St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pentecost 23 November 16, 2025

PRELUDE (Beginning at 8:45 AM)

"Jesus, I Have You To Lean On" (written by Hoyt Wiseman)
"Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop"
"How Great Thou Art"

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, $\frac{1}{2}$ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

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





- 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

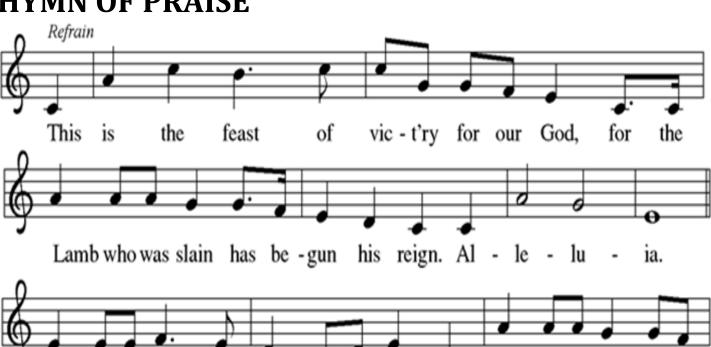




this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace, life and for love, . . . for our work and our play, nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



HYMN OF PRAISE



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

(Refrain: In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.)

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C ²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C ⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. (*Refrain*)
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. *(Refrain)*

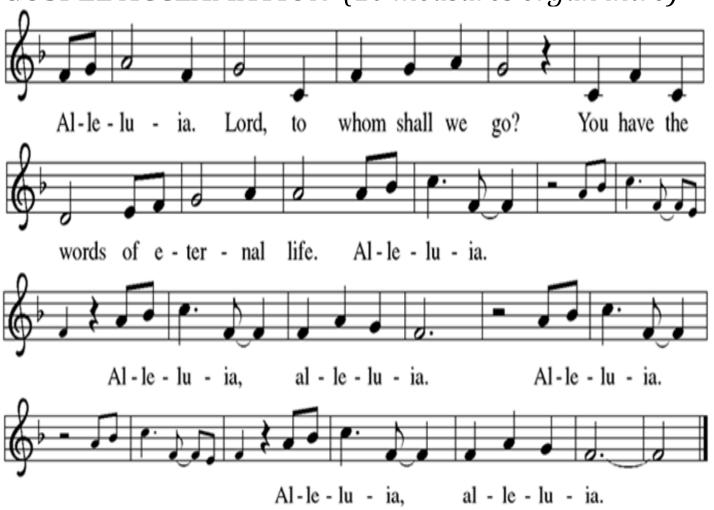
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SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even

when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10 measures organ intro)



GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. 9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds

not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Karen Husby

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 507 "How Firm a Foundation"

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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Hear us, O God. (We pray especially for Joe Alles, Zach Andry, Robin Bauer, Ron Bauer, Karen Bettag, Clint Breitweiser, Angie Danzer, Juanita Hembree, Brenda, Lana Hoffman, Ann Hopf, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Karen Kolb, Zach

Leinenbach, Bob Lottes, Zander Mann, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Remington Rainey, Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Glen Schmitt, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, 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, and Cooper Uebelhor.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

"God Does" (Conor Hart w/ Rex Wiseman & Andy DeWitt)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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.

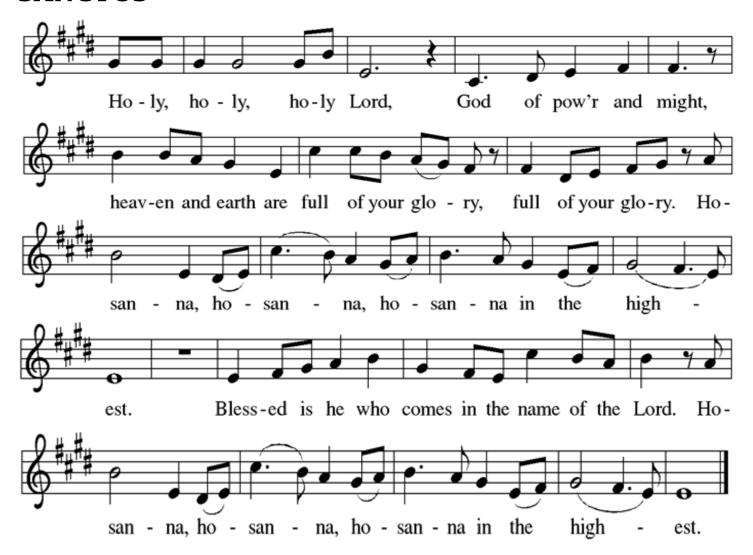
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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



COMMUNION HYMNS

"Why Me Lord" (Rex Wiseman)
"Family Bible" (Conor Hart w/ Rex Wiseman & Andy DeWitt)
LBW 294 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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 love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

(featuring Rex Wiseman, Kelly Wiseman, Andy DeWitt, Buddy Hart, and family & friends)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Kurt & Tara Uebelhor

Comm. Asst: Mike Weisheit

Video: Jeff Schmitt

Pianist: Kaia Holt

Lay Reader: Erin Kalb

Audio: Bryan Buchta

Acolytes: Will Werner and Kole Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 182 SS: 20

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Nov 16th - Nov 23rd

Sun. Nov 16th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)
Wed. Nov 19th	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Sun. Nov. 23 rd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)
	10:00 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
		Part 1

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in celebration of Hoyt Wiseman's 80th birthday and in memory of Alice Wiseman.

Thank you to Doug Wiseman, family, and friends for providing music today.

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale before and after service in the entance area on November 23rd and November 30th. The cost is \$14.50 each.

- Dian Bair

Annual reports for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie at secretaryst.paul@frontier.com no later than December 7th. Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

The Annual Congregational Meeting part 1 will be held November 23rd at 10:00 AM. The Nominating Committee will be presenting the 2026 Council nominees: Greg Bauer, Jessica Freyberger, Bryant Kieffner, Beth Phillips, and Tina Terwiske.

-Scott Lottes, Council President

Please plan on joining the LYO for breakfast on Sunday, November 23rd following the congregational meeting! Scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, smoky links, donuts, milk & coffee. ~*Tara Betz*

The Evangelism committee has put together an angel tree with local children who might otherwise go without on Christmas. The children range from the age of 3 through 18. Anyone is welcome to adopt/sponsor a child, you could do it solely, with your extended family or with another family. We are just asking that you spend approximately \$100 on the child's needs. The Evangelism Committee will have a tree setup for your choosing, along with a donation box if you would rather donate money and the committee will do the shopping for you. All donations must be turned in on or before December 7th. The tree will be setup starting on November 16th. See Julie Breitwieser with questions

Many thanks to St. Paul's and its WELCA for giving me the opportunity to use your facility recently to hold Life Stories sessions. Sharing life stories can strengthen family bonds, and I'm excited for the class participants to put some of their stories in writing for their loved ones. ~ Martha Rasche

Please Return your Gift-filled Shoe box by:



Sunday, November 16th!

Thank you - Kathy Jarboe





Visit with Santa Sunday December 7

11:00 - 1:30

At Firehouse Join the Fun

Sponsored by Haysville Ruritan Club

Community Outreach Opportunity

Sandy Hoing, guest speaker at our September WELCA meeting, is hosting a Christmas giving event for the homeless in Evansville on December 3rd.

Please consider supporting her efforts by baking cookies to be distributed at the event. Any type of cookie is appreciated. Our contribution of 36 dozen cookies will provide about 4 cookies per attendee. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Please bring cookies to the church kitchen on Sunday November 30th. -Barb Schnarr





You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: St Paul's Lutheran Church

556 W Haysville Rd Jasper, IN 47546

When: Tuesday, December 9, 2025



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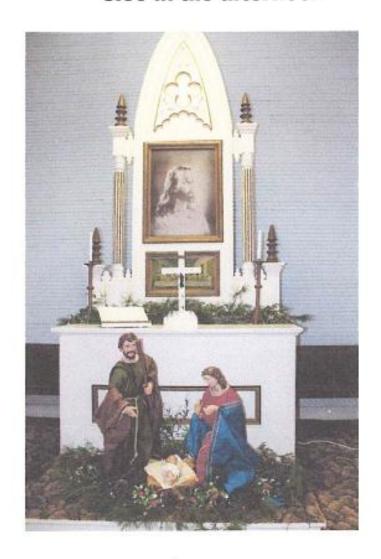
Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH

Invites you to join us

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

3:30 in the afternoon



Come participate in singing old fashioned Christmas hymns at Hill Church Church will be decorated in the Christmas spirit

Fellowship

Light Refreshments

Be sure to dress warm

Restroom facilities will be available

In Service to Our Country

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

