

+The Office of Matins+

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | June 21, 2026 | 9AM



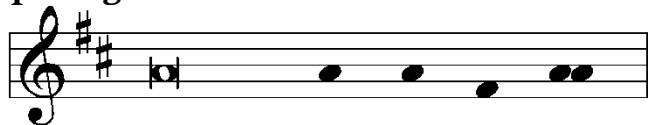
*Are Not Two Sparrows Sold For A Penny?
Fear Not Therefore: You Are Worth More to God
Than Many Sparrows*

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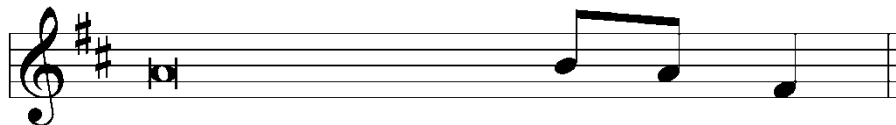
When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 907 God Himself Is Present

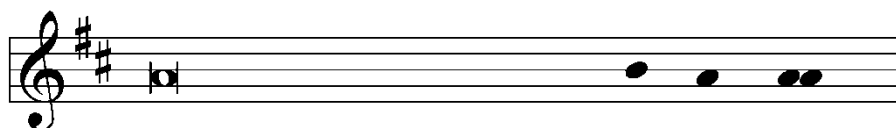
The Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



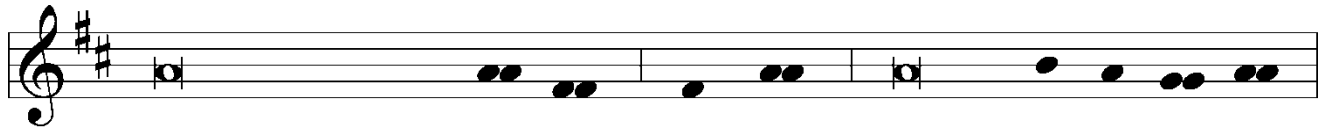
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



The Psalmody



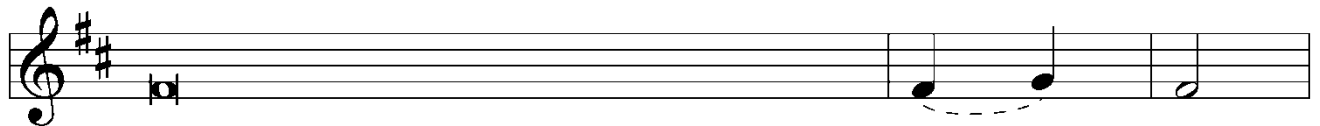
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

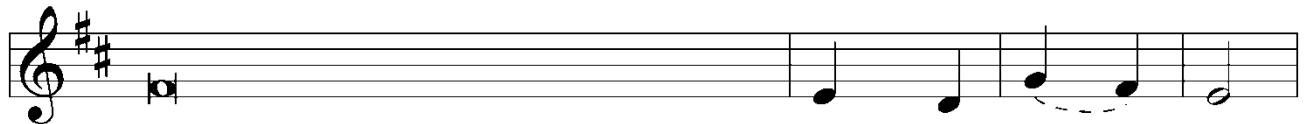
The Venite

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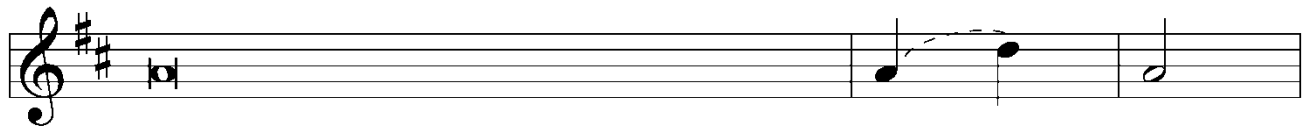
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

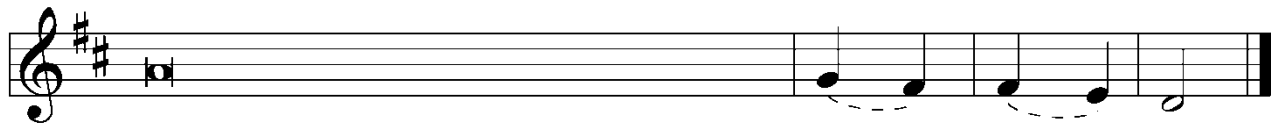


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalms

Psalm 91:1–10

- ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ²**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**
- ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴**He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸**You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- ⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- ¹⁰**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

Office Hymn | 659 Lord of Our Life

The Readings

Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

L A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 20.

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, “I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,”
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
“Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him.”
¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Romans 6:12–23

L A reading from Romans, chapter 6.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.
¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 10.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .
²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

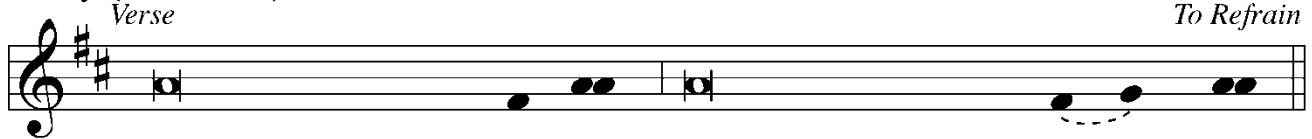
²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Common)

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To Refrain



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



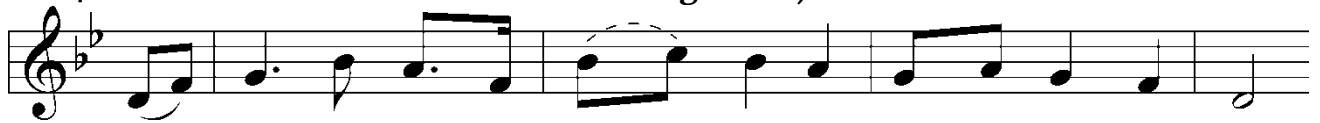
C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

The Sermon



The Canticle

Te Deum | 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

Sit

The Offering

Prayer

*Pastor speaks the Announcements of the Church and Prayer of the Church here.
Then he invites the congregation to stand for the singing of*

The Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The General Prayer

from The Lutheran Hymnal

Almighty and everlasting God, who are worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give You most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, You have bestowed upon us.

We praise You especially that You have preserved unto us in their purity Your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of Your house. We beseech You, O Lord, to preserve and extend Your Kingdom of Grace and to grant unto Your holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors, who shall preach your Word with power; and help all who hear rightly to understand and truly to believe it.

Send forth laborers into your harvest, and open the door of faith unto all the heathen and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church, and grant unto them repentance unto life. Be the Protector and Defender of Your Church in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Your Church and in brotherly unity with all our fellow Christians, fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Your grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat You to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause Your glory to dwell among us and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Your care all our schools and pray You to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper everyone in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless, the helper of the sick and needy, and the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we beseech You, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You, which is our reasonable service.

And, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work You have given us to do while it is day; before the night comes when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Your power and receive us into Your everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



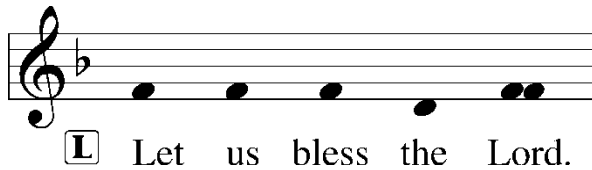
Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



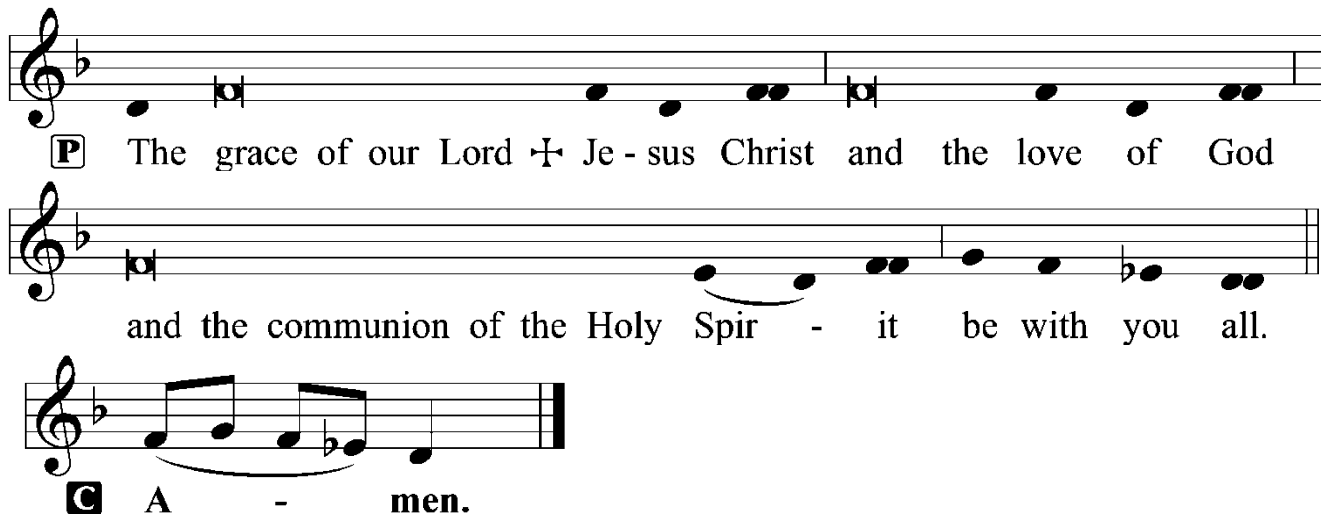
Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Hymn to Depart | 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



Fear Not...

A Meditation on the Word of God | Matthew 10:21-33

In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus gives sweet Gospel encouragement to his dear Christians, that they ought not fear when they are persecuted for confessing Christ to the nations.

In verses 21-25, our Lord foretells how his disciples will face resistance and persecution as the cost of their witness and confession to the world. The disciples' life and ministry will be *cruciform*. That means, it will be a life lived under the cross. Just as Jesus came by way of suffering and the cross, so the disciple of Jesus will have a cross to bear too.

Christians should not expect a better life than their Master had (VV24-25). Christians can expect to be opposed, even by the members of their family (V21). They will be hated by the world, just as Jesus was hated by the world (V22). The world called Jesus the devil, and so Christians will be slandered because they are members of the Lord's household (V25). The cross that our Lord bore will be borne in the lives of his dear Christians.

With these words, Jesus wants to do a few things. First, he wants to (1) remove the surprise of suffering from the Christian. When suffering comes we are not troubled because Jesus has told us to expect it. The Lord also wants his Christians to know (2) how God the Father is using persecution to make us like our Master (VV.24-25). He is finally (3) calling us to be faithful, with a view toward the salvation that the faithful receive as their eternal reward (V22).

The Apostles ought to make haste because the time is short. Christ will come before the Apostolic mission to the Jews is over (V23). The coming of the Son of Man here refers to the events of 70AD. Israel, which rejected Christ, will be judged by God—the temple and Jerusalem will be destroyed—and Jesus reminds his disciples how that judgment against unbelieving Israel will come soon. So they have to work quickly, while it is day.

Verses 26-32 is an 'encouragement' section, and sheer Gospel. The Lord is encouraging us in this section because everything he says before and after it is dark and ominous. In verse 26, the disciple is commanded not to fear. Why? Because all truth will be revealed in the end. At the final judgment, the wicked persecutors will be judged for their crimes, and Christians will be vindicated. Christians ought to speak the truth of God's coming judgment now, before the Last Day comes (V27). In verse 28, we have another command not to fear. Why? Persecution has a limit: persecutors can kill the body only; they have no power over the Christians' soul. God alone should be feared, not men. In verse 29, we get our third reason not to fear: because nothing happens outside the will of God, and God knows what he is doing with you.

This is a lesser-to-the-greater argument: Sparrows are of little value and yet even their deaths happen inside the will of God. God sees all and controls all, even the lives of little birds. Therefore, everything that happens in the Christian's life (who is counted much more valuable in God's sight than many sparrows) happens inside the will of God. Here is why we shouldn't fear: The heavenly Father knows what we do not. He knows the number of hairs on your head. Implicit here is that he also knows why we are suffering. The Christian does not know why he is suffering all the time, but trusts the will and providence of the Father who knows all.

Announcements

St. Paul

Voters (Council and Elders) DATE CHANGE. Due to schedule conflicts, we are moving the elders, council, and voters meetings to **July 20-21**. Please mark your calendars.

Seminarian Michael Hahn, who has finished his Seminary studies and who is currently preparing to head to his Churches in Oregon where he has received the Divine Call to serve as Pastor, is being ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry. His Ordination will be at **4PM on Sunday, June 28th at Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville, Indiana**—Michael's home congregation. Michael has invited Pastor Yeager to be the preacher for this occasion. The entire congregation is invited to attend Michael's Ordination service at Advent, Zionsville. Talk to Pastor Yeager if you would like more information, address, etc.

Wyneken Scholarship forms are available in the narthex to all current and prospective students to our school. Talk to Pr. Yeager for more information. These are due by 6/30 to the Treasurer.

A call for beef. Last year, at the Seminary in Ft. Wayne, the food co-op provided 4,645 lbs. of beef to over 667 students, spouses, and their children. The Seminary food co-op would like to procure 4 or 5 more steers for the upcoming year. Any help would be appreciated. If there are any available steer in the congregation for purchase, we could collect a door-donation for this to support our Seminary. Thank you.

Graduate recognition—Lucas Blum. We rejoice with Lucas Blum who has graduated Adams Central High School and will be working an apprenticeship with an electrician, and will be taking classes for five years in trade school to pursue work as an electrician. We rejoice with our four graduates: Jacob Miller, Gus Nussbaum, Kallie Roe, and Lucas Blum on their graduation from high school and pray the Lord bless their future paths and keep them faithful to his most Holy Name.

SGO Presentation. The SGO program has been a great blessing to our Church and School. Those who give donations through the SGO program get a State-Tax credit and also, by their donation, help defray the cost of our congregation's commitment to Wyneken. We encourage SGO giving through the State of Indiana. Now, starting with the 2027 year, people can also donate through a federal SGO program and receive a Federal Tax Credit. Since this is new legislation which has just come down from Congress, all members ought to be educated on it. **Zion, Friedheim is hosting an SGO informational meeting with Scott Schumacher as the speaker on August 30th (details forthcoming).** For now, we would like you to mark your calendars for this important meeting and plan to attend. By your participation in the SGO program, both our Church and School are benefited in huge ways. Thank you!

Youth

YMCA Camp Clay. Sunday, July 12, 12-5:30PM. The YMCA Camp Clay Aqua Park and Splash Pad consists of 7 water attractions and 3 floating splash mats. They also have a boating area with canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, and peddle boats. They have a floating raft

transport over to their island in the pond. The biggest attraction is a water zip line! Concessions available. Cost per youth is \$10. This is a middle and high school youth event.

Wyneken

2026 Wyneken Warrior Summer Volleyball Camp. At the Wyn. gym, June 24-26, girls grades 3-8 (based on 26-27 school year). Time: 3-4:30 (3rd-5th), 4:30-6 (6th-8th). Cost is \$30 (includes T-Shirt). Need to be registered by June 3 to receive T-Shirt. Email or call James Fuhrmann, Athletic Director, 260-450-5610 or athleticdirector@wyneken.org.

Open Positions: Middle School Social Studies Teacher sought. We are seeking a dedicated and passionate Middle School Social Studies Teacher to join our team. This individual will deliver engaging, standards-aligned instruction in social studies for grades 5-8 while contributing to the spiritual and academic culture of our school community. **Elementary Teacher sought.** We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring Elementary Teacher to provide exceptional instruction to students in grades K-5. The ideal candidate brings a love of learning, a heart for children, and a commitment to integrating faith into every aspect of the school day.

Fundraising Committee—Volunteer Needed. This committee has been appointed by the Board of Education, according to the directives of the Strategic Plan, tasked to focus on reaching and engaging alumni and streamlining fundraising efforts. Preble needs a member to serve on this committee. The member does not need to be a voting member. Talk to Pastor Yeager for more information. If you have a heart for our school, this would be a great way to serve. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed: NLSA Accreditation Committee. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is working toward accreditation through the National Lutheran School Accreditation program, and we need your help. NLSA accreditation is a rigorous process that affirms our school is meeting high standards in Christian mission, curriculum, staffing, and student care. Earning this recognition is a testament to the quality of education we provide and strengthens our commitment to excellence in Lutheran education.

We are forming a committee of volunteers to support this important work, and we would love to have parents and congregation members at the table. Committee members will be expected to participate in an NLSA work day on Saturday, September 26th, with the possibility of additional involvement as we move through the process. If you are interested in serving in this meaningful way, please contact Mrs. Nidlinger at principal@wyneken.org.

Classroom Wish List. As our teachers prepare for the upcoming school year, they have a few items on their wish list. If you are parting with any high-top (counter-height) tables, bookshelves, or entry tables, or know someone who is, we would love to give them a new home here at Wyneken. Wyneken Teacher Amazon wishlists can also be found here if you wish to bless a teachers classroom: <https://bit.ly/wyneken-teacher-wishlists>
If you have something to donate or a lead on where we might find one, please reach out to Mrs. Nidlinger at principal@wyneken.org. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Wyneken Back to School Social—“Foam Party”, August 6th. 3-5PM, meet and greet with your teachers and drop off school supplies; 5-7PM, Foam Parrrt (bring a towel!), yard games, cookout, hotdog meal, including chips, cookies, and bottled water. Soda House will be available for purchase! Join us!

Wyneken Class of 2028 is hosting a **golf outing** on Sunday, September 20th. Proceeds go to their Washington DC trip. \$75 per player; \$300 per foursome. Check in at 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. They are also looking for sponsors. Meal tickets only are \$12 each. For more information, contact a student from the class of 2028 or Troy Palacios 260-249-5291.

Acolyte

6/21 9AM Gus Fuelling

Attendance

Wednesday 6/10, 7PM	25	Sunday 6/14, 9AM	144
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Stewardship

Week of May 24th

Offering: \$6,208.38	Online: \$260.13	Total: \$6,468.51
Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00	+\$1,110.69 YTD	

Week of May 30th

Offering: \$7,760.27	Online: \$1,017.00	Total: \$8,777.27
Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00	+\$1,925.96 YTD	

Week of June 7th

Offering: \$4,893.51	Online: \$1,244.57	Total: \$6,138.08
Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00	-\$105.91 YTD	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 21	9AM	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Matins
Wednesday, June 24	7PM	Vespers
Sunday, June 28	9AM	The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Divine Service

Prayer of the Church

- +**The sick and recovering:** Tim Hoffman, Linda Fruchte.
- +**Our Wyneken School:** teachers, staff, students, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Kyndal Hall.
- +**The Homebound:** Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).
- +**Birthdays 6/22—6/28.** Gemila Rabel, Jude Adams, Cody McCullough, Emma Ehlerding, Kyle Bluhm, Joey Johnson, Isla Adams, Ron Korte, Vern Stork, Rhonda Smelser, Daniel Vogel.



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