

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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,



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because

they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 25:1-9

(Refrain: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love.)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. *(Refrain)*

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. ***(Refrain)***

(Refrain: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name

that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a

prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Bishop Timothy Graham*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 480 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guild My Ways”

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who

have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need. *(We pray especially for Judy Kieffner, Gene Mehne, Bob and Edith Nugent, Larry Sendelweck, Audrey Weisheit, Darlene Ziegler, family and friends of Marcella Weisheit, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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 Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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



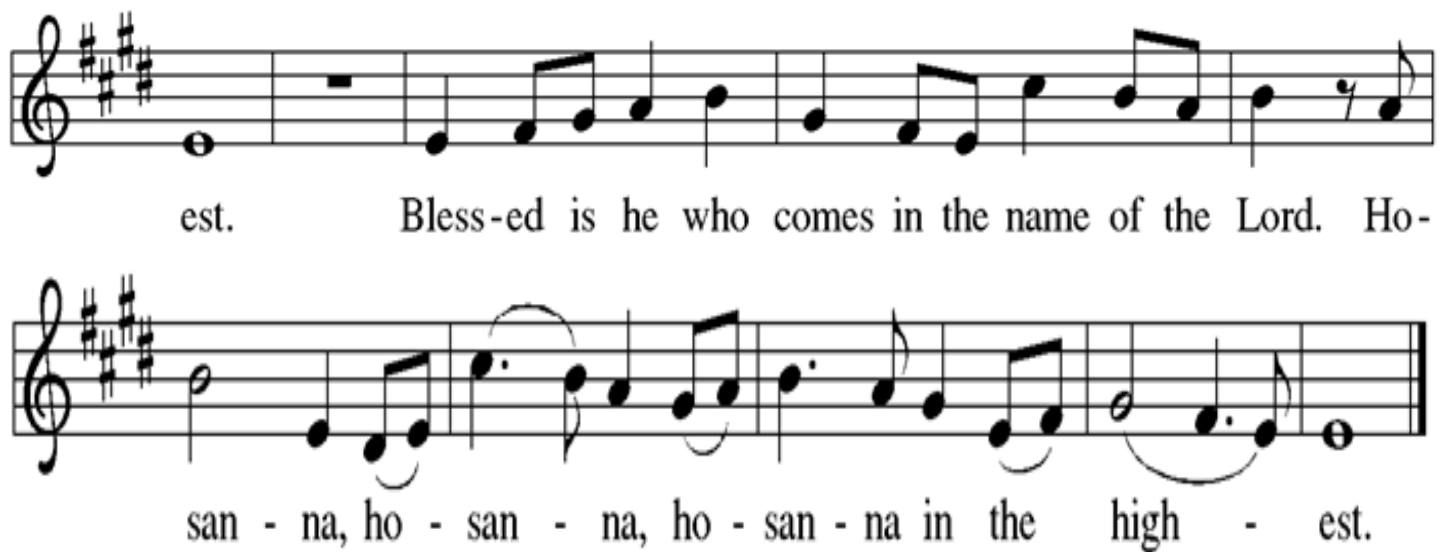
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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 -



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

WOV 780 *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"*

WOV 781 *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

WOV 699 *"Blessed Assurance"*

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 continue to
 give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
 run and not be weary. May your
 life be filled with joy. And may the
 road you travel always lead you home.

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 grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WOV 723 *“The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve”*

DISMISSAL

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ 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: Carl Bauer
Comm. Asst: Debbie Bauer
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Martha Church
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Trace Weisheit

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 164 SS: 23

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Sept. 27th – Oct. 4th

Sun., Sept. 27 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)</i>
Mon., Sept. 28 th	6:00 PM	Safety & Security Meeting
Wed., Sept. 30 th	8:30 AM	annual kitchen cleaning
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Sun., Oct. 4 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		<i>Jackson Joseph Hoffman Baptism</i>
		<i>Harvest Home – Installation of WELCA officers for 2027</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)</i>

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Lana Hoffman, Hester James, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Nancy Krodel, Rex Krodel, Wanda Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Leon Seitz, and Judy Wessel.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Welcome to Bishop Timothy Graham from
Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA!***

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Volunteers are needed today to load the Lutheran World Relief boxes. Please meet after church at the east entrance of the church. Thank you. *-Donna Rasche*
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If you have a college student, please turn his/her address into the office by Oct. 31 so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package.

-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church
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On Wednesday, September 30th at 8:30 AM, WELCA will be doing the annual kitchen cleaning. Please plan to give a helping hand if you're available!
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On Monday, September 28th at 6:00 PM there will be a Safety & Security Meeting. *-Doug Wiseman*
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In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

Virginia Beach, VA
San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO

WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2027 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.

HARVEST HOME DISPLAY

If anyone has any items to bring for the Harvest Home display, please have them to the church by Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM.

Bake Sale:

WELCA will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, October 4th. If anyone in the congregation would like to support and donate baked items or canned items, please bring to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning by 8:30 AM.

-Kathy Jarboe

BAND TOGETHER AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

FAMILY FRIENDLY + FREE ENTRY

FEATURED MUSIC BY
JON & STACEY ARACIA GTP DEBBIE SCHUETTER

**OCT. 10TH
3:00-9:30PM
JASPER RIVER CENTRE**

SWIACC
SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA
CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER COALITION

2026 Haysville Ruritan Raffle Winners

\$500

Mary Lott es

Tisha Billingham

Carl Wening

Pat Nor ehoff

\$250

Lori Steinhart

Shelby Hiatt

\$100

Jason Stenfenagle

Scott Bonert

Brett Dors am

Rick Gibson

Sara Vonderheide

Mason Sermersheim

Kurt Vonderheide

Jeann e Weis man

Jim Bros mer

Brian Dors am

\$50

Dennis Beckman

Devin Stenfenagle

Rick & Carol Kane

Mark Lich lyter

Gregg Lott es

Einlyn Vogler

Steve Pinacker

Marty Beckman

Kevin Helming

Don Vonderheide



ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 2026

9/13

Tie-Dye Kick-Off Day

9/20

Age 3 – 1st: Welcome Day: Intros + Routines

2nd – 6th: Welcome Day: Intros + Routines

9/27

Age 3 – 1st: God Creates the Earth & Us

2nd – 6th: Jesus Feeds 5,000 People



Sunday School October 2026



10/4

Age 3 – 1st: Seventh Day of Rest
2nd – 6th: Backpack Buddies + Memory
Work + Games

10/11



Age 3 – 1st: Adam and Eve Sin
2nd – 6th: Jesus Calms the Storm



10/18

FALL BREAK: NO CLASS

10/25

FALL FUN ACTIVITY: WHOLE GROUP
“We need S’more of Jesus”



Listening Assistance Devices are available for use during our services. These devices can be found in the small bookcase just inside the doors between the Welcome Center and Narthex.

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Are you moving away to go to college and would like a little taste of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See the sign-up form page.)

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Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

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If you **are currently not**, and would like to receive the monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin email, or prayer chain email, please leave this form below in the box outside the church office.

Name _____

- ☐ St. Paul's newsletter, **"The Epistle"**
- ☐ weekly bulletin email
- ☐ weekly prayer list email

(please check selections)

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