St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pentecost 12 August 31, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

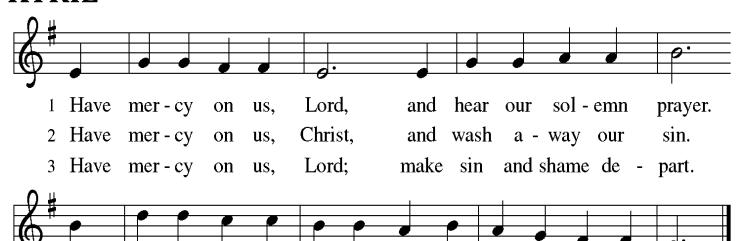
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

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



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)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-20, 13:1-18

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to

the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know well that you are a woman beautiful appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, so that it may go well with me because of you and that my life may be spared on your account." 14 When Abram entered Egypt the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 When the officials of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram, and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys, and camels. ¹⁷ But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her, and be gone." 20 And Pharaoh

gave his men orders concerning him, and they set him on the way with his wife and all that he had.

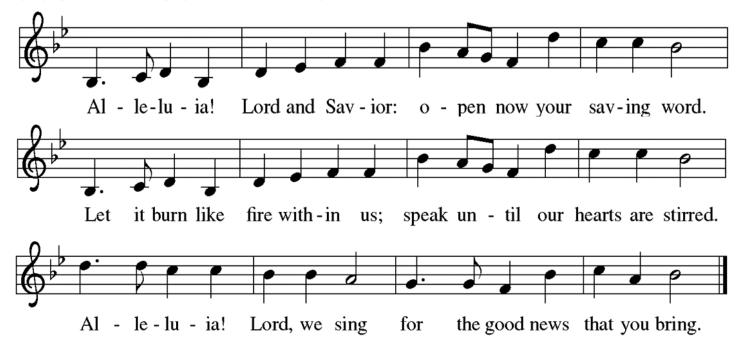
¹ So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had and Lot with him, into the Negeb. ² Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³ He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first, and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. 5 Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, 6 and the land could not support both of them living together because their possessions were so great that they could not live together. ⁷ Thus arose between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land. 8 Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me and between your herders and my herders, for we are kindred. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." 10 Lot looked about him and saw that the plain of the

Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. ¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastward, and they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord. 14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are

invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Timothy Holt

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table



APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for

speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. (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, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Remington Rainey, Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Your mercy is great.

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Verse 1 only)



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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.

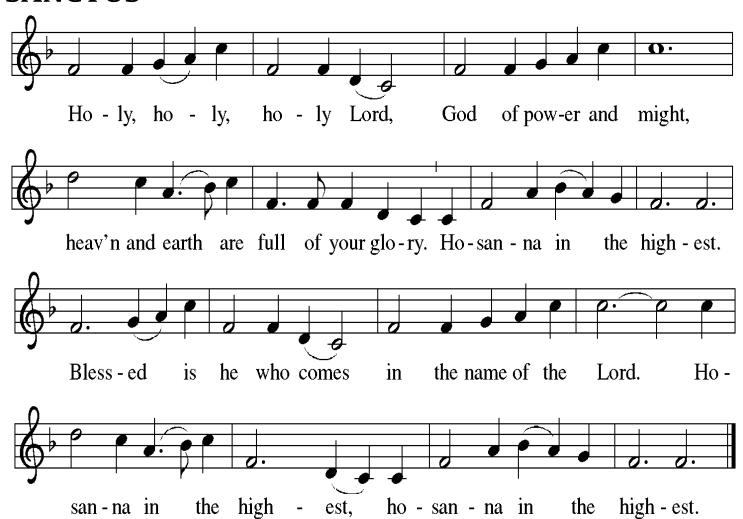
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right 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



EUCHARISTIC 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



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 203 "Now We Join in Celebration" LBW 197 "O Living Bread from Heaven" LBW 221 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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)



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 453 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Todd & Christine Popp

Comm. Asst: Brandie Beck

Video: Amy Beckman

Organist: Arlene Vonderheide

Lay Reader: Marie Neukam

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolytes: Jake Lottes

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 111 SS:



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 31st – Sept. 7th

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

Tues. Sept. 2nd 6:30 PM WELCA

Sun. Sept. 7th 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in honor of Larry and Wanda Krodel's 57th wedding anniversary!

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On Tuesday, Sept 2 before the WELCA meeting, we will be putting the school kits together. If you can come around 5:30 your help will be appreciated.

-Donna Rasche

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Sacred Place	es Total Renovation Pr	oject
	08/24/2025	2510
Total Amount for ALL Renovations (HVAC, Doors, Basement Renovations)	\$ 383,740.00	
Matching Grant	\$ 125,000.00	
St. Paul's Responsibility (To Match Grant+Remaining Work To Be Done)	\$ 258,740.00	Percent Completed
St. Paul's Funds Raised Since 10/1/2024	\$ 245,238.23	95%
St. Paul's Funds Required To Complete All Work	\$ 13,501.77	

Budget worksheets are available in each committee's
mail slot in the office. Please complete and return to
the office <i>no later than September 20</i> . Please speak
with Treasurer, Jeff Schmitt if you have any
questions or concerns.

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

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

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

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

- Stephanie Stemle



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Monday, September 8th 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall 556 W Haysville Rd, Jasper

Give blood 8/29 to 9/21 for 1 of 4 mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design, ltd. qty!

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YOUTH ART SALE

When: Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 10:00

Where: Welcome Center

Who: All church members

What: Browse/Purchase children's painted canvases
Proceeds will go towards Sunday School with 10% given to the
Basement Renovation Project

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2025

9/14 Kick-Off Day: Youth Art Show

9/21

PreK-1st: Welcome Day: Intro + Routines

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

9/28

PreK-1st: Jesus Calls Disciples

2nd-6th: David as King

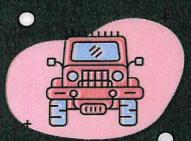




Benefit Fundraiser for

Sunday, Sept. 14 9:00 - 5:00 PM

Secret Meadow Event Barn - Celestine, IN



JEEP RUN

\$10/person Registration 9:00-10:45 Leave at 11:00 - Back by 2:00

Prepared by Finn's

PRE-ORDER MEALS - \$15

Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Pre-order by Sept. 1

Venmo: @Lana-Hoffman-76

Pickup Time: 2-4:00 at Event Barn or Finn's Text name, quantity & pick up location to:

Melissa 812-630-1214 or Angie 812-556-8392

SILENT AUCTION

Bid on your favorite items! Contact Melissa 812-630-1214 to donate. Final bids at 4:00 - must be present to collect prizes.



BAKE SALE
Contact Stacy at
812-631-1274 to
donate items

WELCA is sponsoring a Life Stories writing class with Martha Rasche. Martha believes everyone's story matters, and she uses a mix of prompts, conversation and examples



to help others write their stories to share with their families. The class will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Sept. 23 through Oct. 28 at the church. The fee is \$100. To register or if you have any questions, call Martha at 812-630-8992.

Emanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, September 21st 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.



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

Purchase a Great Getaway Raffle ticket and help support their mission!

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



In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser AMC Luke Himsel Cooper Uebelhor Redzikowo, Poland Virginia Beach, VA Colorado Springs, CO

