

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

KYRIE



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.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive

us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In **✝** Christ, you are already and always 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.

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.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the

hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the

LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

(Refrain: Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah!)

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

C ²Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

³Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

C ⁴Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.

⁵Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

C ⁶O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. *(Refrain)*

³⁷You led out your people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

C ³⁸Egypt was glad to see them go, because they were afraid of them.

³⁹You spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light by night.

C ⁴⁰They asked, and you brought quail, and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

⁴¹You opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

C ⁴²**For you remembered your holy word and Abraham your servant. (*Refrain*)**

⁴³So you led forth your people with gladness, your chosen with shouts of joy.

C ⁴⁴**You gave your people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

⁴⁵that they might keep your statutes and observe your teachings. Hallelujah!

C (*Refrain*)

(Refrain: Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah!)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus

when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one

has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 469* *"Lord of All
Hopefulness"*

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. *(We pray especially for Leroy Bleemel, Keith Freyberger, Juanita Hembree, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach,*

Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, Jim Seitz, Cindy Seng, Martha Jane Tucker and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) 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 Himself and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
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 God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

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

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame

death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'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 397 "O Zion, Haste"

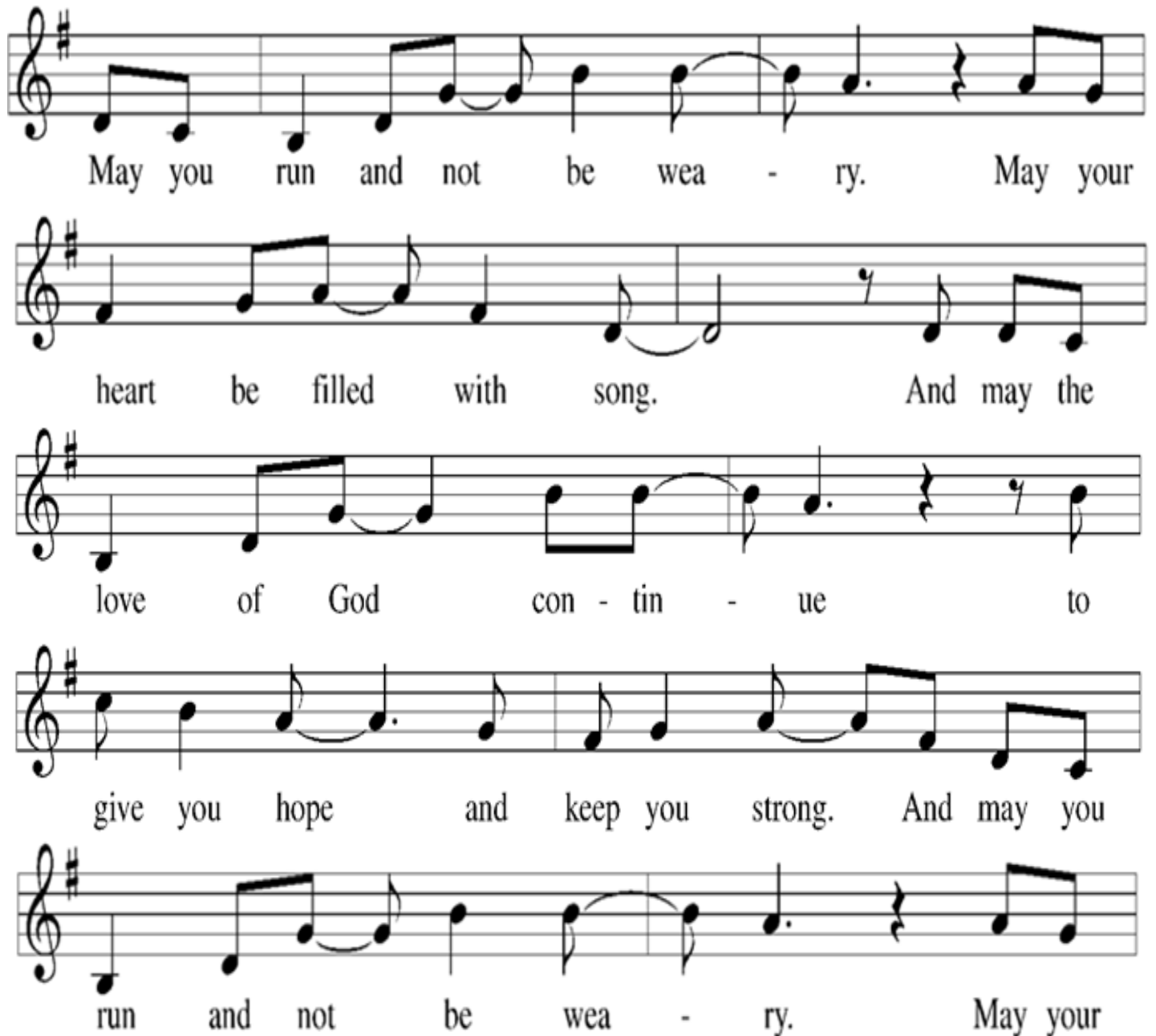
LBW 403 "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"

LBW 126 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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 Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

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: Doug & Michele Wiseman
Comm. Asst: Cheryl Hauser
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Erin Kalb Family
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Anna Ruhe & Allie Betz
Altar Guild: Tina Terwiske, Gabbie Chinn, Talia Myrick

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 161 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 24th – Oct. 1st, 2023

Sun. Sept. 24 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series
Wed. Sept. 27 th	10:00 AM	Archives Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thurs. Sept. 28 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Oct. 1 st	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(no communion)</i>
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday Sept 24th, WELCA ladies need help loading the LWR boxes out of the basement into the trailer. Anyone able to help should meet in the basement immediately following the morning church service. Thank you!

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The Women of the ELCA will be including their Harvest Home display on Sunday, Oct. 8th. If anyone would like to share items from their gardens, please have them at church by Saturday, October 7th at 8:00 AM.

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POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia sales will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st. (*This is much earlier than normal but is required by our supplier.*) They will cost \$10.00 each. **The order has to be turned in to our supplier by Monday, Oct. 2nd, there will be no late orders accepted.** As always, you are welcome to purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to church, but please sign-up at the table so it makes it in the Christmas bulletins.

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There will be a finance meeting on Sunday, October 1st at 8:00 AM to discuss 2024 proposed budget.

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WELCA NEWS

For our regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd @ 6:30 pm, we are pleased to have Melanie Garland representing SHIP, which is a FREE counseling service from the Indiana State Department of Insurance. If you are just thinking about retirement or already retired, she can provide information and materials regarding Medicare, Medicare Supplement, prescription coverage, etc. You will get information to chart your own course! Please join us at 6:30 on Tuesday, October 3rd.

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175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The formal conclusion of St. Paul's 175th anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, October 8th. The morning worship service on that Sunday will be held at 10:00 AM with a celebration lunch following at 11:15 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please feel free to invite your family and friends for a good meal and fellowship. We will need to know how

many people to plan for, so there is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center desk. We are asking that you sign-up by Sunday, September 24th. The meal is free and will consist of fried chicken, roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mac and cheese, slaw, rolls and desserts by Tina. Our Evangelism committee will host a photo booth at this event to enable many individual and family photos to be taken. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Nigg at (812) 630-2612.

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There is a sign-up sheet in the welcome center to order the 175th anniversary St. Paul's cookbook. Books will be \$20.00 each and available to pick up at our anniversary celebration on October 8th. Payment is not due until pick up.

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REMINDER: If you have anything you would like placed in the time capsule, please get it dropped off at church or contact Rhonda Nigg. The capsule will be buried on Oct. 8th during our 175th anniversary celebration.

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Sunday School

OCTOBER 2023

10/1

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

4th - 6th:

Backpack Buddies

10/8

Heritage Sunday Meal:

No class

10/15

Fall Break:

No Class

10/22

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

10/29

Preschool - 3rd:

Story & Craft

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO