

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pentecost 11 August 24, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

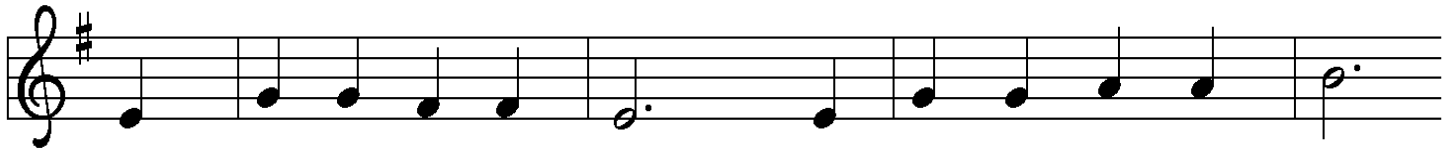
C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE *(vs. 1 & 4)*

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 103:1-8

(Refrain: The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C ⁴ who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; *(Refrain)*

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

C ⁶ O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

C ⁸ LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Refrain)

(Refrain: The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”

²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one

who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan

bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Augie Bauer

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 351 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. *(We pray especially for Joe Alles, Zach Andry, Ron Bauer, Judy Beckman, Karen Bettag, Clint Breitweiser, Martha Buchta, Angie Danzer, Anja Greulich, Brenda, Courtney Hagedorn Drew, Juanita Hembree, Lana Hoffman, Ann Hopf, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Larry Lorey, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Verse 1 only)*

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.

Amen

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.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✝ bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 559 “O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Tim & Julie Hoffman
Comm. Asst: Brandie Beck
Video: Amy Beckman
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Marie Neukam
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Brandon Buse

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 155 SS:



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 24th – Aug 31th

Sun. Aug 24th 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
(no communion)

Sun. Aug. 31st 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA will be making ham salad Sept. 16th and 17th with pick-up on the 17th and 18th. Volunteers are needed to help make and sell the ham salad. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping. We have a great time while making money for the church.

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The Jesus Bags have been refreshed, cleaned out, and filled with new items for the children!

- **Blue and green bags** include items geared toward boys' interests.
- **Pink and yellow bags** include items geared toward girls' interests.

We invite families to pick up a bag for their child to enjoy during worship.

-Stephanie Stemle

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Last chance to buy raffle tickets!

- A Sacred Place -



FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PAUL'S
A BASKET RAFFLE

To support the efforts to reach our church's fundraising goals for the Sacred Places Project, a basket raffle will be held now through Sunday, August 24th. Baskets will be available to view/tickets for purchase every Sunday after church and at Trivia Night until 8/24.

Raffle tickets are priced as follows:

1 ticket = \$1.00
6 tickets = \$5.00
25 tickets = \$20.00

Please note: In accordance with Indiana state raffle laws,
cash is required for ticket purchases.

Thank you for your continued support—we appreciate your help in making the Sacred Places Fundraiser a success!

A variety of baskets will be available including a Grilling Basket, Farm-Fresh Goods Basket, Game Night Basket, Downtown Merchants Basket, and a Family Bowling Night Basket. If you'd like to donate a basket, please contact Amy Beckman.





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

During the month of August, St. Paul's will begin collecting school kits to support the Lutheran World Relief. These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Please give only new items with no messages or symbols (religious, military, etc.). Drawstring backpacks will be provided.

*Take advantage of the back-to-school sales and shop NOW!

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 1/2" eraser



St. Paul's Sunday School Kick-Off Day

YOUTH ART SALE



When: Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 10:00

Where: Welcome Center

Who: All church members

What: Browse/Purchase children's painted canvases

Proceeds will go towards Sunday School with 10% given to the
Basement Renovation Project

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2025

9/14

Kick-Off Day: Youth Art Show

9/21

PreK-1st: Welcome Day: Intro + Routines

2nd-6th: Welcome Day: Intro + Routines

9/28

PreK-1st: Jesus Calls Disciples

2nd-6th: David as King





the GREAT GETAWAY RAFFLE

\$25/Ticket
Limit 1,500 Chances

Drawing on September 27th at the DC Multisport Pickleball Tournament at Bohnert Park in Jasper, IN.

4 PRIZES. 4 WINNERS.
Four lucky winners will be drawn – and each will select their prize based on the order drawn.

LICENSE #14824
Cash or check made payable to Crisis Connection. Must be 18 years or older to purchase ticket. Crisis Connection employees, board members and their immediate family members living in the same household are not eligible to win. Getaways expire December 31, 2026. Owners determine weeks of availability. Winner pays prize taxes. Need not be present to win. License and additional information on file at Crisis Connection.

COLUMBIA FALLS, MT
Home donated by Katie + Jared Pfaff

Up to a 6-night stay in an amazing 4-bedroom home nestled in the Montana mountains + \$400 gift card



MIRAMAR BEACH, FL
Home donated by Brenda + Andy Welsh

Up to a 7-night stay in a beautiful 2-bedroom ocean view Florida condo + \$400 gift card



LAS VEGAS, NV
Corporate Sponsors

2-night stay in 4-star hotel on the Las Vegas Strip, plus 2 tickets to a concert of your choice at the Sphere Las Vegas + \$400 gift card



STAY + PLAY LOCAL
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2-night stay at French Lick Hotel
4 Wilstem tickets, 4 Big Splash tickets,
2 Holiday World tickets,
\$150 gift card, \$100 Butcher & Barrel,
\$50 Emerald Greens
\$50 The Broken Tee, \$50 The Grind



PURCHASE TICKETS
through any Crisis Connection Board Member or volunteer:

THANK YOU to our corporate sponsors.





Linda Bawel	Dean Merder
Elizabeth Begle	Jason Nord
Katherine Bender	Wendi Rich
Deidra Church	Devin Springston
Lisa Fleck	Channing Ziegler
Renee Kabrick	

Crisis Connection is here for our neighbors in times of need, offering compassionate support, advocacy, and resources to those facing domestic violence, sexual assault, and other life challenges. ❤️

Want to join in making a difference?
Purchase a Great Getaway Raffle ticket
and help support their mission!

Contact Board Members, Deidra Church or Renee Kabrick to buy a ticket. They can accept cash, checks made payable to Crisis Connection, or Venmo.



BAND TOGETHER AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

SEPT. 19TH
5:30PM
JASPER RIVER
CENTER

FEATURED MUSIC BY

**JON &
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**STUDEBAKER & FRIENDS
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FAMILY FRIENDLY
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the *Lord*
is my
Strength
and my
Shield

Psalm 28:7