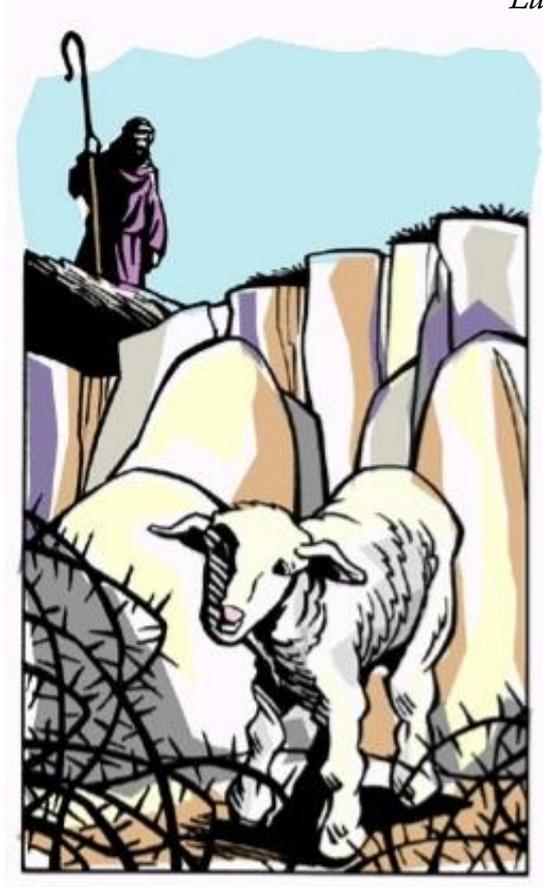


“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

*Luke 15:7*



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“Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. . . . Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life.” The *Collect* for Proper 19 well summarizes the day. In the *Gospel*, our preaching text, Jesus tells His parable of the shepherd seeking out one lost sheep (and also of the woman seeking one lost coin) and describes the rejoicing even in heaven when the lost one is found (Lk 15:3–10). May we always be found in Jesus.

**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.

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

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “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.

## Opening hymn 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

### ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

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

**C** **Amen.** *(Matthew 28:19b)*

**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.

*(Heb. 10:22)*

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

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:2)*

**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. *(John 20:19-32)*

**C** **Amen.**

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

#### Introit

*Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv.11a, 12b*

**P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C** **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

**C** **and You have healed me.**

**P** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C** You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

**C** and give thanks to His holy name.

**P** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

**C** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

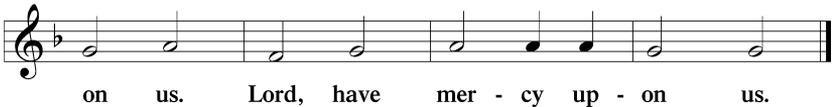
**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C** **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

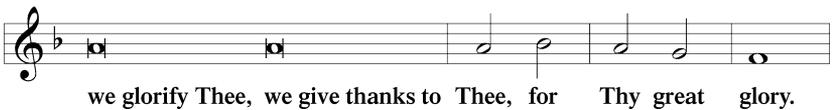
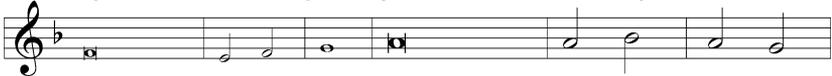
*LSB 186*



**Gloria in Excelsis** ~

*Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*

*LSB 187*





O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** (2 Timothy 4:22) *LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–24*

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

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

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19*

**P** Fear the LORD, you His saints,

**C** **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

1 Timothy 1:5–17

<sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, <sup>11</sup>in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

<sup>12</sup>I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

## Alleluia

LSB 190



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So He told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

**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 839** "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

**Sermon Text**

*Luke 15:1-10*

**Sermon** "Concern for One, Search for One, Joy over One"

1. One of the biggest temptations many pastors and congregations

face is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus makes a grueling search for \_\_\_\_\_.

3. See how the \_\_\_\_\_

when the one is found!

To God, One Sinner Is Valuable beyond Measure.

4. You are much more \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hymn 819** "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

**Prayers**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Preface** (2 Timothy 4:22)

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. (*Psalms 136*)



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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 saying:

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*) *LSB 195*



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



**Hymn 627** "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

**Hymn 633** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**Nunc Dimittis** ~ *Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)* LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving** (*Psalm 107:1*) LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you. (*2 Timothy 4:22*)



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus** ~ *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103)*

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** ~ *The Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)*

*LSB 202*

**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn 566** "By Grace I'm Saved"

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## Calendar of Events

### **TODAY:.....September 11, 2022**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation ..... After Church  
Bell Choir Rehearsal .....5:00 pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm

### **MON:**

### **TUES:**

Pastor Wonnacott at Winkle in Winamac ..... All Day  
Elders Meeting with Confirmands and Parents..... 7:00 pm

### **WED:**

Day School Chapel ..... 8:05 am  
LifeLight ..... 6:45-8:15 pm  
Youth Night 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - High School ..... 7:00-8:00 pm

### **THURS:**

Ladies Bible Study ..... 9:30 am  
Preschool Chapel ..... 9:30 am  
Mother/Daughter Fun Night..... 7:00 pm

### **FRI:**

Euchre Party ..... 7:00-9:00 pm

### **SAT:**

PTL Rummage Sale ..... 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY: .....September 18, 2022**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:30 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation ..... After Church  
Bell Choir Rehearsal .....5:00 pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm

**Adult Choir and Bell choir begins this evening, September 11<sup>th</sup>** (5:00 pm for bells and 6:00 pm for choir). We would love to grow our choirs so **PLEASE consider joining us**. We have lots of fun as we praise our amazing Savior once again through music and song! Please let Ellen Augustine know if you are planning to join bells so that she can mark music for you.

**Euchre Party** is Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00ish pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share and a friend to join the fun!

**Right to Life of North Central Indiana** will be hosting their annual fall Legacy of Life banquet tomorrow night. The event is at Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center, Grace College, Winona Lake, IN. Doors will open at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and can be purchased online. For more information or tickets go to [www.ProLifeBanquet.com](http://www.ProLifeBanquet.com) or see the card on Check-It-Out Board.

**LifeLight Participants : (Wednesday Evening Participants only)**

Please pick up your study guide from the table in the Narthex. If the study guides have not yet arrived, copies of the first lesson will be on the table. Please work through the first lesson and have it ready for Wednesday evening's class.

**Mother/Daughter Fun Night** is September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Come enjoy Bingo and a sing-along with family and friends. We will also provide delicious refreshments! There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex so that we can plan accordingly.

**The Evangelism and Parish Fellowship Boards are teaming up** for Octoberfest on September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. We need your help! For our table we need cookies or other desserts packaged in resealable bags. We will be collecting a free-will offering with all proceeds going to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. We also need people to manage the table. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

**LWML South Bend Zone Fall Rally** is Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Prince of Peace, Goshen. Registration opens at 1:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**ALL YOUTH Grades 4 through HS:** Youth Nights continue this Wednesday from 7-8 pm. Join us for a fun outdoor or gym activity each Wednesday evenings throughout the month. Bring a friend. We'll end each evening with a snack and devotion.

**ATTENTION YOUTH in Grades 6 through 8:** The annual Indiana District Jr. High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven is on October 15-16<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for our Youth to engage with other Youth in the District in Christian fellowship, Bible Study, various activities, and more. While these dates coincide with Fall Break for St. Paul's Day

School and BMS, we need to gauge interest in any Youth attending. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board or speak with Andy Wildauer soon as the **deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$25/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting the remaining registration fee.

## **SCHOOL CORNER**

We are gearing up for the **Annual Rummage Sale, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**! If you have items you wish to donate to the Rummage Sale, please place them on the gym stage by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need lots of help setting up on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and cleaning up after the event. If you wish to volunteer or to donate bigger items, contact Jennifer Harman. The Rummage Sale will be in the gym, **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm**. All sales are through donation. Proceeds will go to the PTL.

PTL is always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer Harman, 574-210-2103, for more details.

**This year we have a great need for scholarships. Please continue to make donations to the Lutheran SGO.** You can find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org). Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, or credit card. Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. We have provided scholarships for 19 students and anticipate more. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please donate today!



## **Time for the PTL Rummage Sale!**

**St. Paul's PTL will be hosting a Rummage Sale  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am -4pm.**

- \* If you have gently used clothing, furniture, household items, etc. to donate, you may bring them to the school gym stage any time during or right after school.
- \* We also need volunteers to help set up Thursday after school through Friday(Sept. 15-16), and volunteers to help supervise the event.  
Contact Jennifer Harman for details, 574-210-2103.
- \* All sales are free-will donations and the proceeds will support PTL activities.

**Please come and support your PTL!**



### **PTL Fundraising opportunity**

Visit La Parilla Caliente Mexican Restaurant  
119 W. Plymouth St., Bremen  
**Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, all day!**

**Carmen will be donating 30% of her sales this day to St. Paul's.**

### **Annual Church and School Picnic**

All church members and school families are invited to the church and school picnic

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm.**



It's Picnic time!!

Please bring chairs, blankets, roasting sticks, and a dessert or side dish to share.

Parish Fellowship will provide hot dogs, condiments, and drinks.

There will also be Bingo (bring a white elephant gift to play!), kickball, and other entertainment for the children.