing picture added to our directory. We are not at this step yet, so when we get there, I will let you know how this is done.

Help needed. We are looking for volunteers to be present on Thursday-Saturday during the photo shoot at St. Paul, to help check in families. We need two members present in the fellowship hall at all times. If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time to help people get checked in, please talk to a member of the Ladies Aid. They have a schedule going.

Voters Assembly at **7PM October 21st** in the fellowship hall. To open the meeting, Scott Schumacher, the district representative for the SGO program, will be present to speak to our congregation. This portion of the meeting is open to all members who would like to learn more about the SGO program. We should also note that SGO giving at St. Paul for the year is UP SUBSTANTIALLY. Our average annual SGO giving was usually in the \$20/30K range. This year, we have received over \$55K in SGO funds from our faithful members. This is wonderful! Please keep up your giving, which benefits 1. Our Church, 2. Our school, 3. You, on your state and now federal taxes. If you would like to learn more about SGO giving, please join us.

St. Paul, Preble Bazaar. The Ladies Aid of St. Paul, Preble will be hosting our Autumn Bazaar and Bake Sale on **Saturday, November 15th from 10:30AM to 1PM** in the fellowship hall. As in the past, we will be serving a luncheon with homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Also available are homemade noodles (!), decorated Christmas cookies, and the cookie corner along with a variety of baked goods. All are welcome to come and enjoy fine food and fellowship! Kelly Todd, St. Paul Ladies Aid.

Marcia Selking has relocated to room 963 at Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer Ave.

Wyneken

Now Accepting Snow Removal Bids:

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is accepting snow removal bids for the 2025-2026 school year. Bids should include the following:

Parking Lot

Per occurrence rate for 2" to 5"; Per occurrence rate for 5.1" to 8"; Per hour rate for over 8"

Sidewalks

Per occurrence rate for 2" to 5" plus ice melt; Per occurrence rate for 5.1" to 8" plus ice melt; Per hour rate for over 8" plus ice melt

Other

Ice melt application to parking Lot; To apply salt during snow event cost; To apply salt only event cost

Snow removal is to occur anytime school or daycare is in session – lot will need to be cleared by 6:00am. The school may also call you for special circumstances of less than 2” at our discretion. All bids shall be returned to the school office or current school board member by Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 – 3:30 pm

Youth

Amazing Fall Fun, October 19, 2-6PM. Corn Maze and more at Amazing Fall Fun, Indiana’s largest corn maze and many other attractions await. In Waterloo. Bring \$10 and a friend at 2PM to the Wyneken parking lot. Parents, please contact your pastor if you are willing to drive.

Trunk or Treat. 5:30PM October 25th in the Wyneken parking lot. Join us for an evening of fun: free chili and hot dogs, trunk or treating, games and prizes for best dressed trunk. Interested in hosting a trunk? Email Jani Thieme at jani@minnickservices.com. If you would like to help by donating candy please drop that off at the School Office.

Community

Zion Friedheim fundraiser to benefit Heidi Wilkinson. Heidi is the daughter of Michelle Knipstein (Mrs. Gary) and is a member of Zion Friedheim. The fundraiser will be held at Zion-Friedheim’s Family Life Center on **Saturday, October 11, from 4 – 7 p.m.** The menu for the meal is your choice of pork or Swiss steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and a drink. Presale tickets are available for \$15 (there may not be any tickets sold at the door) and should be purchased by October 7. Tickets contact Scott Christner at 260-223-1685.

St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Anniversary Church Dinner. Dine-In or Drive-Thru Available.
When: Sunday, October 12th, 2025 10:00am-1:00pm. **Where:** St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Church 1033 E. 1100 N. Decatur, IN 46733 **Menu:** *Swiss Steak / Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Role, Dessert, Drinks.* **Price:** Adults - \$12, Children 12 and under - \$6.00.

Rummage Sale. Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest), 9909 Wayne Trace, Fort Wayne, will be having their Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on **Friday, October 17th, from 10am-6pm and on Saturday, October 18th, from 8am-noon.** Bag Sale will be on Saturday, 1 paper grocery bag for \$2, or 1 13 gal. garbage bag for \$5.

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.

Sing in the Seminary Choir. CTS invites signers from area congregations to participate in the Good Shepherd Institute hymn festival this November. This year’s hymn festival is **Monday, November 10, at 7:30pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St.** There are several practices in October at St. Paul’s. If interested in further details, Pastor Yeager has details a full letter for anyone interested. Talk to him today.

Prayer of the Church

- +**Those Who Rejoice:** Kennedy Gerig on her Baptism and Confirmation Day.
- +**Those who give thanks:** Jeff Bulmahn, for a positive diagnosis.
- +**Sick and Recovering:** Marcia Selking, Cindy Gallmeyer.
- +**Our teachers:** Mrs. Courtney Butcher, staff, students, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Halei Faurote; Taylor Selking; Maddie McCullough.
- +**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Gene Bulmahn (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).
- +**Birthdays 10/6—10/12.** Corey Bulmahn, Hannah Faurote, Breanna Strome.

Acolytes 10/5

8AM Chase Baker

10:15AM Walt Nussbaum

Attendance

Wednesday, September 24 25

Sunday, September 28 8AM 99

10:15AM 95

Stewardship for 9/21/25

Offering: \$6,888.96

Online Offering: \$1,086.21

Total for the week: \$7,975.17

vs. weekly goal: -\$2,786.04

vs. Year to Date: -\$97,582.88

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 5

8AM The 17th Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.

9:15AM Bible Class, Sunday School, Confirmation

10:15AM The 17th Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.

11:30AM Lutheran Lads Greek Study

Tuesday, October 7

9:30AM Assn. Bible Class, St. John Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 8

7PM Vespers, Choir Practice

Thurs-Sat Oct 9-11

Church Directory Photos, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 12

8AM The 18th Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.

9:15AM Bible Class, Sunday School, Confirmation

10:15AM The 18th Sunday after Pentecost—Matins

11:30AM Lutheran Lads Greek Study

Prayers at the Sacrament of the Altar

Before receiving the BODY OF CHRIST, pray:

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” *Matthew 8:8*

Before receiving the BLOOD OF CHRIST, pray:

“I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.” *Psalms 116:13*

After receiving the Sacrament, pray the **ANIMA CHRISTI**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee
forever and ever. Amen.

