

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✙ one God whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

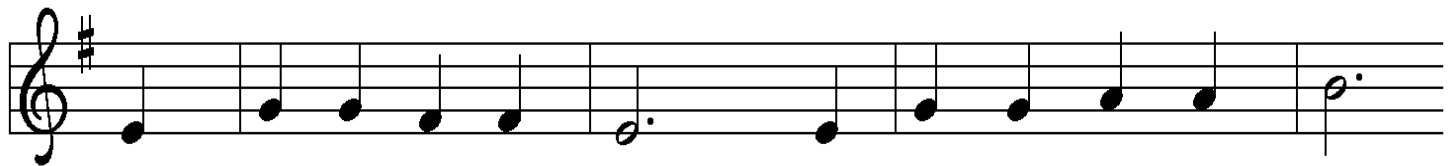
C Amen.

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)*



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



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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both

body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

(Refrain: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C ⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works. *(Refrain)*

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. *(Refrain)*

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

C ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever. *(Refrain)*

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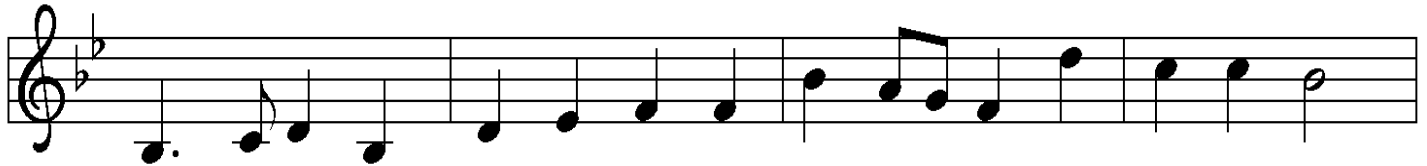
SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now

late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/NEW DRIVER BLESSING

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

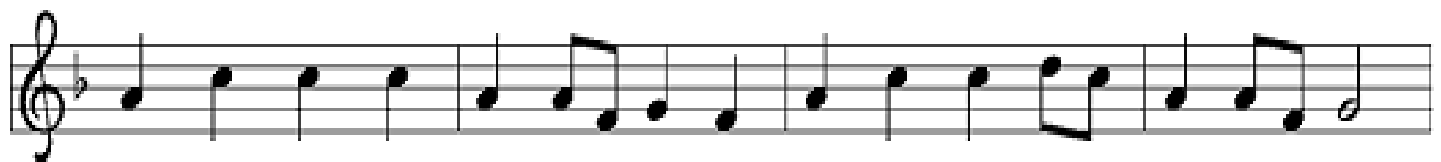
ELW 461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. *(We pray especially for Bryan Buchta, Keith Freyberger, Radus Hembree, Juanita Hembree, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Dennis Neukam, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, the family and friends of Sue Neukam and Brendon Gutgsell and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* 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 Himself and Cooper Uebelhor.*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts

of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

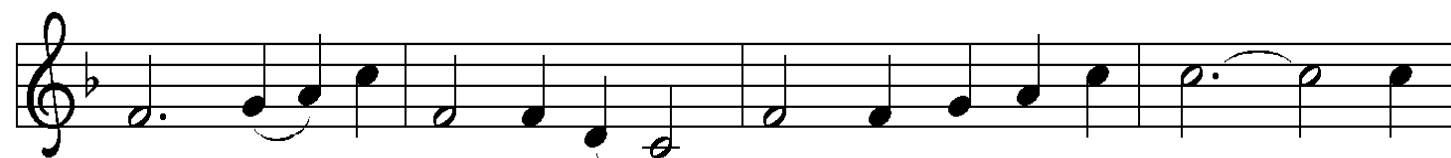
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 235 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

LBW 423 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

LBW 214 "Come, Let Us Eat"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Verse 1 Only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

**We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment
we have received at your banquet table. Send us
now to spread your generosity into all the world,**

through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God ✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to
the end of the age.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 469

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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: Erin Kellar & Family
Comm. Asst: Bryan Fehribach
Video: Lori Keller
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Kathy Jarboe
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Lillian Potts & Anna Ruhe

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 147 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Aug. 6th – Aug. 13th, 2023

Sun. Aug. 6 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Blessing of the Backpacks/New Drivers)</i>
Sun. Aug. 13 th	8:15 AM	Evangelism Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Heritage Sunday)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in remembrance of Doug Church's birthday by John & Martha Church.

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For those walking in the Strassenfest Parade, please arrive at our line-up point by 12:30 PM (*which is located on the North side of 15th Street between Mill and Dewey Streets*). We are entry #20. Even if you didn't sign-up beforehand, it's not too late to join us! Everyone is welcome to participate!

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BUDGET TIME

It is once again budget time for church committees. Your 2024 committee budgets need to be turned into the church office no later than September 1st. If you have questions concerning the budgets, please contact Todd Popp.

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Kick off the school year right!

We would like to invite all students and teachers to bring your backpacks, totes or briefcases with you to church on Sunday, August 6th at 9:00 AM to have them blessed!

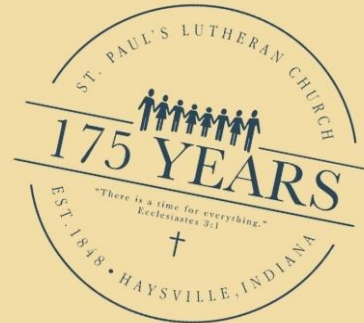


NEW DRIVER BLESSING



In conjunction with the Blessing of Backpacks, we will also be acknowledging and blessing the new drivers of our congregation. If your child has recently received or will be receiving their drivers license this year, please have them join us on Sunday, August 6th.

"There is a time for everything." And it's officially time for a ...



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



AUG 19, 2023



DOORS OPEN - 6:30 PM | TRIVIA BEGINS - 7:00 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is celebrating 175 years as a congregation!
The Church's Evangelism Committee invites you to join them for a night
of trivia to help celebrate this great milestone.

Teams of 6 - \$30 per team | Pre-Registration is Required
Space is limited - registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
Raffle prizes throughout the night | Snacks & Drinks available
Cash donations will be made to the charity of choice for top 3 teams!

**RSVP with team name (please keep church appropriate), team captain name
and contact information, and team's charity of choice to
StPaulsEvangelism@gmail.com or 812-827-0552**

Pay night of event or mail check made payable to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church to
556 West Haysville Rd, Jasper, IN 47546

**St. Paul's Members: You will have the first chance to
reserve your team's place after church on July 2nd!
Reservations will be open to the public starting July 3rd.**

SCHOOL KITS

St. Paul's will begin collecting for school kits, for the Lutheran World Relief, through the entire month of August. Look for the display in welcome area. Take advantage of the back-to-school sales and shop now! These supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not.

Items to include in each School Kit:



×4 Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



×1 One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



×1 One pencil sharpener



×1 One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



×5 Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



×5 Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



×1 One box of 16 or 24 crayons



×1 One 2½" eraser

Guidelines:

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

July 27, 2023
Thank you, Ladies, for so lovingly
quilting the warm & cozy blankets
and donating them to warm
people like me in an air condit-
ioned environment! This week I
visited a doctor at Memorial
Family Health. Though the
temp was near 90° outside, I was
shivering inside. The nurse then
brought in one of your sweet
blankets to warm me.

Your kindness has not gone unnoticed—

The Lord sees and so do I!

In His Love,
Amelia J. Harris - age 91

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

GALATIANS 5:22, 23 KJV

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Are you missing a coat/jacket? Please check the coat
room as we have 8-10 jackets hanging that have not
been claimed.
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EMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH

Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, September 17th at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Tim Kraemer of Christ Lutheran will conduct the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated during the service. After the service, there will be a carry-in meal in the old schoolhouse. The public is invited to come and join the activities at the old Hill Church.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

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Virginia Beach, VA
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