

St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Pentecost 17*
October 5, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker,
our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the
presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

C come to the aide 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, Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

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

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

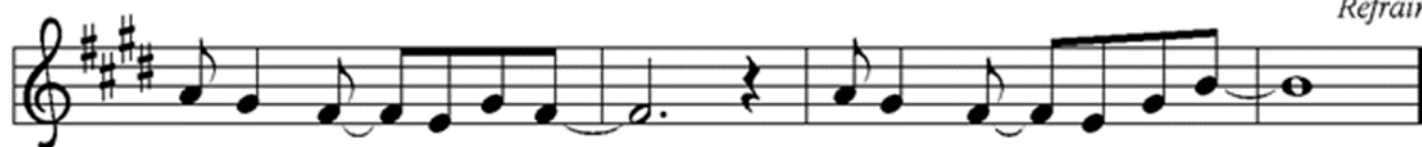


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF CODY RICHARD LICHLYTER

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present *Cody Richard Lichlyter* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P As you support your child in receiving the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help *Cody* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P Do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Parents: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support *Cody* and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED)

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you

took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P *Cody*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WELCOME

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain *Cody* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P *Cody*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parent & Sponsor: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A *Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

❖ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

FIRST READING: Genesis 23:1-4, 24:1-16, 50-66
(Vicky Eisenhut)

¹ Sarah lived one hundred twenty-seven years; this was the length of Sarah's life. ² And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron, in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. ³ Abraham rose up from beside his dead and said to the Hittites, ⁴ "I am a stranger and an alien residing among you; sell me property among you for a burying place, so that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

¹ Now Abraham was old, advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. ² Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, ³ and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, ⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac." ⁵ The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" ⁶ Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do

not take my son back there.⁷ The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there."⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all kinds of choice gifts from his master, and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor.¹¹ He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water; it was toward evening, the time when women go out to draw water.¹² And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.¹³ I am standing here by the spring of water, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water.¹⁴ Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please offer your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant

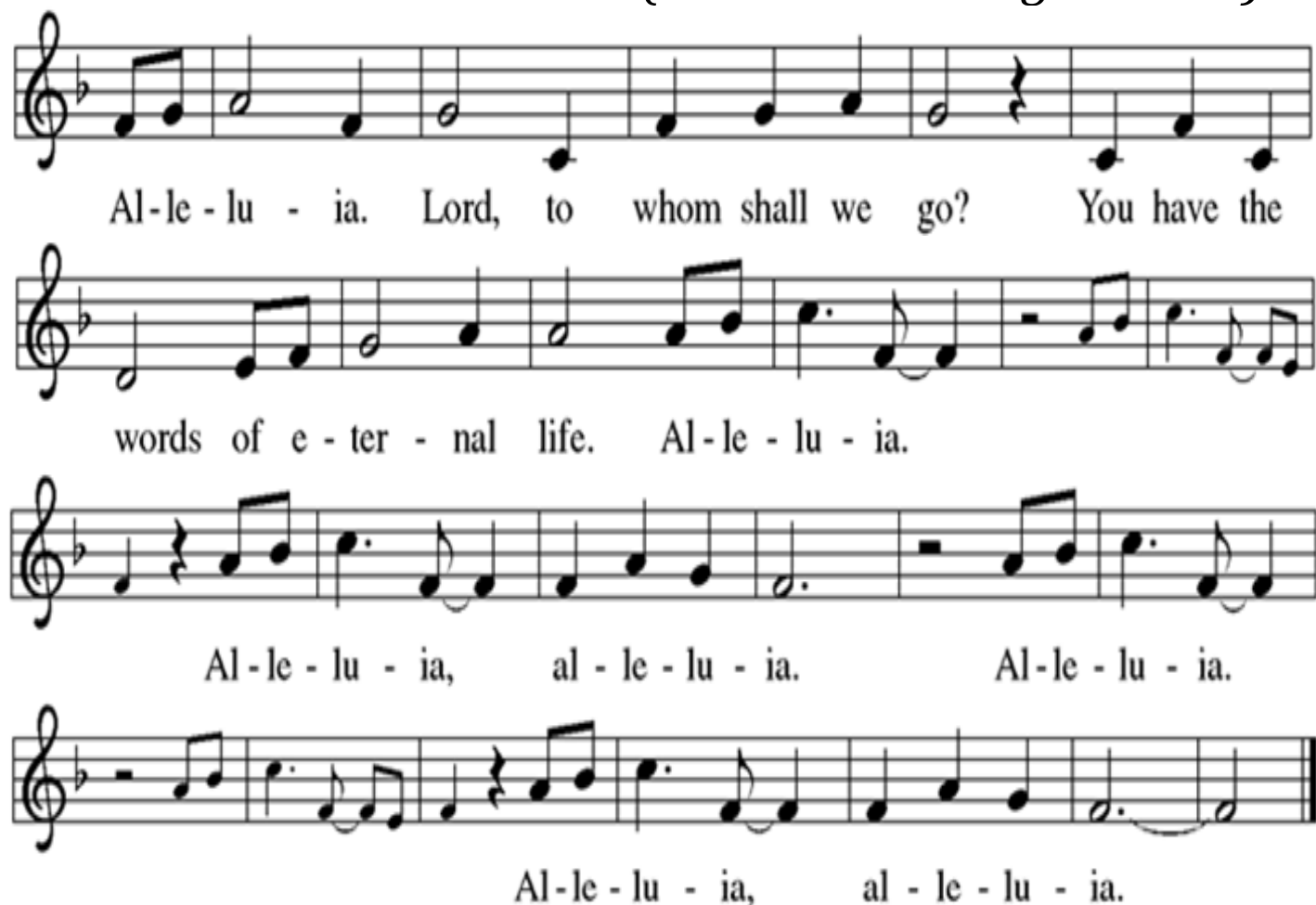
Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.” ¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, there was Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, coming out with her water jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶ The young woman was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no man had known. She went down to the spring, filled her jar, and came up. ⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. ⁵¹ Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.” ⁵² When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold and garments and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, “Send me back to my master.” ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” ⁵⁶ But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the Lord has made

my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷ They said, “We will call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 10-measure organ introduction. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the

field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 554 “This Is My Father’s World”

A TIME OF BLESSING

INSTALLATION OF WELCA OFFICERS

Today we recognize women who have offered themselves for service to God through the ministry of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

President – Kathy Jarboe

Vice President – Cheryl Hauser

Secretary – Jeanne Hoffman

Treasurer – Nancy Freyberger

Program and Fellowship – Marie Neukam & Barb Schnarr

Stewardship and Service – Donna Rasche & JoAnn Schnarr

In Holy Baptism, we are called to a life of faithful service and witness. You have been asked to serve Women of the ELCA as an officer.

Will you give yourself joyfully to this responsibility, offering praise and thanksgiving to God?

Response: I will, with God's help

You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Will you be open to receive the witness of others and to walk with them in a journey of faith?

Response: I will, with God's help

May God, who has chosen you for this task, graciously dwell in you and give you the strength and compassion to fill it.

Will you, as people of God, encourage these leaders by remembering them in prayer and accepting them as partners in the gospel?

Response: We will.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Marie Neukam)

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. *(We pray especially for Joe Alles, Zach Andry, Ron Bauer, Judy Beckman, Karen Bettag, Clint Breitweiser, Martha Buchta, Angie Danzer, Courtney Hagedorn Drew, Juanita Hembree, Brenda, Lana Hoffman, Ann Hopf, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Larry Lorey, Bob Lottes, Zander Mann, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Remington Rainey,*

Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Glen Schmitt, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, John Wessel, family and friends of Bill Leistner, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

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 Himself, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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 your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

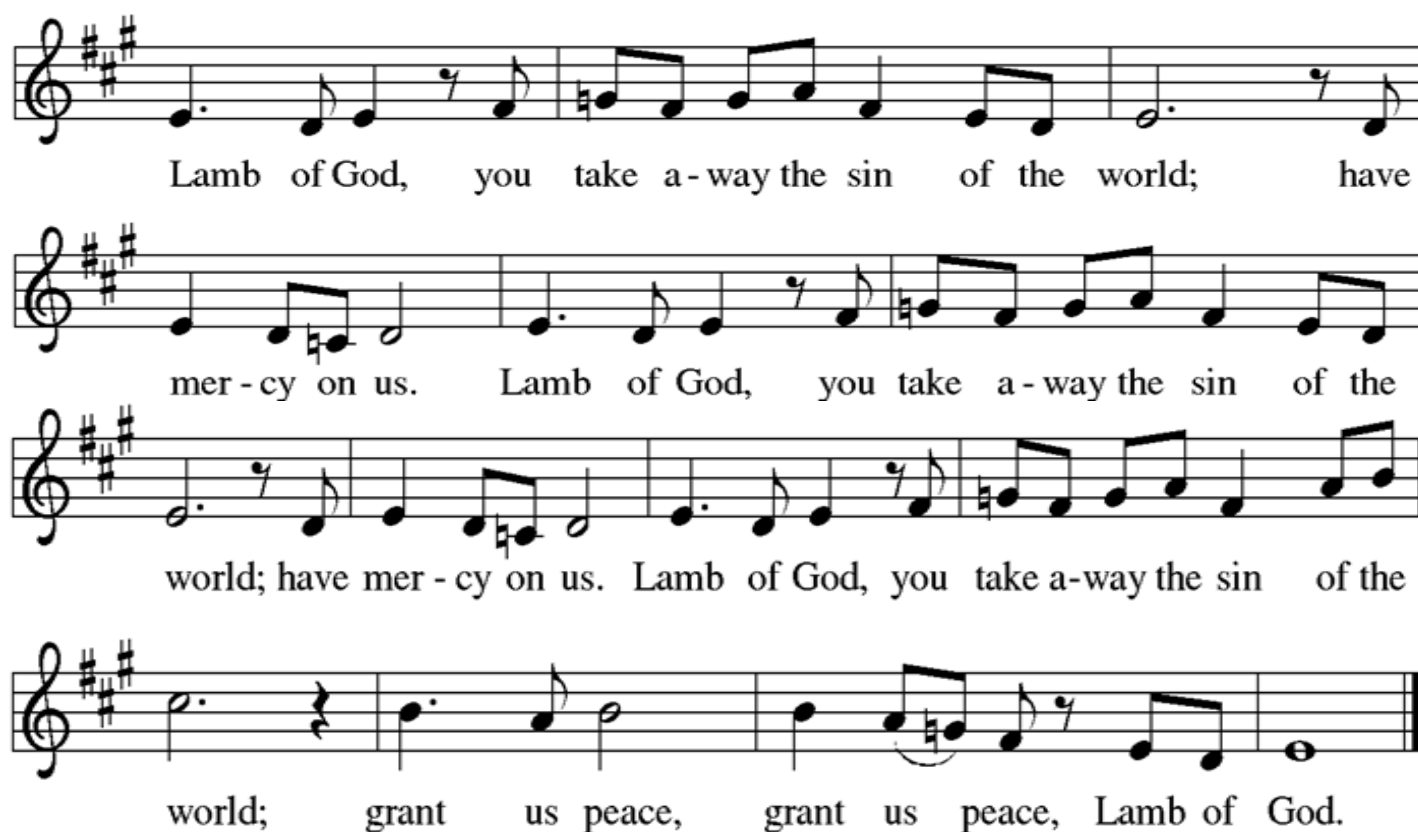
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 324 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

LBW 358 "Glories of Your Name Are Spoken"

LBW 370 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you

run and not be wea - ry. May your



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 501 "He Leadeth Me: Oh Blessed Thought!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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: Hilda Angerer & Mary Ann Kieffner
Comm. Asst: Keith Keller
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Duane Hembree
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Kole Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 171 SS: 14

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Oct 5th – Oct 12th

Sun. Oct 5 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion- 10:30)</i> <i>(Harvest Home Sunday)</i>
Tues. Oct. 7 th	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Oct. 8 th	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thurs. Oct. 9 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	2:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun. Oct 12 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(no communion)</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion- 10:30)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice in the baptism of Cody Richard Lichlyter. Cody is the son of Justin & Jessie Lichlyter. He was born on August 30, 2025 in Jasper, IN. Cody is the little brother of Kate and Mackenzie and grandson of Sheila & the late Gene Birk and Rick & Linda Lichlyter; great-grandmother Bev Lichlyter. His sponsors are Alyssa & Preston Weisheit.

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A note from Pastor Tim:

Thank you to all the birthday acknowledgements offered earlier this week. While I am not active on Facebook, I was still made aware and appreciated the well wishes.

A preview for Sunday's sermon. Last week, we broke down Abraham arguing with God over the fate of Sodom. God not only seemed to permit this but was receptive to the case Abraham presented. Why then, when God instructs Abraham to sacrifice Isaac; Abraham makes no attempt to change God's mind? We will also examine if Ishmael was wronged or if Sarah was right regarding Ishmael's banishment, and the origins of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. (posted on Facebook)

Pastor Ronald Deck passed into eternal rest on September 16, 2025. Funeral services were held at Augustana Lutheran Church in Hobart, IN on September 22, 2025. His wife (Darlene) resides at Brookdale Senior Living in Valparaiso, IN.

-Marie Neukam

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WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2026 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85+, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects.

-Darlene Ziegler, President

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On Wednesday, October 8th at 8:30 AM, the women will be doing the annual kitchen cleaning. Please plan to give a helping hand if you're available. If you have any questions, see Joann Schnarr or Donna Rasche.

On Sunday, October 12th after church, volunteers are needed to load the Lutheran World Relief boxes. We will meet at the east entrance of the church since boxes are in a Sunday room instead of the basement. *-Donna Rasche*

ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INFORMATION!



Our church's membership directory is out of date and we need your help in making sure we have the correct information for you and your family!

Options for entering your information (*and please do enter, even if you think what we have is correct.*):

1. Scan QR code below to take survey
2. Pick up a hard-copy survey and drop it in the box in fellowship hall
3. Visit an Evangelism member with a laptop after service



How to Scan a QR Code

1. Open the camera app on your smartphone.
2. Point the camera steadily at the QR code.
3. A link or notification will appear on your screen.
4. Tap the link to open it.

Deadline to complete: Nov 9

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women of the ELCA will have the shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 12th through Sunday, November 16th. *Grab a shoebox or use an empty cardboard shoebox that you have.* Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

If you don't want to shop, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 16th. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.



WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. **So, be sure to make them ...**

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as ...

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

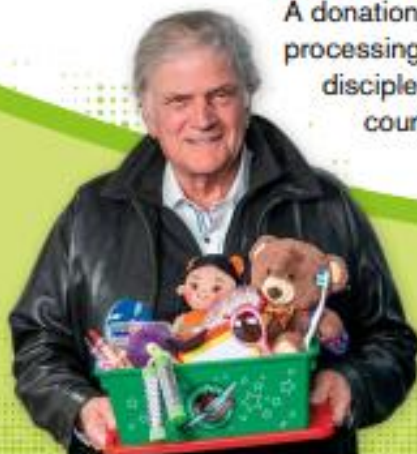
Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering
if certain items
are OK to pack?
**See our gift
suggestions and
search tool:**



WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



**"Shoebox gifts are like
snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2025

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PREK-1ST: JESUS CALLS DISCIPLES
2ND-6TH: KING SOLOMON

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PREK-1ST: JESUS BLESSES CHILDREN
2ND-6TH: JOSIAH

10/19

FALL BREAK: NO CLASS

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FALL FUN ACTIVITY: WHOLE GROUP

Concordia Lutheran Church, 305 Howard Rd, Greenwood IN, hosting its 5th annual gathering of Mission Quilts and Kits for Lutheran World Relief on Friday, October 17, from 10 am to 11:30 am.

For anyone unable to come on that date, the church will accept boxes during the week by appointment. Please call the Ruth Everson (317-530-5761) to arrange a time deliver your donations. If you receive a voice mail, please leave a message and Ruth will get back to you to schedule an appointment. All appointments will be for the morning hours only on Oct 14-16.

From Lutheran World Relief - please bring form with the description of your items and how many boxes you are sending. We are also being asked to print in large letters on each box - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - ITEM AND #. If you still want to put your church name and address on them, no problem.

Thank you for all of your contributions that you have put together this year and safe travel to bring them here. Remember to call to make an appointment beforehand.

Co-chairs - Ruth Everson and Becky Lanning

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AMC Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO



What is Harvest Home and why do the Women of the Church celebrate this Sunday. We as a congregation celebrate Harvest Home on the 1st Sunday of October. Doing so by displaying items grown throughout the year, in gardens, flower beds and fields that we harvest and store for the winter. The Women of the ELCA use this Sunday to install new officers for the coming year and to serve during the worship service.

What is WELCA? WELCA stands for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. All Women of the church are members. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month.

What do they do? Compassionate gestures include making cakes (or pies) for members of the congregation who are 85 and older on their birthdays; visit members that are home bound or in nursing homes; provide funeral dinners; and provide memorial services for women of the church at the funeral home (*if requested*).

We also support charitable organizations such as Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Samaritan's Purse.

◇ 177 Blankets, 47 Personal Care Kits, and 88 School Kits were donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) this year.

◇ 63 shoe boxes were filled and donated in November 2024 to Samaritan's Purse for a total of 1,747 shoeboxes over the past 24 years.

We also make baby quilts for infants given at baptisms and for various organizations, such as Deaconess Memorial Hospital, Memorial Health Family Care, Crisis Connection, Tri-Cap, SWICAC, and Kosairs Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY. 155 baby quilts have been donated since September 2024. Lap blankets for nursing homes and prayer shawls for the ill are also handmade and donated.

Without the many volunteers, donations, and our bi-annual ham salad fundraiser, these projects would not be possible. We appreciate all the help you give as it takes many to do all these things. This is just some of what we do. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Women^{of the} ELCA 
