

) Munster, Indiana 2024

# WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

Members and Guests: Please silence cell phones

**Before the service begins,** some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

#### Holy Communion:

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else s faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess. July 28 • July 29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

9:30 Soloist "I Want to Be Like Jesus" (Miller) 6:30 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (Sadowski)

Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service. The hymns for this service are: 790, 544, 642 and 920

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# Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

#### Hymn of Invocation—790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (stanzas 1-3) the King of 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, cre -2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things won - drous - ly is 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly, 0 praise Him, for tion! soul, He is my your a reign - ing And, wings as on of an ea \_ gle, up -Health made you, has be stowed and. when heed - less \_ lv 0 health and sal - va tion! Let all who hear Now to His All lift ing, sus - tain ing. Have you not seen that is fall -What need or Ev er has ing, has stayed you. grief tem - ple draw near, Join - ing ad in glad tion! 0 ra need - ful has been or - dain ing? Sent by His gra - cious failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.

# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### Invocation

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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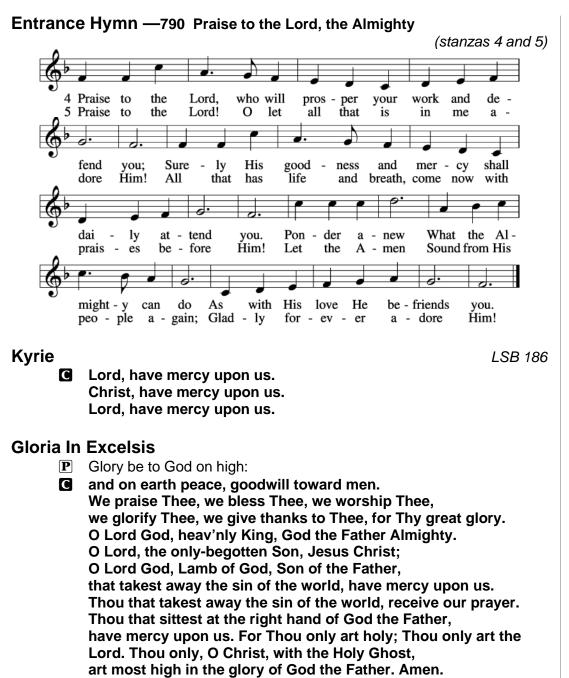
# **Confession of Sins**

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

# Absolution

- 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.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Those who read music and/or sing harmony may choose to follow the liturgy in the hymnal starting with the Kyrie on page 186.

# Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9: 8 – 17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 136 (spoken by Pastor/Congregation)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever: to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who made the great lights. for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever: 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.

The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so.

A covenant is more than a promise, it's a contractual commitment between two parties that states that they have reached an agreement that cannot be broken. Yet in this fallen and sinful world we know that even the most iron clad agreement may be broken such as we see in the covenantal union of man and wife. But a covenant made by God is one that is unbreakable no matter what and we see that in the rainbow. God set His bow in the clouds to be an everlasting reminder to the world and to Himself that a promise was made, an agreement was made, that saves the world from the powerful floods even when it goes back on its promise. This covenant is specific for the waters yet another "New Covenant" will be made by Christ that saves through blood and grant forgiveness to all who seek it.

# **Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 3: 14 – 21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



# Holy Gospel: Mark 6: 45 - 56

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

"Take Heart; it is I." Words of power and of hope given to the disciple and to us from the creator of all things. This events we witness today shows us the authority Christ has over creation itself. No one is capable of doing what we see Jesus do here today, walking on water is simply impossible vet the Lord of Creation strides across the waves as easily as if he walks on land. The wind the disciples struggle against has no effect on Him and as he calls out we are all reminded of who Jesus truly is, God in the flesh. We hear Him call out words of strength and comfort but what we are reminded of is that the one walking on the waters is the same God who called them into being, the same God who called out to Moses from the burning bush, who led His people through the wilderness and promised a messiah would be sent to save us all. Here is that Messiah.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon Hymn—544 O Love, How Deep (stanzas 1,2,3,6 and 7)



Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.

#### **Receiving of New Members – Clayton and Trisha Engel** (9:30 Service)

#### Prayer of the Church

EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**" THE LAST PETITION ENDS:

Heavenly Father, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join them around Your throne; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

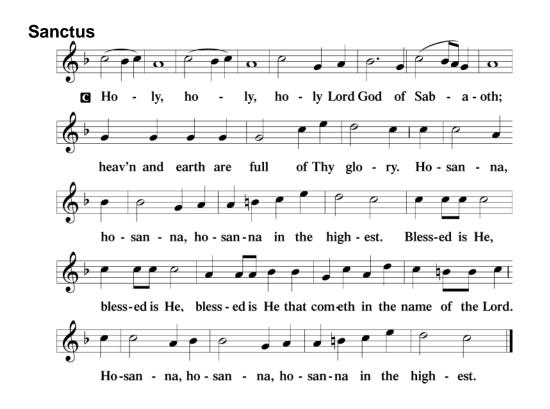
C Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- It is meet and right so to do.

God's rich blessings to Arthur and Sandra Armstrong who celebrate 40 years of marriage and to Ron and Melanie Heramb who celebrate 20 years of holy matrimony. 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# Lord's Prayer

 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.

# Words of Institution

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**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### Distribution

9:30 Soloist "Thy Will Be Done" (Eilers)



As we come forward to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, we remember also the "sin of the world" which is on constant, ongoing display, and remember that Jesus as the Lamb of God has taken it all upon Himself.

Those who are not communing today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Please fold your arms with your hands on your shoulders to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

#### Distribution Hymn—642 O Living Bread from Heaven

# **Nunc Dimittis**



# Thanksgiving

- **P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **G** and His mercy endureth forever.

# **Post-Communion Collect**

P 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.

С Amen.

#### Acknowledgements

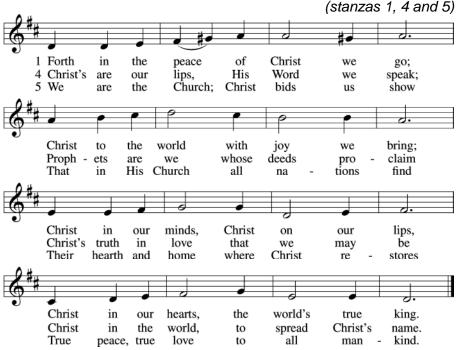
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# Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit. С

# **Benedicamus and Benediction**

- Bless we the Lord. P
- Thanks be to God. С
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- Amen, amen, amen. С



Hymn to Depart—Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

#### **Postlude** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (Lovelace)

#### Serving us this Week:

Preaching: Rev. Adrian Krebs Organ: Karen Foote Soloist: Nikki Kutansky Greeters: Brian and Laurie Eriks

> Altar flowers today are dedicated In honor of: Nina Herkey by the Garden Crew

#### Last Week at St. Paul's:

Attendance: 323 Communed: 245 Cedarhurst/Hartsfield: 26 Plate Offering: \$9,330 Online Offering: \$4,537 Total: \$13,867 Weekly Budget: \$16,538

# This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, July 28: 8:15 am Adult Bible Study – Minor Prophets

Monday, July 29:

Church Office Hours 8am - 1pm 7:00 pm Basketball Clinic

#### Tuesday, July 30:

Church Office Hours 8am - 1pm 8:30 am Garden Crew 9:30 am Cedarhurst Worship Service 10:45 am Hartsfield Worship Service 7:00 pm Men's Basketball

#### Wednesday, July 31:

Church Office Hours 8am - 1pm 10:00 am Bible Study-"The Spirituality of the Cross" by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.

#### Thursday, August 1:

Church Office Hours 8am - 1pm 10:00 am Bible Study- The Book of 1st Peter

#### Friday, August 2:

Church Office Closed Pastor Speckhard on call (219) 741-6270

Saturday, August 3: 8:00 am AA 10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

> Next Week's Readings: Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:10-21, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:22-35