

As we come together on the Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost, (Pentecost is a season for the church to grow and mature in the faith). We see in the Gospel reading for today, the sermon text, the most difficult verses in the entire Gospel of Mark. Led by the Holy Spirit we will learn and grow in our faith and walk with God. Praise God that we are together this morning!

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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Hymn 850**

God of Grace and God of Glory

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*P* In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C* **Amen.**

*P* Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*C* **who made heaven and earth.**

*P* If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

*C* **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*P* Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

*C* **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*P* Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*C* **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*P* Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

*C* **Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

*P* Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,

*C* **give praise, O servants of the LORD,**

*P* who stand in the house of the LORD,

*C* **in the courts of the house of our God!**

*P* Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

*C* **sing to His name, for it is pleasant!**

P Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

C **Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

P For the LORD will vindicate His people

C **and have compassion on His servants.**

**ALL: 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.**

P Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

C **Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.**

## Kyrie

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost 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 clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And 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 them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them 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 as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now 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 the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, 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, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

James 5:1–20

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38–50

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

**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 mighty work in My name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*P* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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 of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Hymn 690**

Hope of the World

## **Sermon Text Sermon**

Mark 9:38-50  
"Worth Your Salt"

1. Those who are for you are for \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv 38-41).
2. God wants no one – especially yourself! – to cause you to \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 42-48).
3. To God, then, you're worth every grain of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 49-50).

## **Hymn 718**

Jesus, Lead Thou On

## **Prayers**

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## **Preface**

LSB 208

*P* The Lord be with you.

*C* **And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts.

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

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

**Sanctus**

LSB 208



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

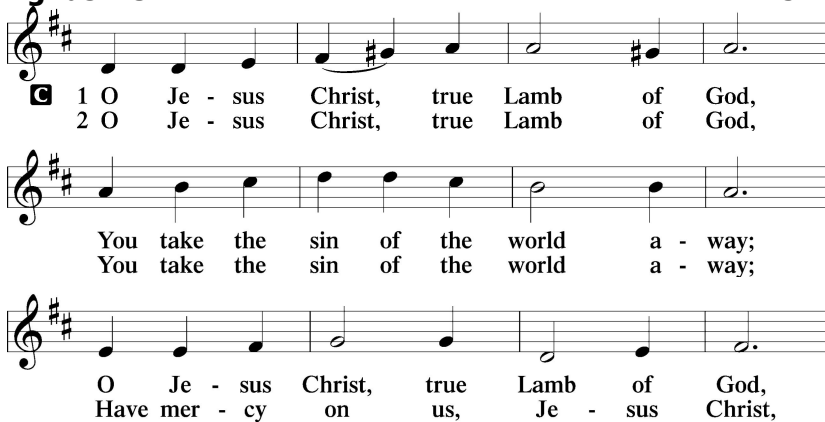
### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Communion Hymns

**Hymn 642**

O Living Bread from Heaven

**Hymn 636**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

**Hymn 629**

What Is This Bread

**Hymn 620**

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.

**C Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## **Hymn 693**

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

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## **Church and School Picnic**

You are invited and asked to bring a friend or two for our Church/School Picnic TODAY -September 26<sup>th</sup> after church. *Parish Fellowship* will provide the hot dogs and fixings along with the drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. *PTL* will be providing activities for the youth and adults alike. We will also be playing bingo in the gym so we ask that you bring a wrapped white elephant or two. *Church Properties* will have a bonfire to roast the hot dogs so please bring your roasting sticks, and also chairs or blankets to sit on. Come join us for fun and fellowship with each other and anyone you invite!

**South Bend Zone FALL RALLY**, Sunday, October 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 30888 CR 6, Elkhart. 1:30 pm Registration. 2:00 pm Service/Meeting. Meal following: \$5/suggested donation, if staying. We will pool rides at Church parking lot; leave at 1:05 pm.

**LWML:** Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., in the Jerusalem Room. Program: "Book Club: Shadow Among Sheaves" study by Joanna

Fox. Books are available in the narthex, on top of the "mailboxes." If you have one, and are done reading, please return. Thank you.

**BUDGET**

Operating budget fund balance as of September 23, 2021 - \$109,300

**This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.**

**YOUTH NEWS**

**ALL YOUTH GRADES 4 THROUGH HS:** Our last Youth Night will be next Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>! Join us for a fun outdoor or gym activity from 7-8 pm. Bring a friend. We'll end the evening with a snack and devotion.

**ALL YOUTH GRADES 4 THROUGH 8:** Our annual Campfire Night will be on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm here at school. Join us for food, activities, devotion ...and of course, a campfire. Bring a friend for this evening of fellowship.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:** Attention parents of Youth attending the NYG – we will be holding our next Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> after church. Please join us as we continue to plan for this important event. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 with any questions.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>TODAY.....</b>	<b>September 26, 2021</b>
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Church/School Picnic.....	following service
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm
<b>TUES:</b>	
Pastor Wonnacott at the Whitlock.....	10:30 am
Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 pm
<b>WED:</b>	
Day School & Preschool Chapel.....	11:00 am
6-7 grade Confirmation .....	6:00 pm
Life Light Bible Study.....	6:45 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation.....	7:00 pm
Youth Night.....	7:00 – 8:00 pm

**THUR:**

Life Light Bible Study..... 9:00 am

**NEXT SUNDAY .....October 3, 2021**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service.....9:30 am

Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US**

One of the changes brought about due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak was using an "offering box" in the narthex of the church in front of the water fountains instead of passing an offering plate during the worship service. Please remember to give back to the Lord from the many blessings He gives us by placing your offering in the offering box or "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

**Liturgical Corner**

**Worship Component:** Holy Absolution

**Scriptural Basis:** Matt. 16:19, John 20:21-23

**Meaning:** God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake.

This assures us that we can receive the rest of His gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

**Application for Daily Living:** Having confessed our sins each day, we can rejoice in God's forgiveness and cleansing.

**LIFE CHAIN-** Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 3, from 1:45 to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Participants will stand along Michigan and Jefferson Streets in Plymouth holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up at the St. Michael's School playground beginning at 1:30 pm on October 3. For more information, go to: [www.nci4life.org](http://www.nci4life.org).

**FROM BOARD OF EVANGELISM:**

**Calling all knitters and crocheters.** The Evangelism Board needs your help! Small gift bags are being assembled to give to residents of Bremen who have recently moved in. Would you be willing to knit or crochet a dish cloth or scrubby to go in these bags? Stitch some up and bring to church or call Deb Burcham(220-5745) for pick up. First delivery is scheduled for

October 26th. This could become an ongoing ministry to Bremen. Need yarn and/or a pattern? Call Deb! Happy stitching!

### **SGO Funds Needed!**

**Our school year is off to a good start and eight families have received a SGO scholarship to assist with tuition costs. Another three families are anticipated to participate. That means that we are in need of donations in our SGO fund!**

**Donating to the SGO does not just benefit our school families! It benefits you, the donor! You may claim a 50% tax credit for your donation, and your donation is also tax-deductible, as the Lutheran SGO is a 501C- 3 charity. Our school account in the Lutheran SGO depends entirely on donations; it is not government subsidized.**

**Additional information can be found at [LutheranSGO.org](http://LutheranSGO.org) and from the school office.**

**Thank you for your donation!**

### SEARCH FOR TEACHERS

St. Paul's has been blessed to have three church members step in to fill needs within our school: Heidi Wildauer (with an Emergency Teacher Certificate) as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, Wendy Coxey as a half-day First Grade teacher, and Barb Middaugh as an Extended Care assistant. It is not intended that they fulfill these roles long-term. We also are in need of a full-time substitute for K-1, to cover maternity leave. **Therefore, we are still actively searching for a full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, part-time 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher, an Extended Care Assistant, and a full-time maternity substitute for K- 1st.** Please refer our needed positions to any qualified candidates you may know. Interested applicants send resume to Principal Mark Wildauer at [mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org).

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Rummage sale, it was a big success. We made approximately \$1400 for the PTL.

### **Servants for Today's Worship**

Pastor: Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Mark Matejka & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Gavin Hundt

Greeter: Deb Burcham

Elder: Todd Haug

Communion Assistant: David Burcham