

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.

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.

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

- 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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF JACKSON JOSEPH HOFFMAN

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present *Jackson Joseph Hoffman* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized

into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P As you support your child in receiving the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help *Jackson* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P Do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Parents: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support *Jackson*

and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED)

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our

Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea

you led your people of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P *Jackson*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WELCOME

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain *Jackson* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of

counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P *Jackson*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parent & Sponsor: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

❖ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7 (*Melanie Freyberger*)

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80:7-15 (*Vicky Eisenhut*)

(Refrain: Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine.)

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. (*Refrain*)

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C ¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted. ***(Refrain)***

(Refrain: Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

(Linda Mason)

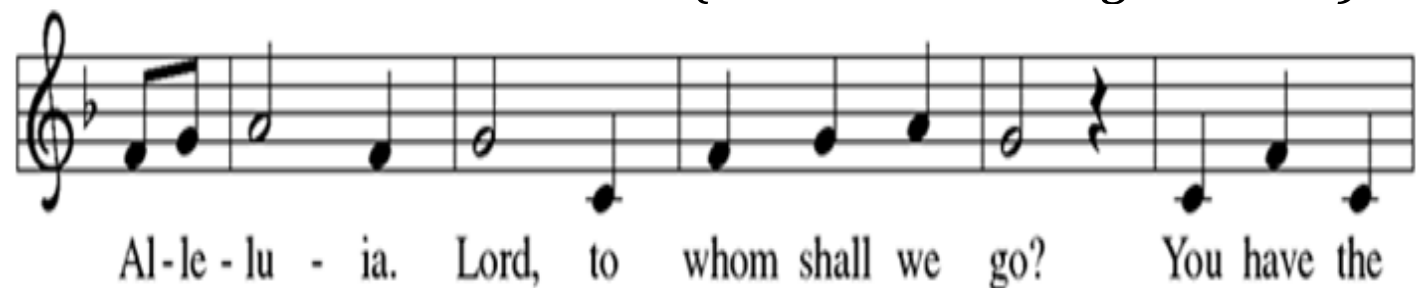
[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through

faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*





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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:1-35

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² Then he asked them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” ³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ Jesus answered them, “Beware

that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: ⁸ all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. ⁹ "Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. ¹⁰ Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ "So when you see the desolating sacrilege, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; ¹⁷ the one on the housetop must not go down to take things from the house; ¹⁸ the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. ¹⁹ Woe to

those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved, but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!'—do not believe it. ²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Take note, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will gather. ²⁹ "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. ³⁰ "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with

power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 94 “My Song Is Love Unknown” (vs. 1,2,5,7)

A TIME OF BLESSING

INSTALLATION OF WELCA OFFICERS

Today we recognize women who have offered themselves for service to God through the ministry of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

President – Cheryl Hauser

Vice President – Melanie Freyberger

Secretary – Jeanne Hoffman

Treasurer – Nancy Freyberger

Program and Fellowship – Marie Neukam, Barb Schnarr, and Linda Mason

Stewardship and Service – Donna Rasche & JoAnn Schnarr

In Holy Baptism, we are called to a life of faithful service and witness. You have been asked to serve Women of the ELCA as an officer.

Will you give yourself joyfully to this responsibility, offering praise and thanksgiving to God?

Response: I will, with God's help.

You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Will you be open to receive the witness of others and to walk with them in a journey of faith?

Response: I will, with God's help.

May God, who has chosen you for this task, graciously dwell in you and give you the strength and compassion to fill it.

Will you, as people of God, encourage these leaders by remembering them in prayer and accepting them as partners in the gospel?

Response: We will.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Marie Neukam)*

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. *(We pray especially for Ken Keller, Judy Kieffner, Gene Mehne, Larry Sendelweck, Darlene Ziegler, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. 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.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

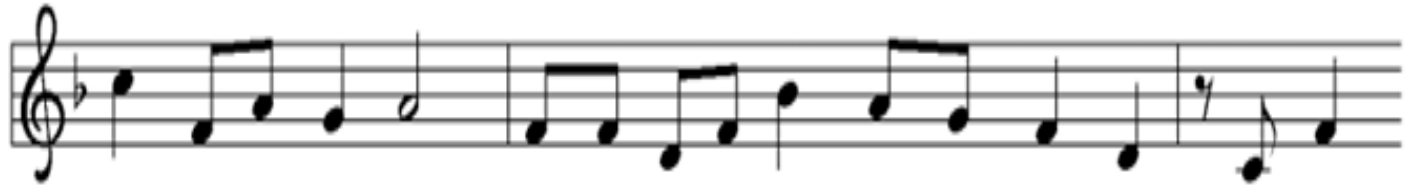
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

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 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



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 480 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

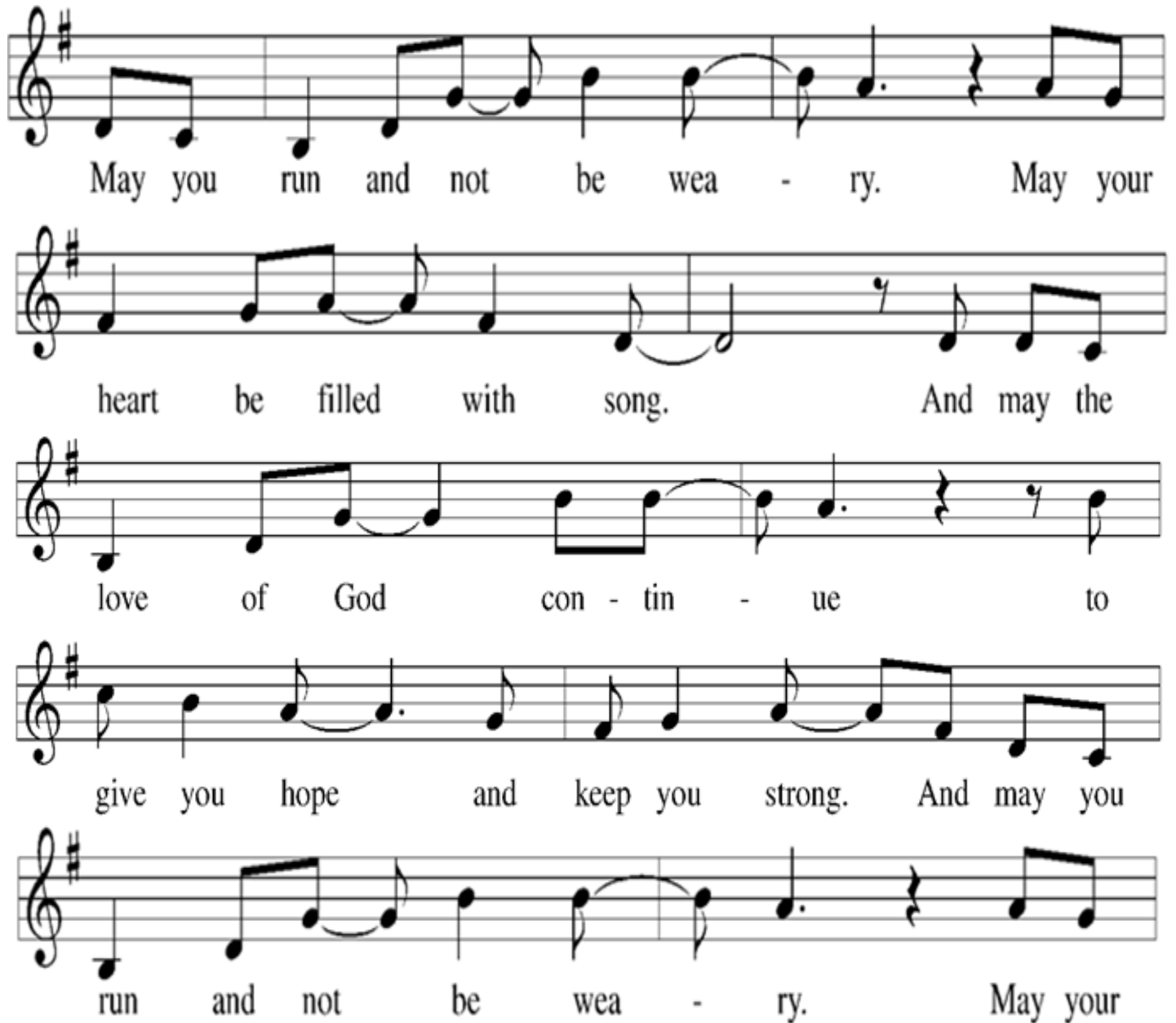
LBW 504 "Oh God, My Faithful God"

LBW 446 "Whatever God Ordains Is Right"

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



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 grace ✙ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 433 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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: Mary Ann Kieffner and Hilda Angerer
Comm. Asst: Greg Bauer
Video: Lori Keller
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Women of the ELCA
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Trace Weisheit

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 172 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Oct. 4th - Oct. 11th

Sun., Oct. 4 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>Harvest Home</i> (Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)
Tues., Oct. 6 th	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed., Oct. 7 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation Meeting (Mentor Night)
Thurs., Oct. 8 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	2:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun., Oct. 11 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Hester James, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob and Edith Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Leon Seitz, Audrey Weisheit, and Judy Wessel.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice in the baptism of Jackson Joseph Hoffman. Jackson is the son of Isaac & Gabbi Hoffman. He was born on April 27, 2026 in Newburgh, IN. Jackson is the grandson of Kurt & Roxanne Schepers and Gary & Amy Hoffman. His sponsors are Gaige Schepers and Allison Miller.

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Church Council Meeting will be on Monday, October 12th at 6:30 PM.

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If you have a college student, please turn his/her address into the office by Oct. 31st so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package.

-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church

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In Service to Our Country

AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

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

St. Paul's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) thanks you all for your donations and continued support as we continue our ministry of helping others. The gifts you gave are an immeasurable blessing to families' needs near and far. Through Lutheran World Relief (LWR), we are able to help families in need in the United States as well in other countries. Hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, and tornadoes have devastated many areas right here in the US. LWR was there distributing blankets and health kits to those in need.

In the past year, WELCA has worked together to assemble 200 blankets that will be shipped to LWR in October. Also, we will ship 53 health kits and 76 school kits.

Since October 2025, 135 handmade baby quilts have been delivered to Kosairs Children's Hospital, Deaconess Memorial Pediatrics, Deaconess Memorial Family Health, TriCap, Crisis Connection, SWICAC, and Trotter House. St. Paul's children also are given a quilt at their baptism.

In December 2025 with your support, 66 Christmas Shoe Boxes were filled; totaling 1,813 over the last 25 years.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their financial support through the Thrivent Action Team Program.

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrificed God is pleased.” - Hebrew 13:16

-WELCA Members

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women of the ELCA will have the shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 11th through Sunday, November 15th. *Grab a shoebox or use an empty cardboard shoebox that you have.* Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

If you don't want to shop, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.



WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. **So, be sure to make them ...**

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as ...

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

FULL: To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

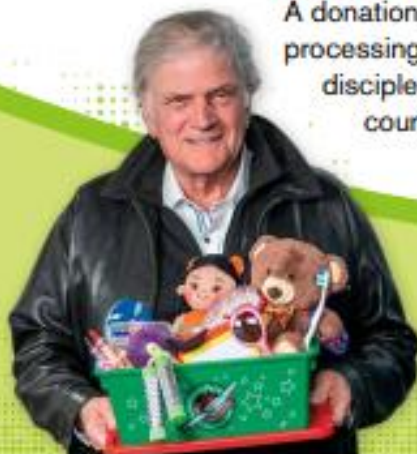
Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

Wondering
if certain items
are OK to pack?
**See our gift
suggestions and
search tool:**



WHERE WILL IT GO?

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



**"Shoebox gifts are like
snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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Sunday School October 2026



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Age 3 – 1st: Seventh Day of Rest
2nd – 6th: Backpack Buddies + Memory
Work + Games

10/11



Age 3 – 1st: Adam and Eve Sin
2nd – 6th: Jesus Calms the Storm



10/18

FALL BREAK: NO CLASS

10/25

FALL FUN ACTIVITY: WHOLE GROUP
“We need S’more of Jesus”





2026 Haysville Ruritan Raffle Winners

\$500

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Jim Brosmer

Brian Dorsam

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Steve Pinacker

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