

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 363* *“Christ Is Alive!
Let Christians Sing”*

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to

share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

(Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C ²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C ⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. R

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

C ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

C *(Refrain)*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

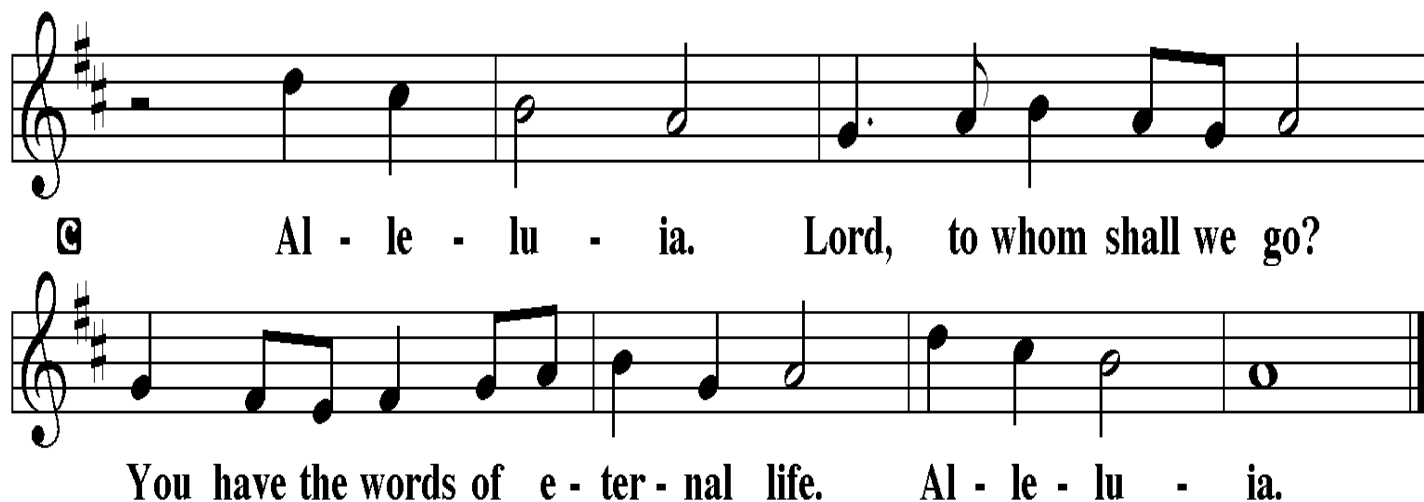
²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

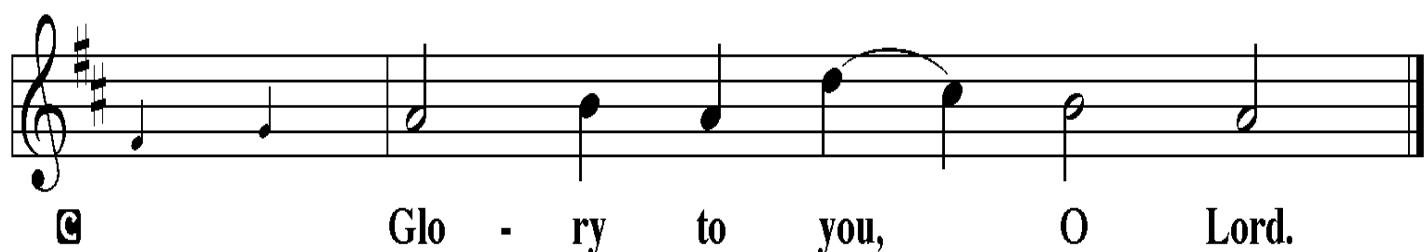
C Thanks be to God.

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 14:1-14



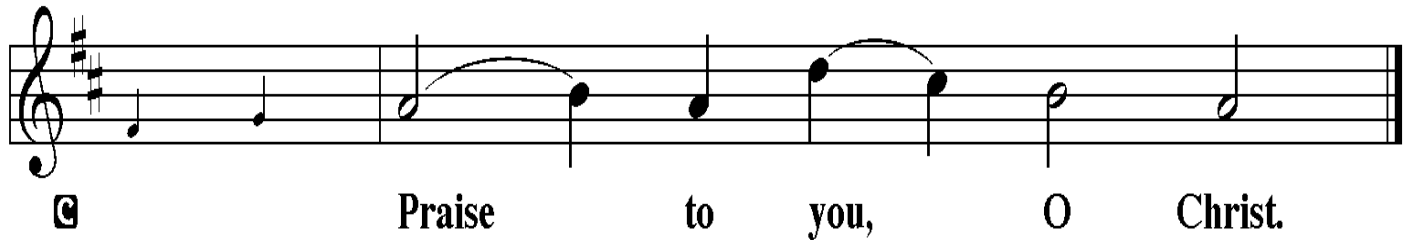
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare

a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my

name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 369* “The Church’s One 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

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

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats

from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick. *(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 Himself, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. 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

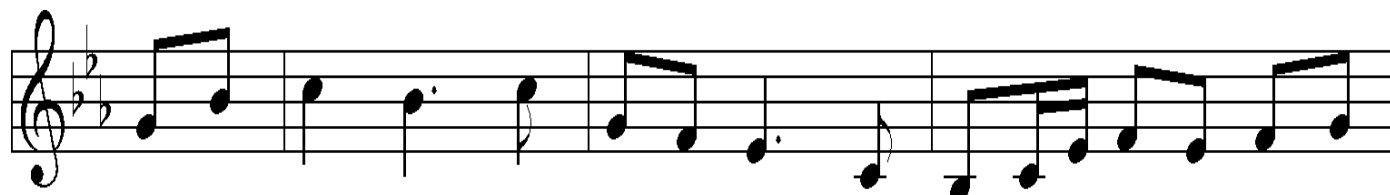
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

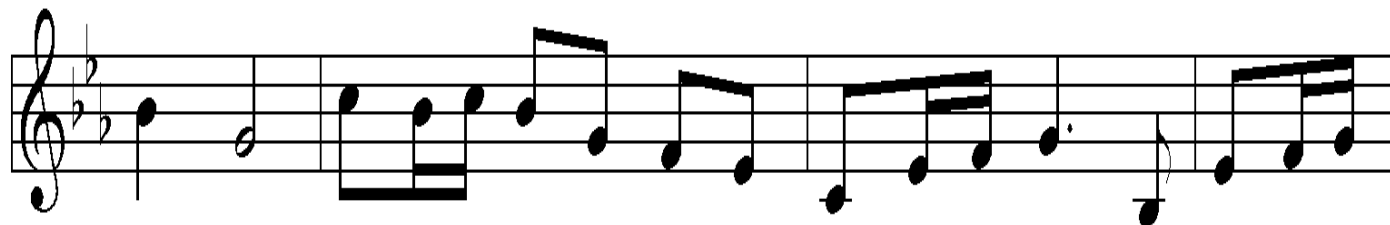
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

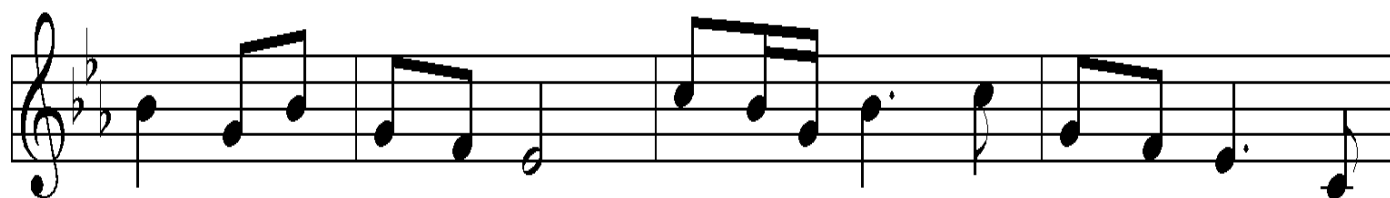
OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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



bles-sing. 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.

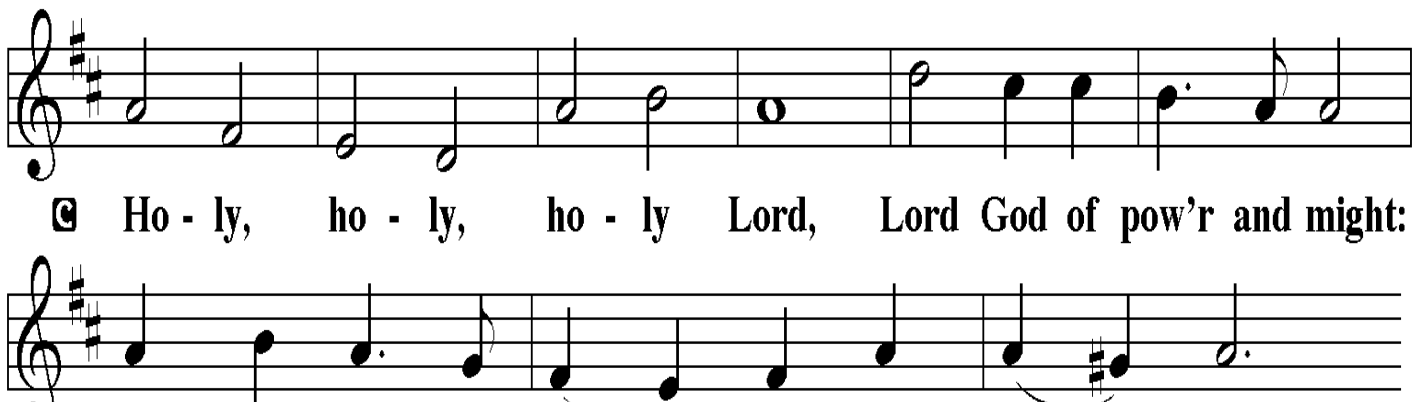
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

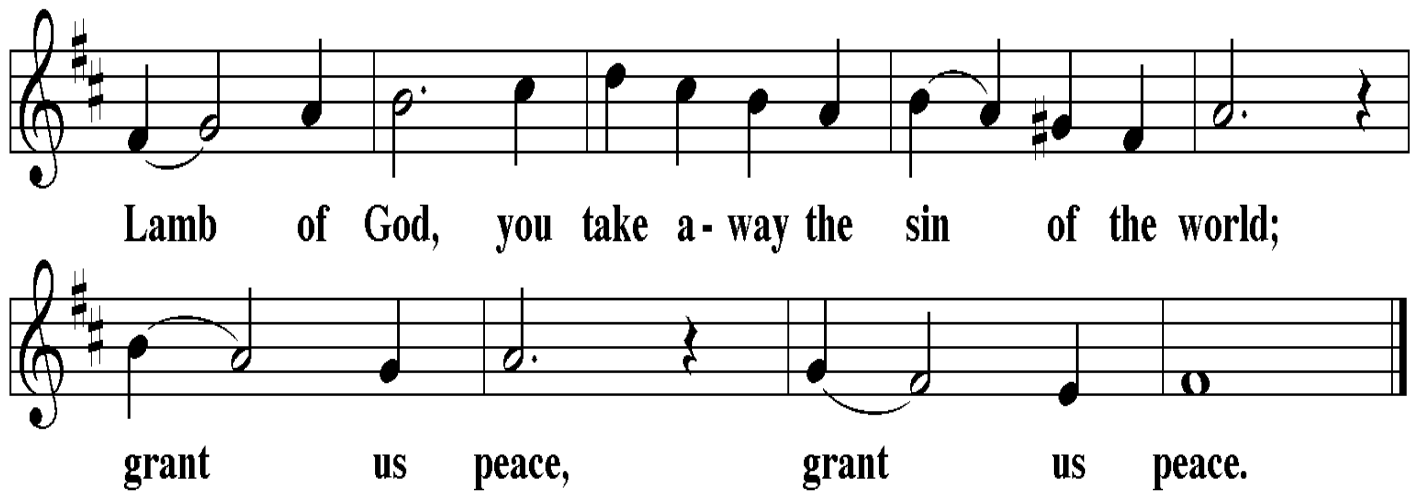
LAMB OF GOD



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

WOV 702 *"I Am the Bread of Life"*

WOV 734 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

ELW 605 *"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"*



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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 352* *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"*

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: Carl & Robin Bauer
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: Lori Keller
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Martha Church
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Abbie Freyberger & Lillian Potts

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 116 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 7th – May 14th, 2023

Sun. May 7 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Last day of Sunday School)</i>
Tues. May 9 th	6:30 PM	Property Meeting
Wed. May 10 th	6:00 PM	175 th Anniversary Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Sun. May 14 th	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Mother's Day) <i>(Heritage Sunday with Bishop Gafkjen)</i> <i>(Distribution of Bibles and Devotionals)</i> <i>(Scholarship Award)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Correction: Oops! The Evangelism Committee will not be setting up a photo station for Mother's Day this year. We apologize for any confusion.

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On Sunday, April 23rd, there was a special congregational meeting to discuss the purchase of a new sound system for the sanctuary. A motion was approved during the meeting to move forward with that purchase. Donation envelopes have been made and are available in the narthex and welcome center if you would like to make a contribution to this project.

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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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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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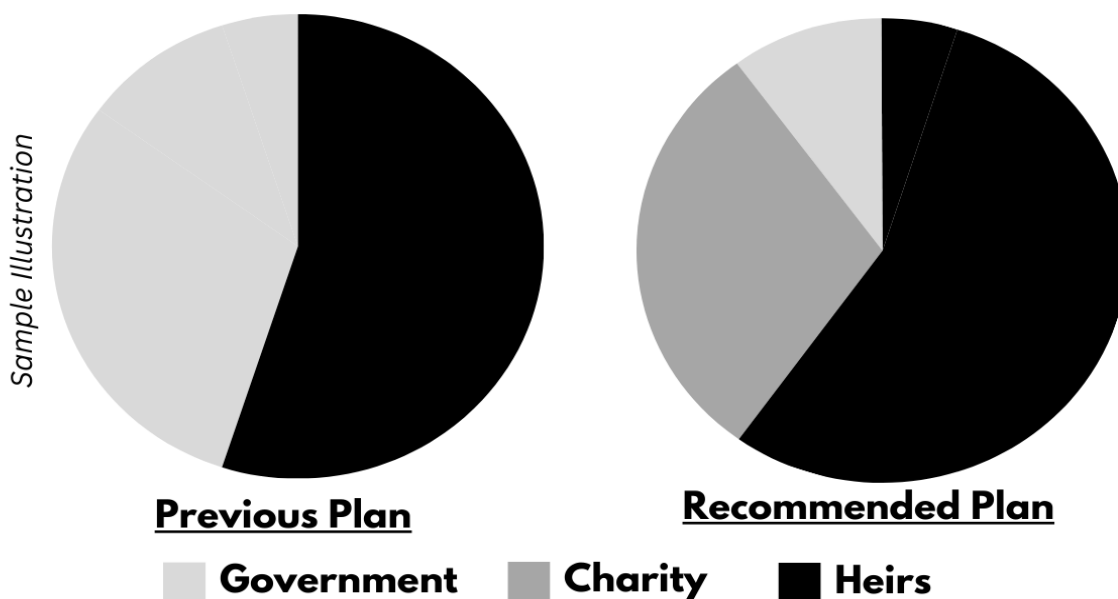
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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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. **Last day to donate is Sunday, May 14th.**

Hygiene Kits

Kids Activity Kits

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	coloring books, crayons, activity books, stickers, small stuffed animals, baby dolls.
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In Service to Our Country

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San Antonio, TX

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