

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.

[illegible]

- 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

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: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat

under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145:1-8

(Refrain: The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.)

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

C ² Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

C ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. *(Refrain)*

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶ They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Refrain)

(Refrain: The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. ²⁷ Only, 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 ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since 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.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 10-measure organ introduction. The lyrics are: 'Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues: 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'. The third staff continues: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.'. The fourth staff concludes: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:23-33

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him saying there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question: ²⁴ “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.’ ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. ²⁶ The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection people neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³² ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is God not of the dead but of the living.” ³³ And when the crowds heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 290 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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.

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable
Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need. *(We pray especially for Judy Kieffner, Gene Mehne, Bob and Edith Nugent, Audrey Weisheit, Darlene Ziegler, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. 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



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



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.

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



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 479 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LBW 406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"

LBW 424 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways 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 righteousness, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow 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: Doug & Michele Wiseman

Comm. Asst: Debbie Bauer

Video: Jeff Schmitt

Pianist: Kaia Holt

Lay Reader: Martha Church

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolytes: Will Werner

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 194 SS: 27

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Sept. 20th – Sept. 27th

Sun., Sept. 20 th	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(First day of Sunday School)</i>
	10:00 AM	LYO Meeting
Wed., Sept. 23 rd	6:30 PM	Confirmation Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 24 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
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>

*Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis,
Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Diane Bair,
Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith
Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen,
Hester James, Lana Hoffman, 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

Bishop Timothy Graham will be visiting on Sunday, September 27. The Evangelical Committee will be providing donuts. -*Jennifer Bauer*

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There will be an **LYO** meeting today in the fellowship hall following the service. Members who are in Confirmation through high school Seniors are invited! -*Tara Betz*

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Reminder: Due Today

Budget worksheets for each committee are in the mail slots in the back office. Please return the completed sheets to the office no later than September 20th. Thank you! -*Jeff Schmitt*

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Volunteers are needed on Sunday, Sept 27 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*

CONGREGATION INVITED!
LYO AMISH COMMUNITY TRIP

St. Paul's LYO is planning a fun day visiting the Amish community in Montgomery, IN, on Saturday, October 3rd, and **we are opening this opportunity to the congregation!** Space is limited to **40 people**, so be sure to sign up early!

We will leave the church parking lot between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. We'll enjoy a full Amish meal around 11:30 a.m., followed by a cake walk and a buggy tour of the Amish community. We plan to return to Haysville around mid-afternoon.

The cost is \$22 for non-LYO members. Current St. Paul's members in 7th–12th grade are considered members of the LYO.

If you would like to attend, please text **Tara Betz** at [812-827-1263](tel:812-827-1263) by **September 20th**.

Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and a unique experience with the Amish community!

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



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



BAND TOGETHER AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

FEATURED MUSIC BY

**JOHN &
STACEY
AKACIA**

GTP

DEBBIE SCHUETTER

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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH

Emmanuel Lutheran Hill Church of rural Dubois, Indiana, will hold the annual homecoming on Sunday, September 20th 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.

This year we will honor the 125th anniversary of the current sanctuary.

The public is invited to come and join the activities at the old Hill Church.

An American flag is shown waving in the background, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The flag is positioned behind the text, which is centered over it.

In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

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

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 😊

812-695-3061 / secretaryst.paula@frontier.com

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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

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