

## 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.**

# KYRIE

*Refrain*



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



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



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

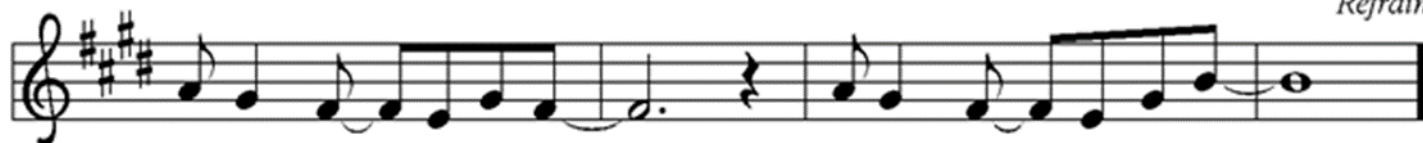


u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## 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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as

a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are

prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14**

*(Refrain: The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**C <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. (Refrain)**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**C <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*(Refrain: The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.)*

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



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



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not

against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

[XXVIII.] Concerning the Power of Bishops<sup>204</sup>

*For the bishops, under the guise of power given to them by Christ, have not only introduced new forms of worship<sup>205</sup> and burdened consciences with reserved cases<sup>206</sup> and with forcible use of the ban, but they also took it upon themselves to set up and depose emperors and kings according to their pleasure. Such outrage has long since been condemned by learned and devout people in Christendom. That is why our people have been compelled, for the sake of comforting consciences, to indicate the difference between spiritual and secular power, sword, and authority. Our people teach as follows. According to the gospel the power of the keys<sup>207</sup> or of the bishops is a power and command of God to preach the gospel, to forgive or retain sin, and to administer and distribute the sacraments. For Christ sent out the apostles with this command. Now inasmuch as the power of the church or of the bishops bestows eternal benefits and is used and exercised only through the office of preaching, it does not interfere at all with public order and secular authority. For secular authority deals with matters altogether different from the gospel. Secular power*

*does not protect the soul but, using the sword and physical penalties, it protects the body and goods against external violence. For spiritual power has its command to preach the gospel and to administer the sacraments. It should not invade an alien office. It should not set up and depose kings. However, where bishops possess secular authority and the sword, they possess them not as bishops by divine right but by human, imperial right, given by Roman emperors and kings for the secular administration of their lands. That has nothing at all to do with the office of the gospel. Consequently, according to divine right it is the office of the bishop to preach the gospel, to forgive sin, to judge doctrine and reject doctrine that is contrary to the gospel, and to exclude from the Christian community the ungodly whose ungodly life is manifest—not with human power but with God’s Word alone.*

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *LBW 198*      *“Let All Mortal Flesh  
Keep Silence”*

## **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 people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*We pray especially for Lavella Breitweiser, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Kevin Ely, Keith Freyberger, Kenny Freyberger, Lynn Fuhs, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, 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, and all those*

*we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. 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.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

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

### **OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



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



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
 your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

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

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

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

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

# COMMUNION

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

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

# LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*WOV 737 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

*LBW 197 "O Living Bread from Heaven"*

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

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



May you run and not be wea - ry. May your



heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God continue to  
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you  
run and not be weary. May your  
life be filled with joy. And may the  
road you travel always lead you home.

## 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**      LBW 543      *“Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty”*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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:** Wayne & JoAnn Schnarr  
**Comm. Asst:** Terry Seitz  
**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser  
**Organist:** Barbara Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Chloe Terwiske  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Evan Ruhe

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 144 SS:**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sun. Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School after Communion – 10:30)</i>
	10:00 AM	LYO Meeting
Tues. Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:30 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
		Confirmation Meeting
Sun. Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Harvest Home Sunday)</i> <i>(Sunday School after Communion – 10:30)</i>



## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in memory of George Opel's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday and the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George and Pat Opel.*

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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.

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### **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.

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WELCA will be having a Bake Sale on Sunday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone in the congregation would  
like to donate bake items or canned items, please  
bring to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning.  
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Harvest Home Display

If anyone has any items to bring for the Harvest  
Home display, please have them at the church by  
Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.  
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# Sunday School

October 2025

10/6

PreK-1st: Noah

2nd-6th: Noah's Ark

10/13

PreK-1st: NO CLASS

2nd-6th NO CLASS

10/20

PreK-1st: Noah

2nd-6th Job

10/27

PreK-1st: Abraham & Sarah

2nd-6th Abraham & God's Promise







*St John's*  
**FALL FESTIVAL**

FUN FOR THE FAMILY

**26 OCTOBER, 2024, 4PM-9PM**

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BONFIRE, HAYRIDE, SOUP, TRUNK OR TREAT,  
AND SO MUCH MORE!!

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**In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser  
AM-1 Luke Himsel  
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