

+The Divine Service+

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 30, 2026 | 9AM



Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

Saint Paul Ev. Lutheran Church—Preble, Indiana

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LITURGY NOTE:

Today, Tyler and Katie Clady are confirmed in the Christian faith. After attending Adult Catechism classes with Pr. Yeager, Tyler and Katie will now be joining our communion by the Rite of Confirmation. Today we welcome them as members of St. Paul, pray for them, give thanks to our Father in heaven that he has called them to saving faith in Jesus, and beseech God to keep Tyler and Katie in this confession and faith until life's end, that with us they may share in the eternal victory of the blessed saints in heaven.

Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the Crucifix.

Hymn of Invocation | 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

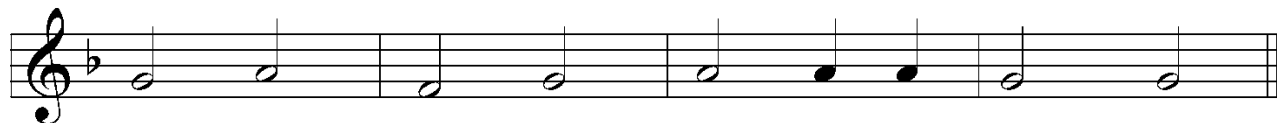
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and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie



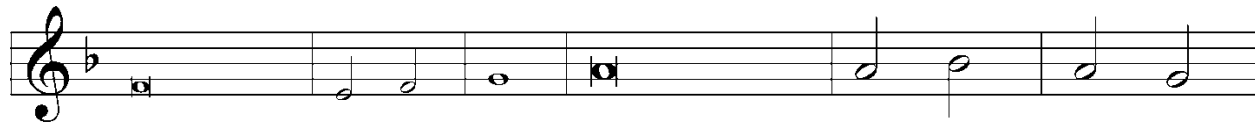
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

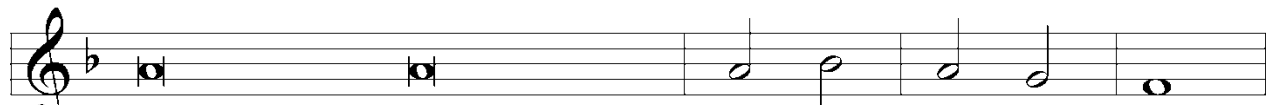
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



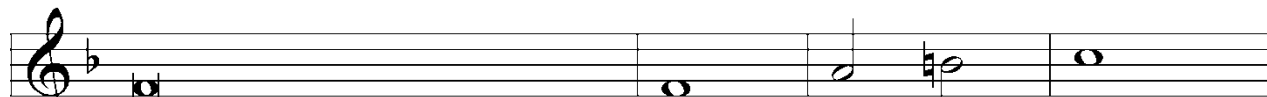
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



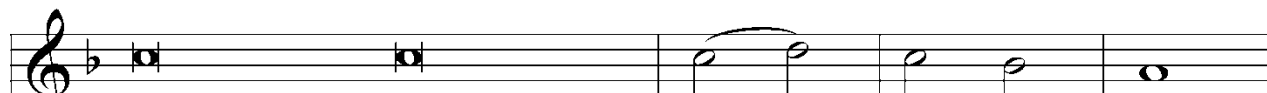
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



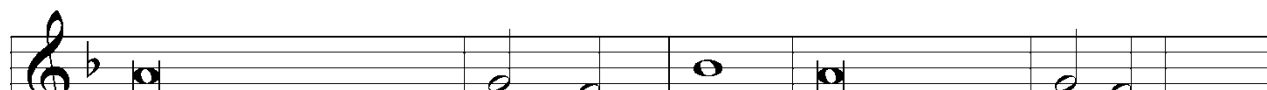
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



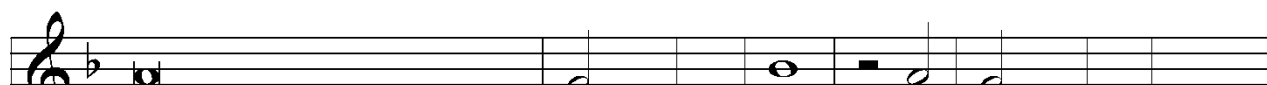
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



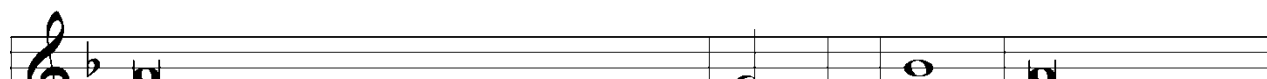
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



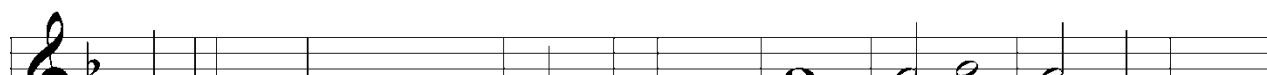
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



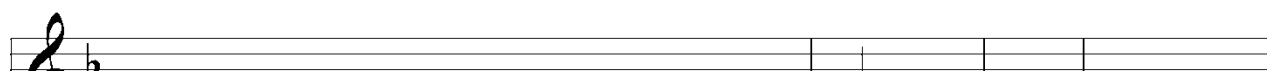
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



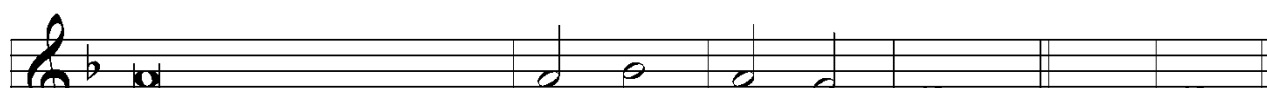
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

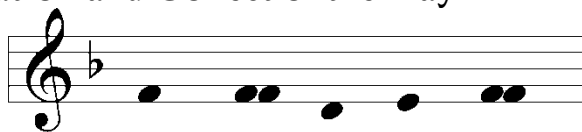


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,

and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as my mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand. Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

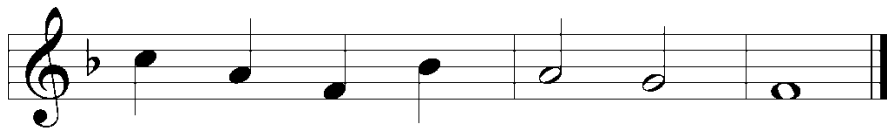
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day | 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Sermon

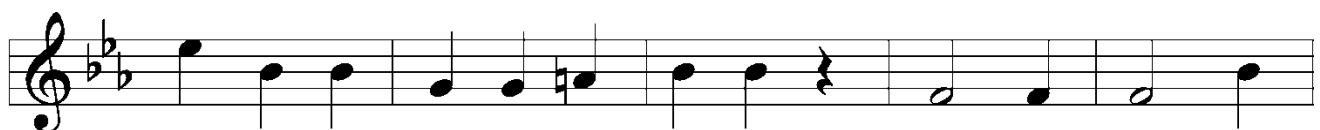
Stand

Offertory

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G Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



Sit

The Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R I do.

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Tyler/Katie, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor reads a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.

Stand. After the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



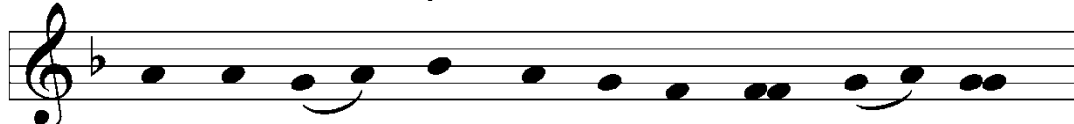
C And with thy spir - it.



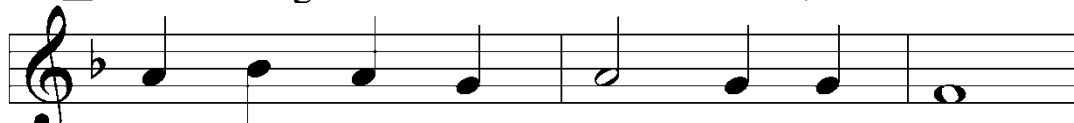
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

Distribution Hymn | 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

Distribution Hymn | 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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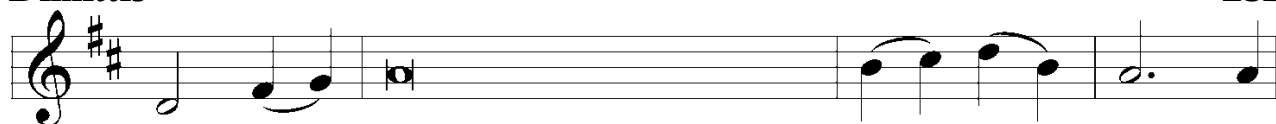
The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



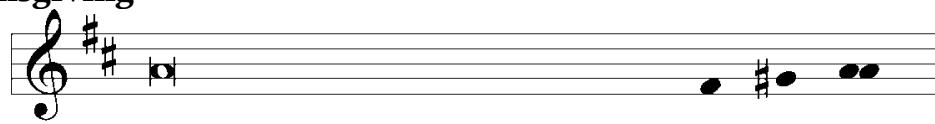
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



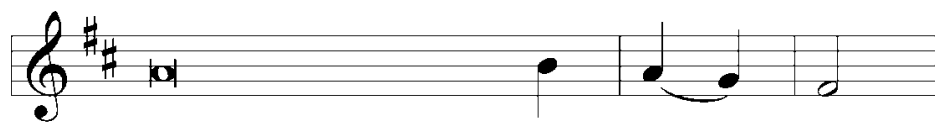
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

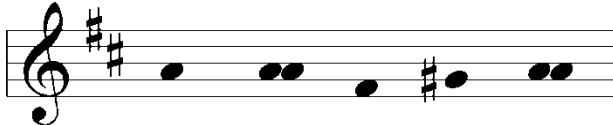
Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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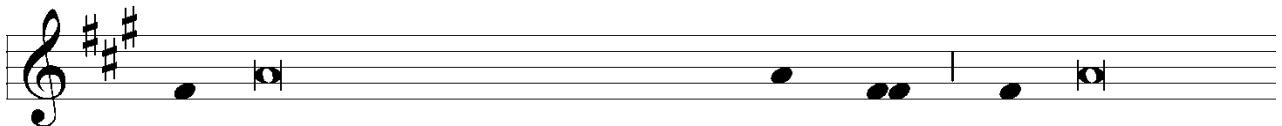
A Bless we the Lord.



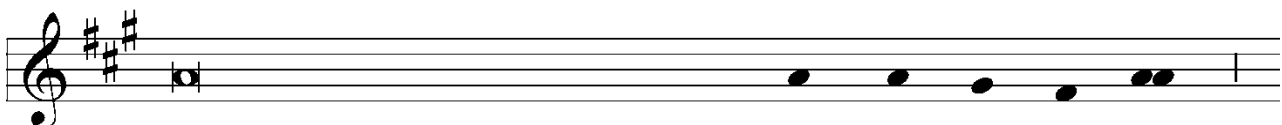
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

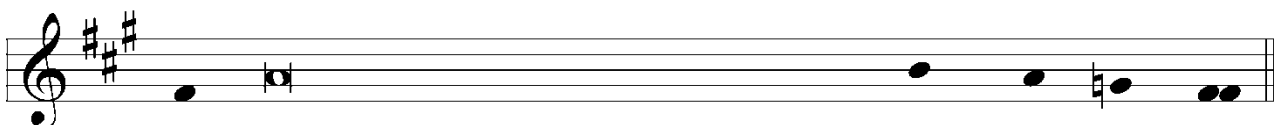
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn to Depart | 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Announcements

St. Paul

+**Youth event TODAY—TinCaps game.** This is for middle and high school students. We will meet at Bingen at 12PM and return at 5PM. \$15/person; chaperones go free. We should have plenty of drivers but parent chaperones are encouraged as more drivers would be helpful. Please tell Pastor Yeager BEFORE SUNDAY of your child's interest as we have to buy tickets early.

+**Summer Schedule** for worship ends Sunday, September 6th. This will be our last Sunday with only one service at 9AM. On Sunday, September 13th, we will resume our regular schedule of two services at 8AM and 10:15. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin on Sunday, 9/13 at 9:15AM. Confirmation instruction will take place for our 6-8th grade non-Wyneken students after 2nd service. A brief meeting for all confirmands and their parents is requested after second service on September 13th to discuss expectations and requirements for confirmation.

+**SGO Presentation.** Zion, Friedheim, invites you to an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.** We will be presenting information on the SGO programs – the Indiana state program as well as the Federal program starting 2027.

Wyneken

+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.

+**Spooktacular Halloween-Themed 5K Run/Walk.** Sat., Oct 10th at Wyneken. 0.5 Mile run for the kids. Race will be completed through cemetery, grass, and country road. Registration includes T-Shirt, snacks, and water. 5K--\$25; 0.5 mile run—free for 10 and under (\$10 if you want shirt). Race day registration is 3:30-4:15pm. Fun Run 4:30PM. 5K 5PM. Register at bit.ly/WMLSRUN. Must register by September 24th to receive a T-Shirt.

Community

SAVE THE DATE! A Red Cross Blood Drive has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 20**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Friedheim in their Family Life Center.

Do you want to schedule a time for you to give? Go to the following link, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=zflc> and sign up or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)! You can donate blood beginning at the age of 16. You can review the requirements to give by looking at the Red Cross

website www.redcross.org. ***Just a reminder that when you come to give blood, you MUST have a valid ID with you. Without an ID, you are not allowed to give blood (even if everyone there knows who you are!)*** If you have any questions, please contact Wava Lichtle (260-701-4360) or Dale Heckman (260-437-4424). The Red Cross is looking forward to having another blood drive at our facilities. It's a life-saving event!

+**Hope Clinic Annual Fundraising Banquets** are Wed September 23 at the Mirage, and Thurs September 24 at the First Mennonite Church, Berne. Doors open 6:15PM, dinner at 7PM. RSVP by September 9 online at hopeclinicfundraiser.net or call 260-223-6132 for tickets.

Prayer of the Church

+**Sick & Recovering:** Ken Selking, Cheryl Hoffman, Joy Hamilton.

+**Our Wyneken School:** teachers, staff, students, childcare.

+**Expectant mothers:** Kyndal Hall; Jamie Hemsoth; Taylor Selking.

+**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); David Schueler (Ossian Health); Don Haines (home).

+**Birthdays 8/31—9/6.** Suzie Steiner, Isaac Friedt, Kollins Fuelling, Ally Livengood, Lisa Engstrom, Alyssa Brune, Kim Ehlerding, Tiffany Reinhart.

Acolyte

8/30 9AM Jon Borne

Attendance

Wednesday 8/19	7PM	22	Sunday 8/23	9AM	157
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Stewardship 8/16/26

Offering for the week: \$5,487.00	Online Offering: \$212.00	Total: \$5,699.00
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Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00	Vs. YTD Goal: -\$6,724.44
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 30	9AM	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—D.S.
	10:30AM	Informative Meeting on SGOs—Zion, Friedheim
Weds., September 2	7PM	The Divine Service
Thursday, September 3	1PM	St. Paul hosts the Divine Service at Woodcrest
Sunday, September 6	9AM	The Fifteenth Sunday after Petnecost—D.S.
		*LAST SUNDAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE.