

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**



## *Confirmation Sunday*

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## The Day of Pentecost-Confirmation Sunday .....May 19, 2024

This is the day the Lord has made! We praise God for Pentecost Sunday and our eight eighth graders who today will confirm their Baptismal birthday and make their vows to be faithful Christians. May the Holy Spirit be upon us all!

**We welcome everyone to the House of the Lord!**

### **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. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

### **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 the narthex of the church.

### **In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."**

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

### **We Lutherans recognize the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.**

To be a Lutheran is to confess that the catechism rightly interprets the Bible. And our *Book of Concord*, ("*a true exposition of the Word of God*") further elaborates the faith of Luther's catechism in the face of wrong interpretations of the Bible. **This is solemn, serious business. It may be rarely acknowledged and is often violated, but in our confirmation vows, we promise to uphold the faith of the Bible and Small Catechism and suffer all, even death, rather than depart from it.** With the authors of our *Book of Concord* we confess the truth of Christ and His Word before an unbelieving world. With this confession, on the Last Day we will stand before Christ without fear. *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame."* (Rom. 10:9–11)

~ Excerpt from Oct. 1, 2021 LW letter by Pastor Matthew Harrison -LCMS President ~

**Processional Hymn 497** "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

**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.

*(Hebrews 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 32:5)*

**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 20:19-23)*

**C** **Amen.**

**Children's Choir** "We Believe"

1. In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe

2. In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus:**

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the Crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the Resurrection  
And He's comin' back again  
We believe

3. So, let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus**

**Bridge:**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now, let love invade  
Let the church live loud, "Our God" we'll say  
We believe, we believe  
And the gates of Hell will not prevail  
For the power of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus**

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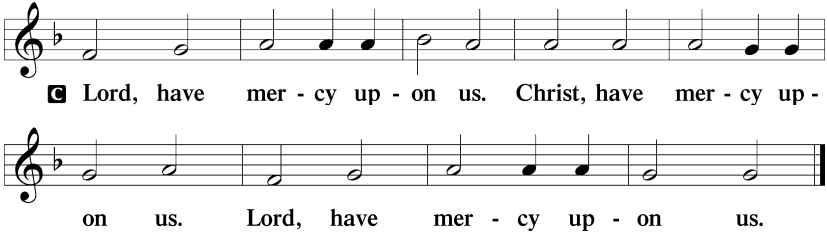
**Introit** *Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**
- P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
- C** **the earth is full of Your creatures.**

- P** These all look to You,  
**C** **to give them their food in due season.**  
**P** When You give it to them, they gather it up;  
**C** **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**  
**P** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,  
**C** **and You renew the face of the ground.**  
**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** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

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

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

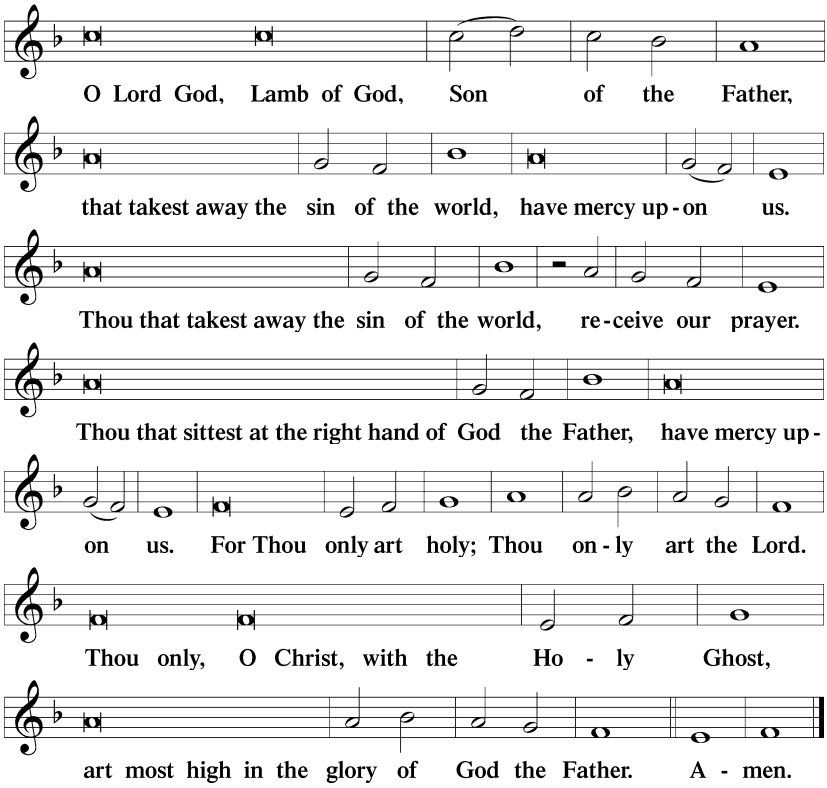
**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest**

*LSB 187*

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



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**

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



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

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Lesson

*Proverbs 3:5–6*

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make straight your paths.

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

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

## Gradual

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

**P** I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,

**C** **and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.**

**P** With the heart one believes and is justified,

**C** **and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

## Epistle Lesson

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on My male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall  
prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent  
day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the  
name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

**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 Lesson

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

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



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

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said: "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do



not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

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



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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn 503** "O Day Full of Grace"

## Sermon Text

*Proverbs 3:5-6 & 1 Peter 3:14-15*

<sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, *1 Peter 3:14-15*

## Sermon "In Your Heart"

1. Confirmation is part of \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Confirmation celebrations are a foreshadowing of the \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Confirmation is so much more \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Hymn 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### Rite of Confirmation

Alexis Paige Andrews

*John 10:27-28*

Kamden Andrew Guse

*Psalm 27:1*

Gavin Scott Hundt

*Joshua 1:9*

Gabriel Adan Mejia-Quesenberry

*Jeremiah 29:11*

Karli Elena Joann Miller

*Psalm 55:22*

Reuben Alvin Robert Napper

*Romans 1:16*

Jessica Marie Rogers

*Psalm 46:1*

Sophia Renee Sahlhoff

*Revelation 2:10*

### Prayers

#### Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



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

#### Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)*

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction** *(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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### **Recessional Hymn 496** "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

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**The flowers that adorn the altar** are given by the families of the confirmands in thankfulness and praise to the One Triune God: the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Spirit who has called us by the Gospel. To Him be all the glory!

**Our VBS program Celebrate the Savior-Jesus Gives Us Joy** will be held June 24th -28th from 9-11:30 am. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. Kids will explore five key events in the life of Jesus and discover how the love of Jesus fills us with joy. This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. Children can also be registered online at [vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana](http://vbsmate.com/StPaulsLutheranBremenIndiana). **There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers.** A letter went home with St. Paul's students in grades 6-8. Adults and high school youth can sign the list if you would like to help with VBS. Then we will talk with you about volunteer opportunities.

**Please mark your calendar to come help with the LWML** worknight for VBS on June 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Join us for fellowship and fun as we help prepare to bring the message of Jesus to the children of our community. Refreshments will be provided.

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY ~ Confirmation Sunday ~.....May 19th, 2024**

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

Worship Service with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation..... 9:30 am

Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm Adult Basketball

**MON:**

Board Meetings..... 7:00 pm

**TUES:**

Preschool Closing Program/Dinner ..... 6:00 pm

**WED: ~ Last Day of School!**

Day School Chapel ..... 11:00 am

Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Worship Service ..... 7:00 pm

**THURS:**

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting ..... 6:30 pm

**FRI:**

**SAT:**

**NEXT SUNDAY .....May 26th, 2024**

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

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Lending Library Cart ..... After Worship Service

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The "Every Word for Bremen" organization is looking for volunteers to read the Bible to the Bremen community in early June. To begin planning, the window to volunteer is now open. If interested in learning more, please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott. Additional details below:

"Join us at the pavilion in downtown Bremen as we publicly read the Bible together from Genesis to Revelation"

Dates: June 3-7, 2024

Times: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Website (Register Now): [everywordforbremen.com](http://everywordforbremen.com)

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage!** This is a great hymn with only one very powerful verse (LSB 582). Among other things, we sing about keeping His Word pure from generation to generation. However, God's Word being our great heritage is also an historical truth. The Lutheran Witness has a series on the history of the church from the time of the apostles through the 20th century. "As the Body of Christ, our history transcends time, country, and citizenship." If you want to learn more

about the history of the fellowship of believers *Una Sancta (One Holy)*, go to **witness.lcms.org/series** While there, you will find other series, like Christian Art, The Lord's Supper, Our problems; God's Answers, etc. that might pique your interest as well.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**SUMMER EVENTS:** With summer break almost here, the Youth Board is busy planning various activities for our Youth (Grades 6 through High School) to stay engaged. Keep at least the following dates on your calendar:

**June 5th (7 pm):** Sand volleyball @ Sunnyside Park

**June 11th-15th (Evenings):** Soda/Water Table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival (more information below)

**June 16th (8:30 am):** Donuts with Dads Devotion for Father's Day

And more to come in July...

**JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY:** Camp Lutherhaven is offering an early registration discount for those Youth (entering Grades 6-8 in the 2024-25 school year) interested in attending the Jr. High Youth Rally on September 14-15th. If your son / daughter is interested, please have them sign up on the Youth bulletin board at church by May 26th. **No funds are due at this time.** More information will be provided in the months ahead as we approach the dates of the Rally.

**FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL DRINK TABLE:** Once again our Youth Board will be sponsoring a drink table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival, June 11-15th. We can use the congregation's help in two ways: 1) Youth (incoming Grades 6 through High School) and Adult volunteers are needed for coverage - we will have a meeting prior to the Festival to coordinate and 2) Donations of soda to be stored in the church narthex for the next few weeks. **This year there is a sign up sheet on the Youth bulletin board for the specific types of soda we anticipate needing, so please consider this opportunity to support our Youth.** Alternatively, you are welcome to make a cash donation for ice and/or soda to be purchased by the Youth Board. If you can assist, please contact Andy Wildauer.

## SCHOOL CORNER

**Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Confirmands (and Eighth Grade Graduates):** St. Paul's students- Alexis Andrews, Kamden Guse, Gavin Hundt, Gabi Mejia, Reuben Napper, and Sophia Sahlhoff! May God bless you as you continue to mature and grow in faith and wisdom!

**Congratulations to our Kindergarten Graduates as well:** Allison Brock, Cash Flores, Remi Ford, Abby Kulcsar, Judd Menzie, Maverick Tibbs, and Eli VanSoest! **Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Graduation is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm.**

**Our last day of school is May 22<sup>nd</sup>! Preschool Closing Program is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm.**

**The Bremen Firemen's Festival is June 11-15<sup>th</sup>, and PTL will be looking for volunteers to run the ticket booths.** Please let the school office know if you are available to volunteer. Sign-ups will be going around soon.

**It is not too late to enroll in St. Paul's Preschool and Day School (Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)!** If you know of any families looking for a Christian educational experience, please recommend us. **Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement.** Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, [stpaulsbremen.church/school](http://stpaulsbremen.church/school). Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email [schools@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:schools@stpaulsbremen.org). We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours.

**The 8th Grade graduates are highlighted on the bulletin board!**

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**Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO!** Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate). Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

**We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.**

**Servants for Today's Worship May 19th, 2024**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Rachel Rogers

Elder: Larry Britt

Crucifer: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

**Servants for Next Sunday's Worship May 26th, 2024**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

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Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller

Elder: Jon Rettinger

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz