

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



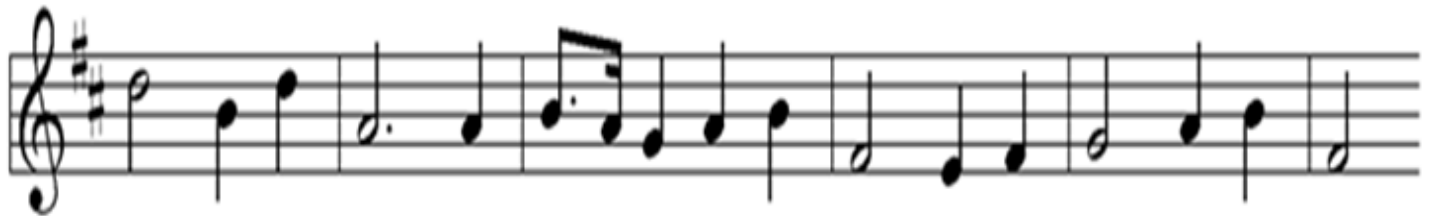
Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through

the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

(Refrain: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *(Refrain)*

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Refrain)*

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SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example,

so that you should follow in his steps. ²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

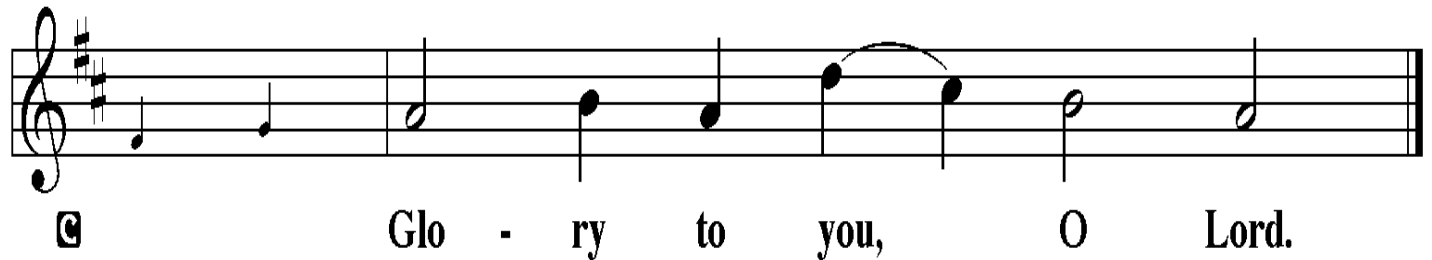


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

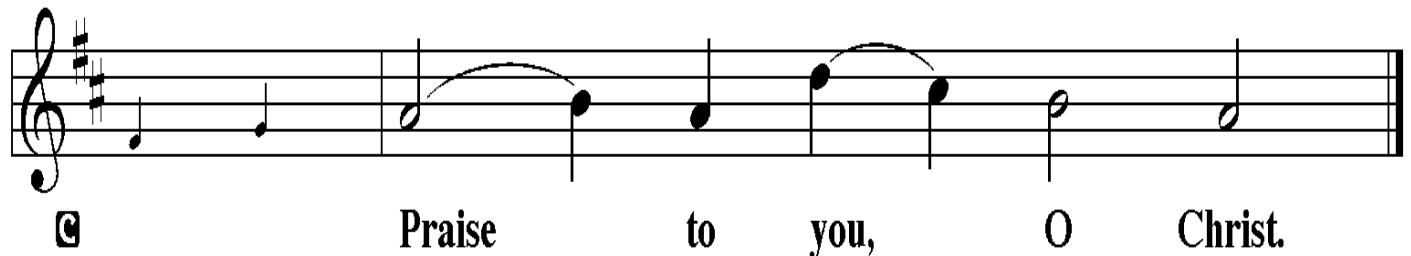
GOSPEL: John 10:1-10



[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief

comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

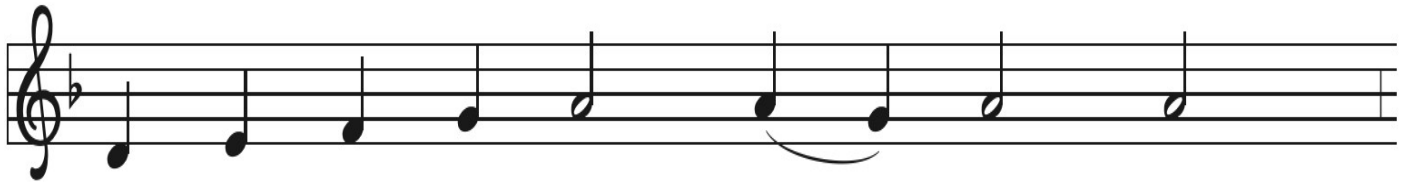
You Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



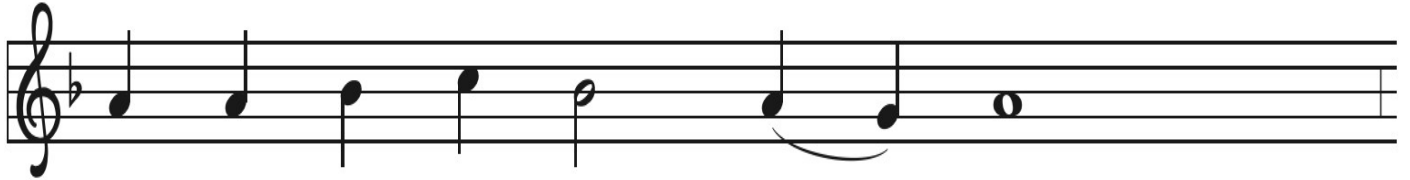
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



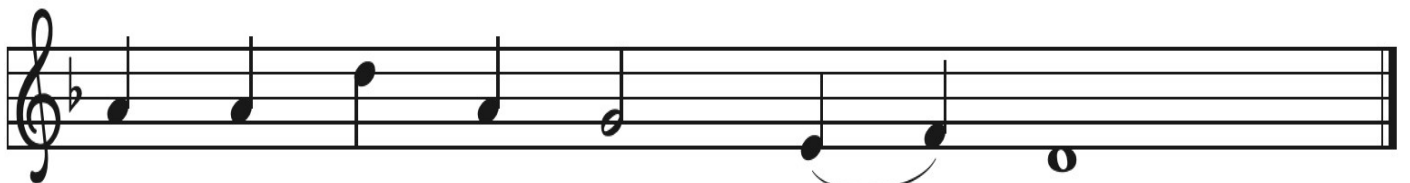
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your

church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. *(We pray especially for Alexis, Brenda, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Leroy, Wilma Buchta, Amy DeKemper, Elizabeth Hansen, Alice June Harker, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Barb Mehringer, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Christine Probst, Doris Salmon,*

Annette Schepers, JoAnn Schnarr, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Patricia Sendelweck, Bob Shelton, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

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, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

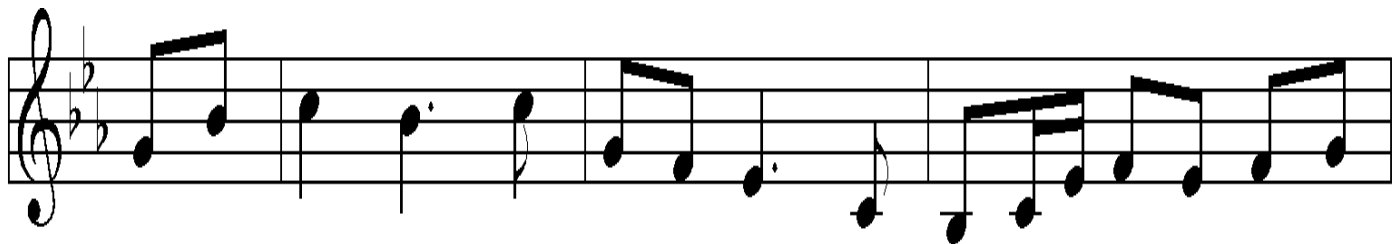
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



☪ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary

Magdalene and Peter and all witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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



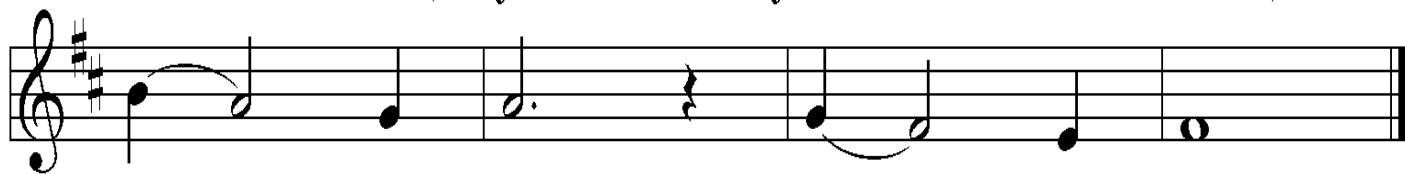
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 196 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

LBW 481 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LBW 451 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



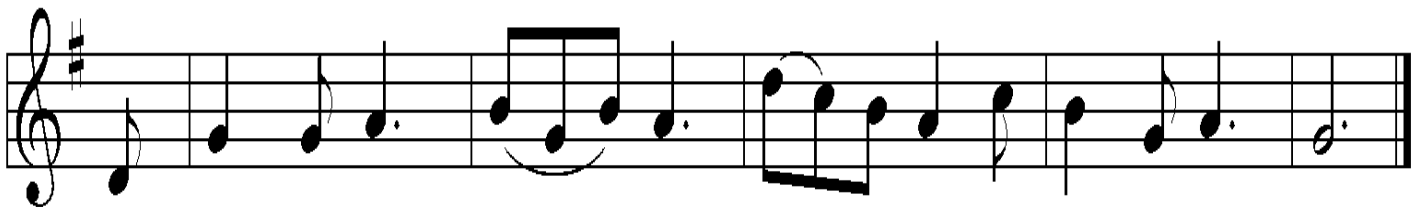
☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Gracious God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 479 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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: Ron & Debbie Bauer
Comm. Asst: Tina Terwiske
Video: Lori Keller
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Doug Wiseman
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Chloe Beck
Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd and Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 136 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 26th – May 3rd

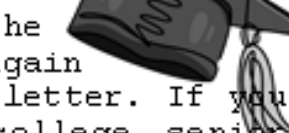
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| Sun. April 26 th | 8:00 AM | Chancel Choir |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i> |
| Wed. April 29 th | 6:30 PM | Handbells |
| Sun. May 3 rd | 8:00 AM | Chancel Choir |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service <i>(End of Year Sunday School party following communion until 10:30 AM)</i> |
| | 10:30 AM | Azaela Path Outing |

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

An outing to the Azalea Path in Pike and Gibson County is planned for Sunday, May 3. The trip is open to all members and guests of St. Paul's. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30AM. The cost of the tour is \$5 per person, payable upon entering the garden. Wearing comfortable pair of walking shoes is recommended. After the tour, lunch will be enjoyed at Applebee's in Jasper for all interested. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center so an estimated number of attendees is known. Questions can be directed to Barb Schnarr or Marie Neukam.

A graphic for 'Bright Futures' scholarships. It features the text 'BRIGHT FUTURES' in large, bold, grey letters. Below it, 'SCHOLARSHIP' is written in a smaller font next to a graduation cap icon. The main text reads: 'Scholarship applications for seniors are located at the visitors Center. Due on May 10th.'

BRIGHT FUTURES
SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship applications for seniors
are located at the visitors Center.
Due on May 10th.



St. Paul's will be doing the **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT** section again this year in the June newsletter. If you have a high school or college senior graduating in 2026, please submit a small article with a picture by May 10th. Pictures and articles can be submitted by hard copy or email. Please bring them to the church office or email them to:
secretaryst.paul@frontier.com



In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser

AMC Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

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23rd Annual
Chalk
WALK

May 16th at Thyen-Clark Cultural
Center from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM
<https://www.jasperarts.org/chalkwalk>

Vacation Bible School 2026

Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23



St. Paul's, Christ, Redeemer and St. John's Lutheran Churches invite all children of the area to attend Vacation Bible School.

When: June 22-26, 2026 5:30-8:15

Where: St. Paul's Church- Haysville

Who: all are welcome, especially children age 3 through the completion of 6th grade

An evening meal will be served each night

Please be on the lookout for sign-ups (student and volunteer) in upcoming weeks. Reach out to Linda Schmitt at 812-661-0299 for questions and volunteer opportunities.

Please join us for a special event



Senior Social & Resource Day!

You're invited to attend our senior wellness event where you'll enjoy learning from various community partners about aging gracefully together!



Interactive lectures on health-related senior topics



Ideas to promote mental health each day



Community resources, giveaways and door prizes included



Refreshments and beverages will be provided

Come join us...

We'll also have helpful information about health benefits and resources available to you and your family.

DATE:
Saturday
May 2, 2026

TIME:
9:00am - 12:00pm

LOCATION:
Shiloh Church of Jasper
1971 W State Rd 56
Jasper, IN 47546

Reservations appreciated but not required.
Please contact Jennifer Wilson at 812-631-7057.





CELEBRATE MORE

Life

Blood Drive **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
556 W. Haysville Road
Jasper

Wednesday, June 10
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
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of all days
is one
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Daughter.

- e.e. cummings