

*The rainbow shall be in the cloud,  
and I will look on it to remember the  
everlasting covenant between God  
and every living creature of all flesh  
that is on the earth.*



*Genesis 9:16*

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In *Psalm 136* the psalmist praises God for the wonders of creation (Ps 136:4–9) with the echoing refrain, “for His steadfast love endures forever.” This wonderfully connects to the *Old Testament Reading* when God places the bow in the clouds (Gen 9:13–15), demonstrating to Noah and his family that His steadfast love will indeed endure forever, for God will never again destroy the earth by water. The *Gospel* (Mk 6:45–56) shows the God “who spread out the earth above the waters” (Ps 136:6) and wiped out all life (except for Noah, his family, and the animals secured in the ark) by the flood now demonstrates His divine authority over creation as Jesus walks on the water.

**Praise be to God for everyone who is here today!**

***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.

**Lutheran liturgy is steeped in Scripture! Today we look at the Offertory.** We have 2 in our hymnal. One on page 159 or 176 that is taken from Psalm 116 and the other on page 192 taken from Psalm 51. Both are beautiful confessions. The offertory is not something we simply sing because we just passed the plate, but it is our response to God’s Word declared in the sermon. It’s an acknowledgement of our sin, a plea for mercy, a request for a renewed spirit, seeking the joy of His salvation. It is thanking God for all He gives us when we deserve nothing.

## Opening Hymn 804 "O Worship the King"

### ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:198b)*

**C** Amen.

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

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

**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.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

**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.** *(Luke 18:13)*

**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

*Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v. 5*

**P** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,

**C** **and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

**P** I will extol You, my God and King,

**C** **and bless Your name forever and ever.**

- P** Every day I will bless You  
**C** and praise Your name forever and ever.  
**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
**C** and His greatness is unsearchable.  
**P** They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,  
**C** and I will declare Your greatness.  
**P** They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness  
**C** and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.  
**All:** **G**lory 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** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,  
**C** and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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

LSB 204



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

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

LSB 204

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



- C** 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-shipped 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.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*

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

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 136:1–9*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** <sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>4</sup>to Him who alone does great wonders,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>5</sup>to Him who by understanding made the heavens,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>6</sup>to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>7</sup>to Him who made the great lights,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>8</sup>the sun to rule over the day,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever;**

**P** <sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule over the night,

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

## The Old Testament Lesson

*Genesis 9:8–17*

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and

you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

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

**The Epistle Lesson**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

**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.

*(John 20:31)*



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

## The Holy Gospel Lesson

*Mark 6:45–56*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>45</sup>Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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

**C** **Praise 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 807** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**Sermon Text**

*Genesis 9:8-17*

**Sermon** "Out of the Destruction . . . Hope"

1. God makes \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. God provides a \_\_\_\_\_ in His rainbow.
3. But this is not the only sign God provides in order to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to our troubled hearts and minds.

**Hymn 725** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**Prayers**



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

*(Colossians 3:1)*

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

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

*(Psalm 136)*

**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 saying:

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

*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

## 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 *(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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

## Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)*

*LSB 210*



**C** 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.  
*Text: Stephen P. Starke*

**Hymn 625** "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

**Hymn 629** "What Is This Bread"

**Hymn 619** "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

**Hymn 628** "Your Table I Approach"

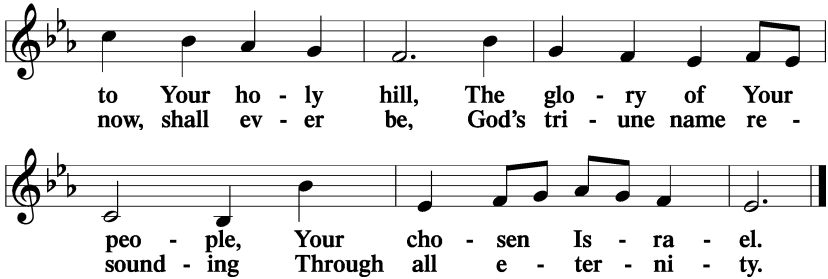
**Nunc Dimittis** ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) LSB 211

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

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

**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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn 686** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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**Today's altar flowers** are given by Nathan and Beth Miller in thanksgiving for their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We praise the Lord for richly blessing us.

**Parish Fellowship Meeting tomorrow at 10:30 am.**

**Check out the Library Cart** after service today for some great books!

**Updated Directories** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**Several Copies of Portals of Prayer & HopeFull Living** are still available in the tract rack above the bulletin table.

### **Calendar of Events**

**TODAY** ..... **July 28th, 2024**  
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am  
Library Lending Cart .....After Service  
**MON:**  
Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 10:30 am  
**TUES:**  
**WED:**  
**THURS:**  
**FRI:**  
**SAT:**  
**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... **August 4th, 2024**  
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:30 am  
Scrip Day .....  
Back-to-School Picnic for School Families ..... 4:00-7:00 pm

**If you know** of anyone with cancer who would like a care package from **Phil’s Friends**, please take a contact card located by the offering box.

#### **Monday, August 5, LWML at 7:00 pm.**

Program: “Walking in Prayer.” Beginning in the Jerusalem Room, and moving about the facilities, members of LWML at each “station” will lead with Scripture as Church, school, community, nation and missions are lifted up in prayer. All are welcome. Light refreshments served afterward.

#### **Former St. Paul’s Member Retires from the Ministry**

Pastor Leonard Wildauer retired from the ministry on June 30, 2024. Pastor Leonard and Kateri are currently in the process of moving from Christ Lutheran Church in Lampson, WI to their new home in Shawano, WI. Their new address is 259 River Pine Dr. Shawano, WI 54166-5302

**Special Concerns:**

**That we understand God alone** provides hope through the covenant He makes with Noah & creation &, ultimately, through Jesus and His cross.

**For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer** and their work in foreign missions.

**That the Lord would bless** our offerings that we give today.

**For our country** and her leaders.

**For the Lord's continued grace and protection** of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest.

**We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.**

**Missionary Update:**

**Pastor Rafael, Deaconess Jamielynn, and Elena Flores** will be moving to Chile at the end of August. Pastor will serve the people in Constitucion, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church of Chile. Jamielynn will continue in her role as an LCMS missionary in the Latin American and Caribbean region, focusing on Missionary Care and Life Ministry. **Please pray for God's peace during this transition**, for safe travels for the Flores family and for His blessing on the work of the church in Chile. You may send an email to: [jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org](mailto:jamielynn.tinkey@lcms.org) "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

**YOUTH NEWS**

**YOUTH OUTING and SERVICE EVENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Due to various circumstances, we had to reschedule recent planned events to the following dates:

**YOUTH OUTING:** We will once again attempt to go to Hackers (go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages, and more) in Niles, MI on Sunday, August 11th. This is for Youth in Grades 6-HS. We will meet at church at noon and plan to return late afternoon. Cost is \$10/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting additional costs.

**SERVICE EVENT:** Youth in Grades 6-HS are encouraged to join us as we head to Unity Gardens in South Bend on Saturday, August 17th. We will meet at church at 2 pm and return by approximately 5 pm. Prior to returning, we will stop for ice cream courtesy of the Youth Board.

Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board if planning to attend either/both of these events. Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact a member of the Youth Board.

## SCHOOL CORNER

**St. Paul's School is looking for substitute teachers and Extended Care assistants for the upcoming school year-both paid and volunteer positions!** These are part-time positions, requiring a background check and an easy-to-obtain substitute teaching license. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman.

**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.

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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 July 28th, 2024**

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

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Mark Matejka & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Kellan Guse

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

**Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 4th, 2024**

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt