### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pentecost 18 September 22, 2024

#### **PRELUDE**

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### C Amen.

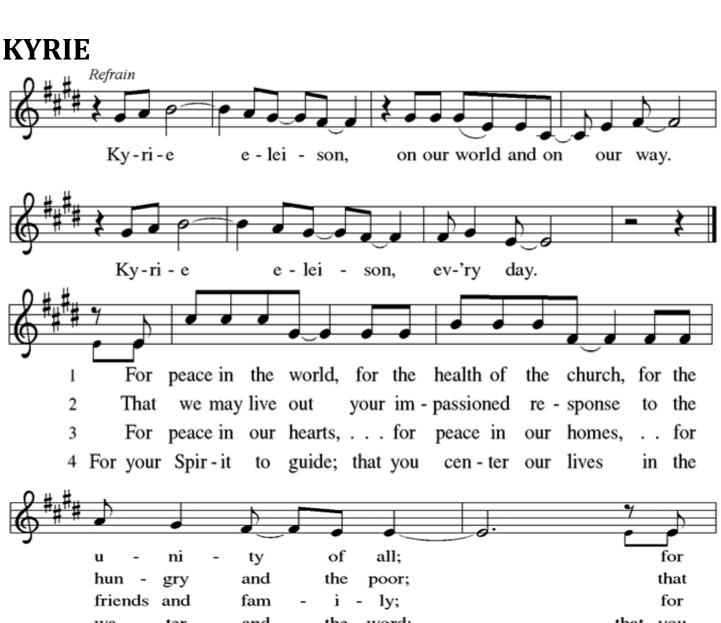
Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

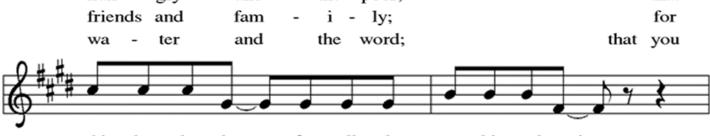
### Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

#### C Amen.





for all who this ho - ly house, we may live out . . . . truth and love, . . . for our life and for nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

pray to the Lord. let us

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C And also with you.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





Lamb who was slain has be -gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen.

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 54**

(Refrain: God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.)

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

## C <sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

# C <sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

## C 6I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## C (Refrain)

(Refrain: God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.)

### **SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8A**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.  $^{17}$ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.4:1Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (**10 measures organ intro)



**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37** 

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will

rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

## [XXVI.] Concerning the Distinction among Foods \*

In former times it was taught, preached, and written that distinction among foods and similar traditions instituted by human beings serve to earn grace and make satisfaction for sin.163 For this reason, new fasts, new ceremonies, new monastic orders, and the like were invented daily. They were fervently and strictly promoted, as if such things were a necessary service of God whereby people earned grace if they observed them or committed a great sin if they did not. Many harmful errors in the church have resulted from this. In the first place, the grace of Christ and the teaching concerning faith are thereby obscured. For this reason, St. Paul fought vehemently against the Law of Moses and against human tradition so that we should learn that we do not become righteous before God by our works but that it is only through faith in Christ that we obtain grace for Christ's sake. On the other hand, other necessary good works were considered secular, unspiritual ways of life: that each person is obliged to act according to his or her calling—for example, that the father of a family works to support his wife and children and raises them in the fear of God. Paul says that he punished his body and enslaved it, indicating

that mortification should not serve the purpose of earning grace but of keeping the body in a condition that does not prevent performing the duties required by one's calling. So fasting in itself is not rejected. Instead, we reject making it a required service.

**SERMON** Pastor Timothy Holt

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LBW 423 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#### **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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. (We pray especially for Lavella Breitweiser, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Kevin Ely, Keith Freyberger, Kenny Freyberger, Lynn Fuhs, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Connie Lueken, Eryn Mann, Zander Mann, Gene Mehne, Logan Musgrave, Bryar Rahman, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Kaine Seitz, Martha Jane Tucker, Annie Voelkel, the friends and family of Carole Krodel, the friends and family of Lila Seger, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. 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 Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.) Hear us, O God.

## C Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

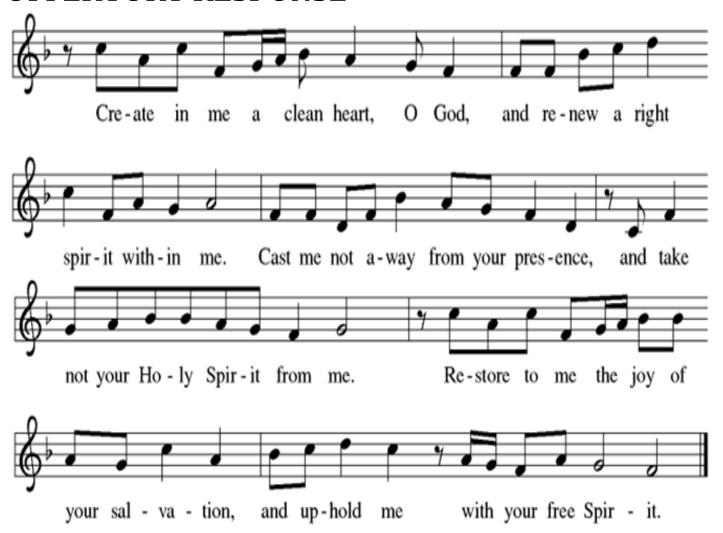
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY** 

#### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



#### 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**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

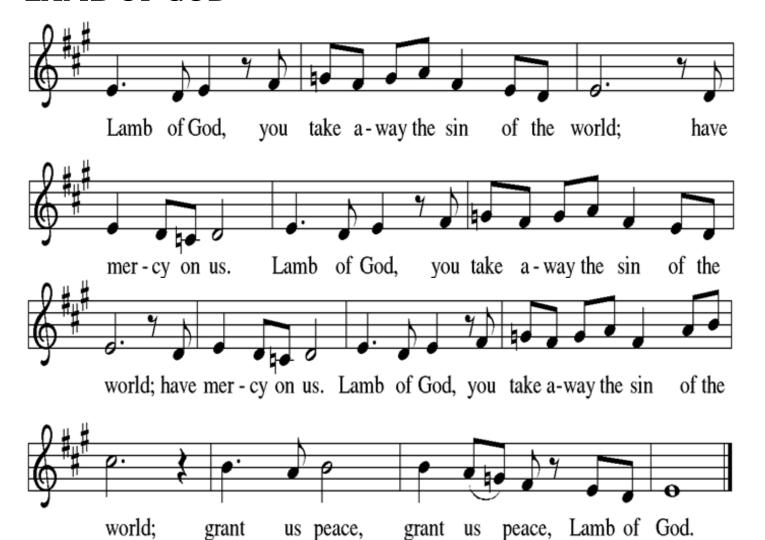
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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world;

ELW 595 "Jesus Loves Me!" LBW 474 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

us peace,

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### C Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### 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**

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** WOV 649 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Deidra Church

Comm. Asst: Shirley Stallwood

**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser

**Organist:** Kaia Holt

Lay Reader: Chloe Terwiske

**Audio:** Doug Wiseman

**Acolytes:** Caroline Kellar

#### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 145 SS: 22

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sun. Sept. 22 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School after Communion - 10:30)
Wed. Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Handbell Practice Confirmation Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 26th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School after Communion – 10:30)

### ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

They're Here!! The 175th Anniversary Books are available for pickup on Sunday. With subsidies from the endowment fund and private contributions, the books are priced at \$5/each. The money collected will be given back to the Endowment Fund to reimburse part of the original subsidy after Sept 30.

We still have a few 150th Anniversary books and ornaments that are available for taking.

## **WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS**

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2025 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85 and older, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects.

LYO will be meeting on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall following the service. Members who are in Confirmation through high school seniors are invited!

## ATTENTION

Thanks to a small grant from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, St. Paul's has the opportunity to trial a text-messaging system.

We will utilize the text system in case of emergency but will also offer a series of short devotionals that can be done alone or with your family at your leisure.

You will have the opportunity to 'opt-in' and sign up to receive the devotionals:

- Sept. Jan.: "Visual Faith" 2 texts/week
- Feb. July: "CallingNow" 1 text/week
- Dec. & Jan: "Practical Tools for Raising Faithful Kids" - 1 text/week

Please scan the QR code below to confirm the email you'd like us to use and add your cell phone to our system. All family members, including those away from home, are welcome to sign up.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the lobby where your number can be written for us to add into the system for you.



To scan the QR code, open your cell phone camera and hover over the image. Click on the link that pops up and enter your info!



## ATTENTION

In addition to the text messaging system and the devotional curriculum, the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Grant also allowed us the funds to purchase new books for our church's Library available for checkout!



Now available:

#### Alabaster Co

- Core Collection
- Devotional Bundles
- "Towards Rest"

Alabaster Co presents the bible with visual imagery and thoughtful design.

The grant has also allowed us to purchase a collection of gratitude/prayer journals that are available and complimentary for congregational members to take and utilize at home, while supplies last. These are available in the library.

The journals include daily prompts for you to reflect on what you're personally grateful for, what you're praying for, and reflect on God's faithfulness. It's been shown that daily gratitude/prayer journaling can improve mental health and resilience.



## Let's Celebrate!

Calling all Dubois County Cancer Survivors & All Current Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center Patients

## Friday, Sept. 27th, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 PM

## **Jasper Middle School**

3600 N Portersville Rd Jasper, IN



Relay for Life of Dubois County Facebook



## We'd like to invite you + your caregiver to a FREE survivor drive-through dinner

Meals will be provided by Indiana Turkey Market Development Council, Oink Ink, and Farbest Foods.

(Additional guests can be added for a cost of \$10 each.)

RSVP by Sept. 12th, 2024.



For More Details: Brooke Uebelhor 812-661-2757



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## **In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser AM-1 Luke Himsel Cooper Uebelhor Redzikowo, Poland USS Theodore Roosevelt Colorado Springs, CO