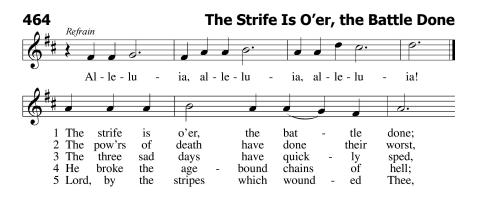
23rd Sunday after Pentecost.....November 8, 2020

It's the time of the Church year that our Christian, liturgical journey comes to an end with the final Sundays of Pentecost. Our focus may already be on the family's Thanksgiving dinner or perhaps even the next season of Advent, and Christmas with decorations, trees, and children's programs. But are we truly prepared for Jesus' second coming?

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary. Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you *The Lord's Supper* is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- \mathcal{P} In the name of the Father and of the τ 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,
- \mathcal{C} who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- \mathcal{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.

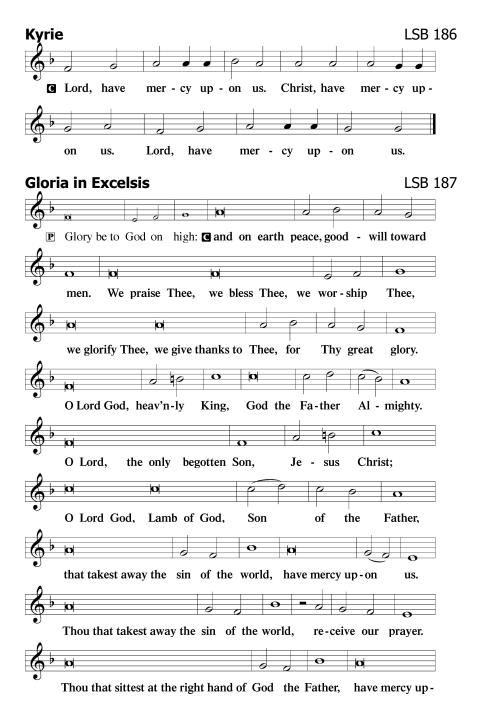
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⊤ Son and of the Holy Spirit.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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

- P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
- $\mathcal C -$ at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- P How lovely is Your dwelling place,
- C O LORD of hosts!
- P Behold our shield, O God;
- \mathcal{C} look on the face of Your anointed!
- *P* For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- *C* I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
- *C* No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- P O LORD of hosts,
- C blessèd is the one who trusts in You!







P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer Me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. $^{\rm 24}\mbox{But}$ let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- *P* This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathcal{C} Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth



¹Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them

were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."





Nicene Creed

C 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 \top of the world to come. Amen.

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying 516 1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly ing," The watch-men on the 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing -And all her heart with ing, 3 Now Let saints and let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, an - gels 0 rise!" heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom. joy be - fore Thee With harp and cym-bals' clear - est sing tone. Mid-night hears the wel-come voic es And at the thrill-ing -For her Lord comes down all - glo rious, The strong in grace, in Of one pearl each shin-ing por Where, join-ing with the _ tal, re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, vir gins wise? ye cry is ris'n, her truth vic - to - rious; Her star light is come. choir im-mor - tal. We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne. 0 The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! sus, God's own Son, Bless-ed One, Now come, Thou Lord Je -No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might A1 - le - lu - ja! With brid - al care Your-selves pre pare Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E ter - nal lv



Sermon Text

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

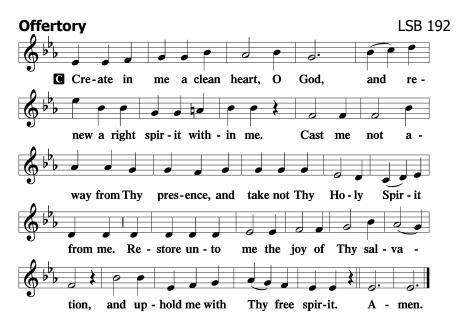
Sermon "What Encouraging Words!"

1. Sad to say, may are uninformed not only about Christ's return,

but even about _

- 2. So Paul first teaches us about _____
- 3. Then Paul gives the encouraging words of _____

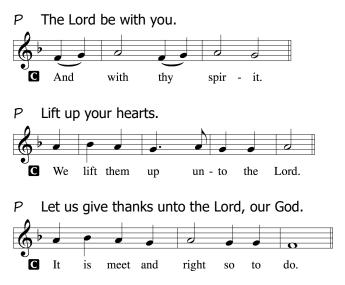
We Will Always Be with the Lord!



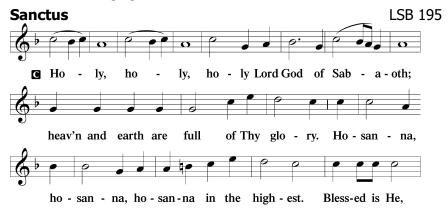
Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface



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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

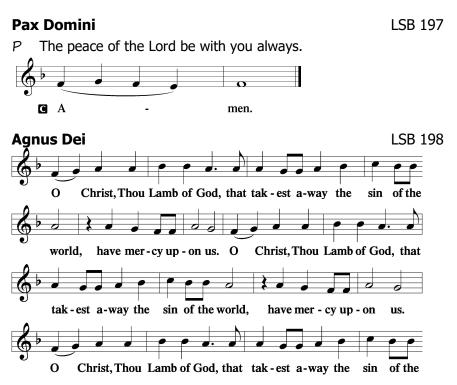


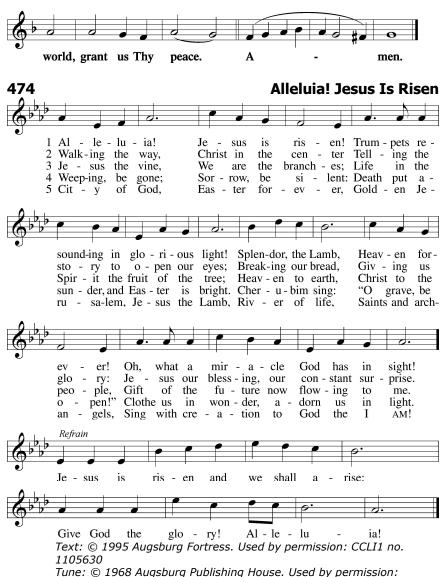


Lord's Prayer

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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.





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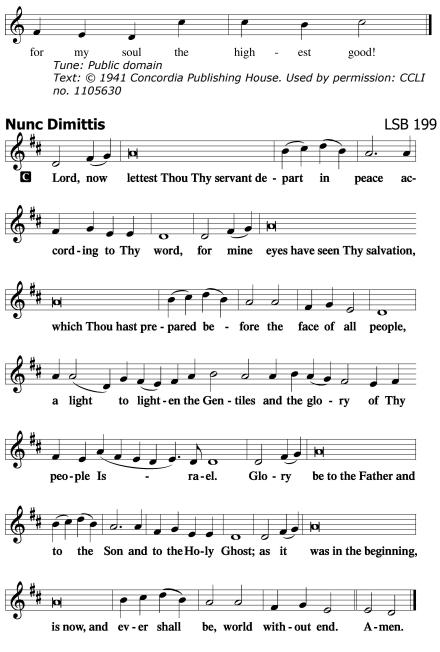






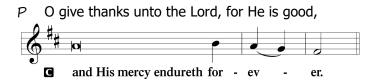
Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You. Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish

And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving. Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure. Through the gift of grace You give me As Your quest in heav'n receive me. Tune and text: Public domain Text (sts. 1, 4–5): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: CCLI no. 1105630 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior 619 bod - y, giv'n for me, Sav - ior. Thy blood which Thou for Thy 0 2 With Thee, Lord, Ι am now u - nit - ed; T live in Thee and 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who 4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, can - not rob me It 5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, 0 bless - ed, ho - ly These me didst shed, are my life and strength for -No Thou in me. sor row fills my soul. de fies. fear. jus _ ti -No hell Ι and thus se -For He who death of my cheer; is of the Trin i ty. With an gels I, Thy prais es By ev er. them my hun gry soul is fed. light ed It finds its on ly joy in Thee. ly. With Je -Ι rise. cure sus to heav en mas com - fort With aid and e'er ter is near. tell ing, Shall live in joy e ter nal ly. -Refrain Lord. Thy Be may bod - y and Thy blood



Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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.



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

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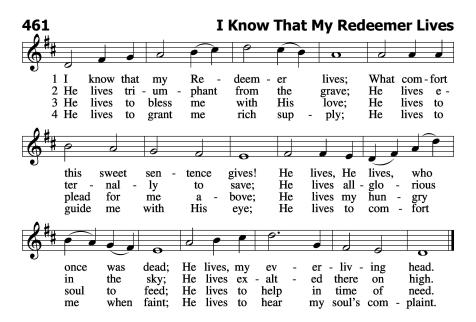


Benediction

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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 T give you peace.





He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! *Tune and text: Public domain*

Acknowledgments

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<u>BUDGET INFO:</u> Operating budget fund balance as of November 5, 2020 -\$79,600

This amount represents over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

August preliminary operating budget fund donations : \$83,766 August preliminary operating budget fund spend : <\$48,972>

<u>HE REALLY IS HERE</u>: Pastor Wonnacott's **office** hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

<u>THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP- NOV 25TH at 7pm</u> Let's give thanks to the Lord for all He has given to us and continues to give to us!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS subscriptions are coming due for next year. If you normally get this magazine and would like to continue to receive it, the church secretary needs your payment of \$19.00 by November 18. (You are welcome to mail payment to the church as well). The Lutheran Witness is available to anyone who would like to purchase it. Make checks out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church." Please let Marilyn know if you would like to be added to our list of subscribers. We are going to try to obtain large print copies for those of you who would prefer an easier way to read the magazine. Let Marilyn know with your payment if you would like the large print option.



Wondering what you can do to help the pastoral selection committee? Let's pray together! Prayer meetings continue each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We meet together in the Narthex for a brief time of prayer lifting up the call committee's work and the ministries of the church. This will be a regular weekly prayer meeting as we seek God's will for the future of

his ministries at St. Paul's. Call Terry Miller if you have any questions 248-1770.

YOUTH NEWS

For High School Youth: You are invited to a bowling outing on Sunday, November 15th. We will meet at church at 1:30 pm and head to Plymouth together to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Cost is \$5 per participant and must be paid in advance. Youth Board will offset any bowling related costs above that. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Parents for Youth under 18 will need to sign a waiver. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 with questions.

FALL WORK DAY: NEXT SATURDAY! The Board of Church Properties is having a fall work/ clean-up day on November 14th. We will be raking leaves and cleaning up weeds and debris. Starting time is 9:00 am. Bring rakes, blowers, tarps, etc. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY	.November 8, 2020				
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am				
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am				
Worship Service with Communion	11:15 am				
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 pm				
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm				
TUES:					
Pastors' Conference-Woodland					
7 th Grade Confirmation	4:30 pm				
Prayer meeting	7:00 pm				
Outreach	6:30 pm				
WED: Veteran's Day					
Day School Chapel	8:05 am				
LifeLight	6:45 pm				
THUR:					
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am				
SAT:					
Fall Work Day/ Clean-up Day					
NEXT SUNDAYNovember 15, 2020					

Veterans' Recognition Sunday

Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:15 am
Youth Bowling	1:00 pm
Men's Group in the Gym	3:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm

<u>PEANUT BUTTER</u>: St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. This opportunity to help the children and their families in our school and public school.

NEXT MEN'S GROUP takes place November 15th at 3:00pm Anyone 15 years and above, come and play basketball, have fellowship and end with prayer.

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HOPE MINISTRIES:

November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's and women's). We will have a table in the narthex with signs so please place your items on the table and we will deliver them to Hope at the end of the month! May we as God's people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER November 26, 2020 at noon

The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event. This is a **carry-out and delivery only**, no dining in. The following items are needed:

20 pumpkin pies 6 Servers

5 Drivers 5 Clean-up crew

We have a Thrivent Action Team card for \$250. We are in need of additional funds for the meal, so if you are moved to help, please place your donation in the offering marked "Thanksgiving Dinner" There will be a sign-up list on the "check-it-out" board. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our own members.

<u>YOU are INVITED</u> to partake of the Annual Thanksgiving Meal. If you and your family are in need of a dinner, we can deliver to your home or you can pick up your meal. Please sign up on the 'Check-it-Out" board or call the church 546-2332. The deadline to sign up is November 20th. We need your name, address and phone number, and the number of people for dinner. May we give thanks to the Lord!

Throughout November: Ingathering for the Ft. Wayne Seminary Food Bank. A box is in the entryway for donations. Nonperishable items only: food, diapers, personal care products. Your donations are needed and appreciated!

Join us for a very Special Event!

Our annual <u>"Pilgrim Meal" is on Tuesday, November</u> <u>17th at 6:00 pm</u>, only two weeks away! This is a fun evening and meal, with fellowship together as a school, with our families and church congregation members. As we prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in the months to come, we are reminded of all the blessings that God gives to us, and we give thanks to God for all that He provides for us here on earth, and also for the gift of Jesus so we may have eternal life in Him. Our Parent Teacher League is working with the school to help with our second quarterly "Service Event" which will be a food pantry collection for our neighbors at the Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wane Food Co-op.

We would love to have each family who attends our Pilgrim Meal on November 17th bring in a few non-perishable food items or necessary kitchen/household items (see the list below for suggestions). Each week at school, we will have a weeklong theme in which we gather specific food items for that week. The classes will compete to meet the needs of our neighbors in Ft. Wayne, and see which class brings in the most items per grade each week. Our 8th grade class will gather the items in December and deliver them to CTSFW before Christmas break. We are grateful for your support of this service event to help others!

For a list of specific items for each week, please see the printed list on the table in the Narthex near the bulletins.

Servants for Today's Worship

Administrative Pastor: Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

Assistant Pastor: Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Usher: Wayne Spicher

Acolyte: Ben Andrews

Elder: 1st: Dave Burcham 2nd: Jon Rettinger

Communion Assistant: 1st: Jim Kaiser 2nd-Terry Miller