

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 456* *"The King of Love
My Shepherd Is"*

GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your

house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

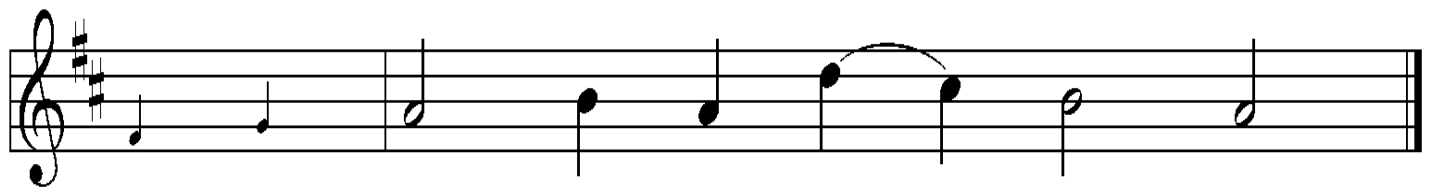


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

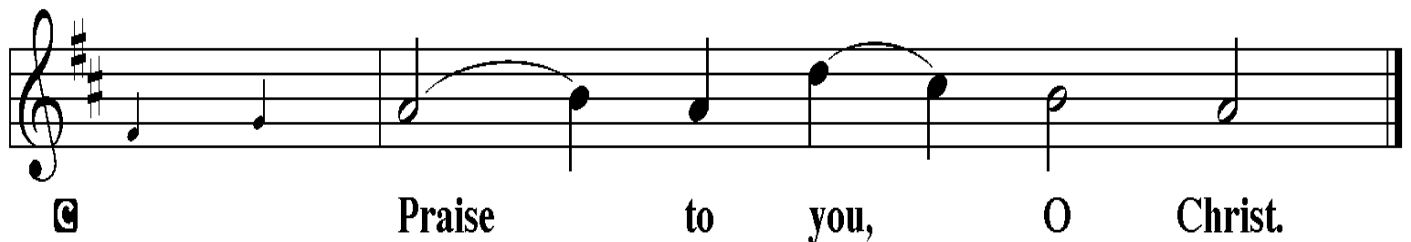


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run

from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 385 "What Wondrous Love Is This"*

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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your

voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. *(We pray especially for Keith Freyberger, Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Mary Sendelweck, Joe*

Shelton and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) 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, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

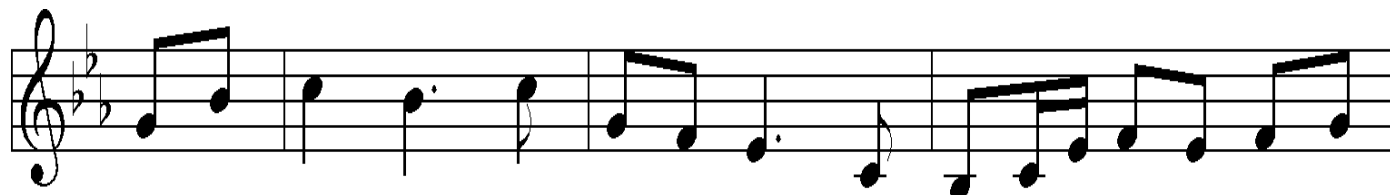
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

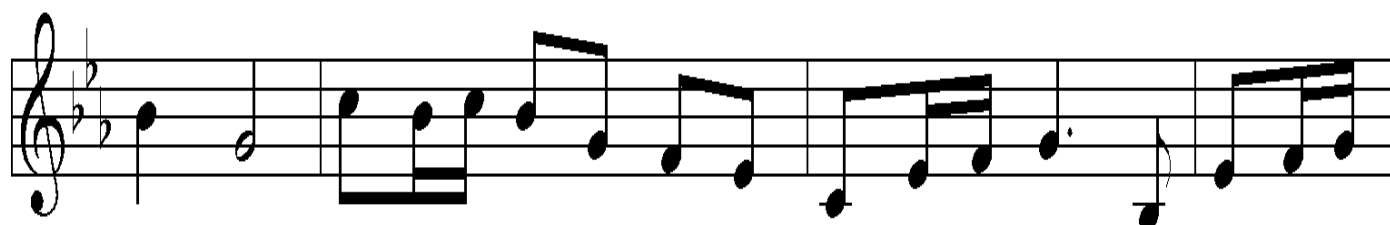
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

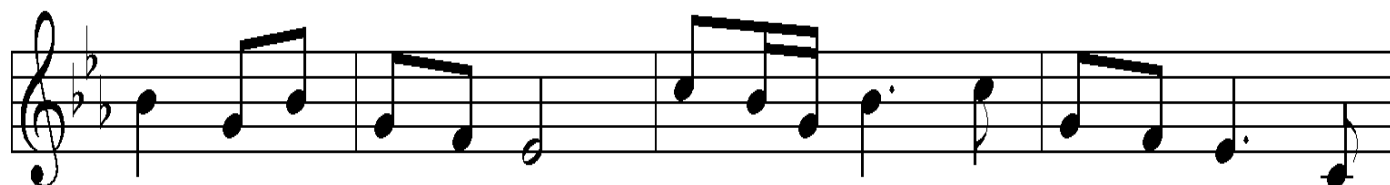
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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



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



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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 acolyte. The second communion assistant will pour the wine into your cup. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

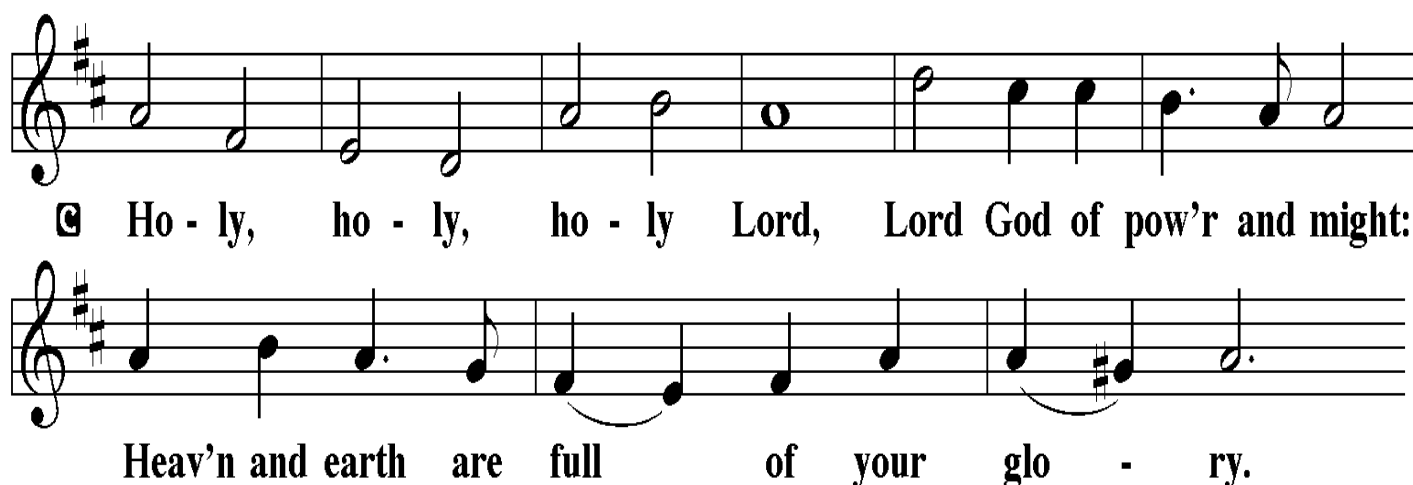
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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

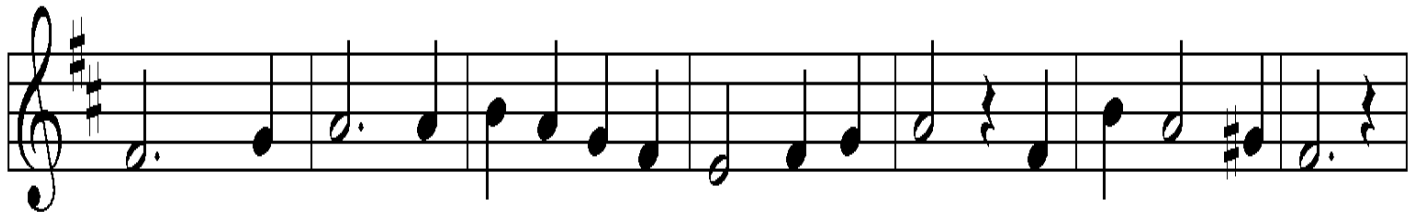
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

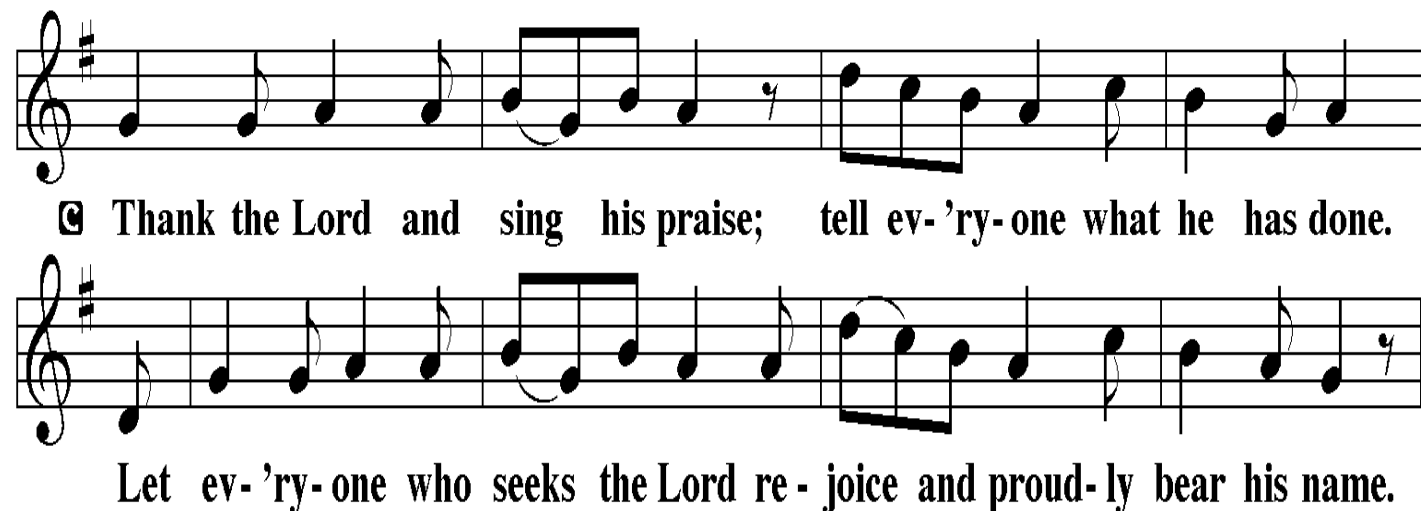
COMMUNION HYMNS

- LBW 207 "We Who Once Were Dead"*
LBW 370 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
LBW 262 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

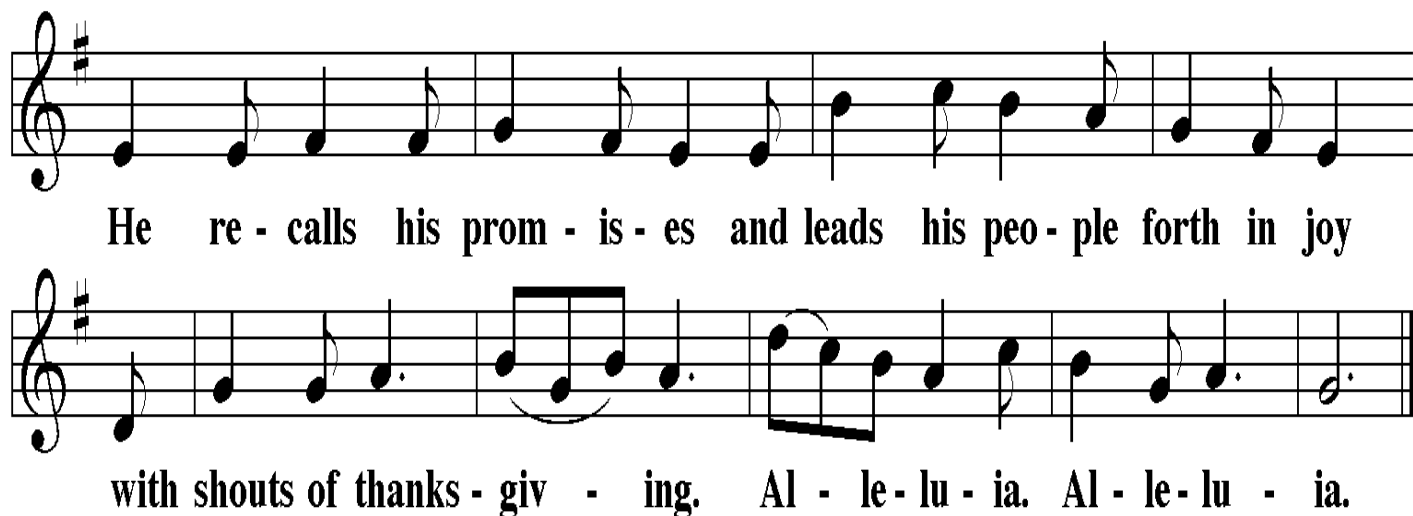
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 476

*"Have No Fear,
Little Flock"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

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: Bruce & Tina Terwiske
Comm. Asst: Julia Stenftenagel
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Jon/Barb Schnarr
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Anna Ruhe & Abbie Freyberger

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 117 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 30th – May 7th, 2023

Sun. Apr. 30 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School after communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
Sun. May 2 nd	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Sun. May 7 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Last day of Sunday School)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church library has been tidied up and refreshed. We welcome you to take a look at the many books for adults and children that are available for checkout.

During the tidying up process, we became aware of the following items that need to be placed in the correct "home":

1. Small Sanyo Tv
2. HP printer
3. Jesus Bag resources
4. Miscellaneous Archive items
5. Wooden printer cart

If you have any insight into which persons or groups these items belong to, or where they may best be used, please reach out to Amy Beckman or Linda Schmitt.

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The 175th Anniversary team has produced large scale historical photos of St. Paul's and these are on display in the Welcome Center. Additionally, we encourage you to visit the Archives Committee display case in the

Welcome Center to learn even more about our past. Photos of 2023 activities and worship are being created as special occasions and services are held.

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Greeters

The Evangelism Committee invites all members to help greet on Sunday mornings! If you haven't been a greeter in the past year and would like to help welcome members and guests as they enter the church sanctuary for worship, please contact Martha or Deidra Church, or Jennifer Bauer to be added to the list. You can do it solo, as a couple or your whole family can join the fun. All are welcome!

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MAY WELCA MEETING

The May WELCA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd beginning at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This month we are fortunate to have Billie Wenzel join us. She is the Director of Behavioral Health from Sullivan County Community Hospital. Her program will be understanding the *"Challenges of Aging"*. We would love to have you join us.

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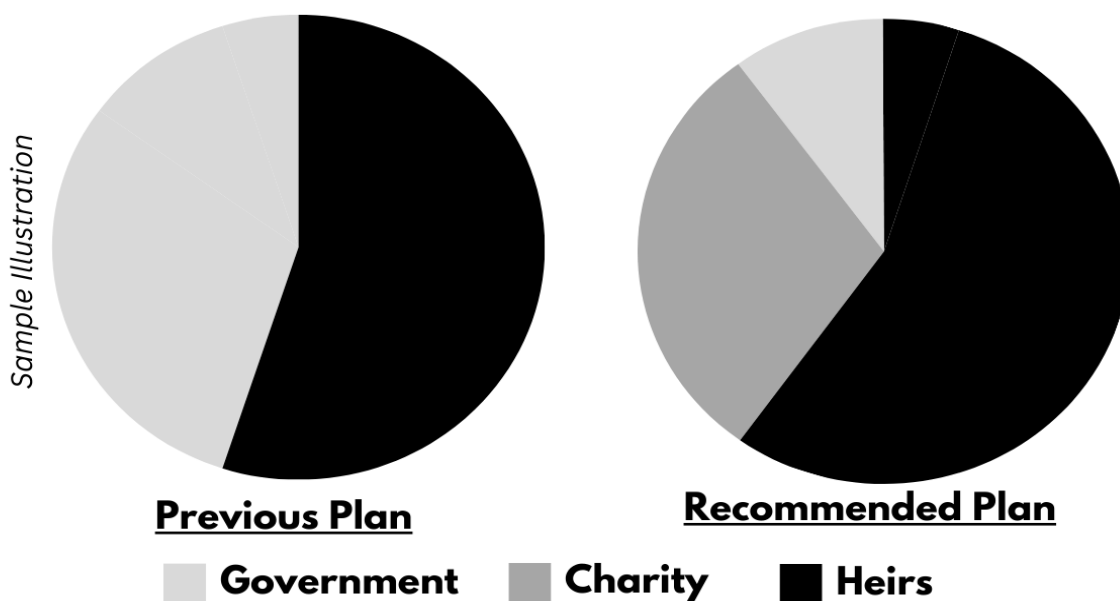
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Sponsored by the Little Company of Mary Sisters - USA

If you could leave money to your favorite charity, such as St. Paul's, or give it to the government in taxes... what would you choose?

Did you know that the Memorial Hospital Foundation offers complimentary values-based estate planning services for community members? Even if you have an estate plan in place, read on to see if it would make sense for a free second opinion.

PREVIOUS PLAN TO RECOMMENDED ESTATE PLAN



Thompson & Associates developed their comprehensive planning process over several decades. The process helps you create a thoughtful estate plan that transfers assets to people you love and the causes you support. This often uncovers ways in which you can secure your future, provide for loved ones, and self-direct all or part of your estate that otherwise would have been collected as tax. This is a no-strings attached, confidential process that is paid for by the Memorial Hospital Foundation as a community benefit. The lawyer from Thompson & Associates will act as your coach and will provide a comprehensive recommendation that you can take to your own lawyer or advisor to make active. It typically takes 5-6 meetings (one meeting/month) to complete the process.

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact Deidra Church: 812-996-8426 or dchurch@mhhcc.org.



**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

556 W. Haysville Rd.

Jasper, IN 47546

*(at the corner of 231 and Haysville Rd. by the flashing
yellow light)*

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
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On March 31st many tornadoes wreaked havoc across many states including Indiana. There is a Christian based organization in Vincennes called “Helping His Hands” that specialize in immediate disaster response, to regions and people stricken by natural disasters, followed by continual aid in their journey of rebuilding. The council was approached last Sunday about collecting items for “Helping His Hands” and have already given \$250 to purchase items needed. The items purchased were 10 cases of bottled water, trash bags, sponges, wire brushes, scrub brushes, rubber gloves and Lysol disinfectant. These items have already been delivered to Sullivan, IN. For the next few weeks there will be a tub by the welcome center if you would like to donate items. We will be focusing on items for hygiene kits and kids’ activity kits. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Rasche.

Hygiene Kits

<p>hand towels, wash cloth, comb, razor, nail file, bar of soap, tooth brush, tooth paste (4-7 oz.) band-aids, deodorant, after shave lotion, shaving cream, feminine sanitary napkins, travel size facial tissues, travel size shampoo and conditioner</p>	<h3><u>Kids Activity Kits</u></h3> <p>coloring books, crayons, activity books, stickers, small stuffed animals, baby dolls.</p>
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Kids Activity Kits

The Women of the ELCA received two-\$250 action team Visa cards from Thrivent. One card was used to purchase batting for the baby quilt project and the other to purchase items for personal care kits. With the Thrivent action team Visa card and your donations, 78 personal card kits will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to Thrivent and the congregation for your continued support.

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The Haysville Ruritan's have some items that can be used for a monetary contribution. 8-white 8ft. tables, 3-white 6 ft. tables, 8-heavy duty 6 ft. tables, 3-old 8 ft. tables, 4-tents 10 x 20, 16-metal chairs, 14-wooden chairs and 15-coolers. If you would like to reserve any of these items, please contact Pastor Kraemer, Bryant Kieffner or Don Vonderheide.

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In Service to Our Country

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