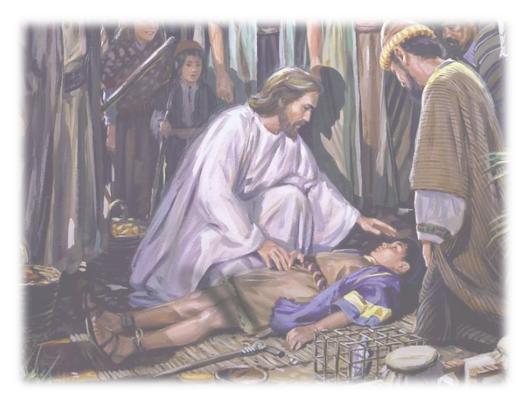
Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"



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17th Sunday After Pentecost......September 15th, 2024

The text begins the descent toward Jerusalem in the Gospel according to Mark. The event it records occurs right after the transfiguration and is immediately preceded and followed by Jesus speaking of His coming death and resurrection. This death-and-resurrection bookending of the text in the Gospel highlights its events as a proclamation of our Lord, who has come to do what we are unable to do—rescue us from the power of sin, death, and the devil.

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.

Doubt. He's a nosy neighbor. He's an obnoxious guest. He'll pester you. He'll irritate you. He'll kick the stool out from under you and refuse to help you up. He doesn't offer solutions, he only raises questions. Had any visits from Doubt lately? If you find yourself going to church in order to be saved and not because you are saved, then you've been listening to him. If you find yourself doubting God could forgive you *again* for *that*, you've been sold some snake oil. If you are more cynical about Christians than sincere about Christ, then guess who came to dinner? *James 1:6 says*, "Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind." ~ Max Lucado – Grace for the Moment Vol. 2 ~

Jesus said, "Be not faithless but believing." John 20:27

Opening Hymn 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (Luke 4:16-21; Mark 10:13-16; John 1:1,14,29; 4:5-14)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- 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,
- **©** who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- 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)
- **G** Amen.

Adult Choir "One Glorious God"

Only to the glory of God! We sing! Only to the glory of God! We sing! Only to the glory, only to the glory, Only to the glory of God! We sing unto our Lord and King. Only to the glory of God! We praise! Only to the glory of God! We praise! Only to the glory, only to the glory, Only to the glory of God! We raise our voice in loudest praise!

Glory, laud, and honor to the Father; Glory, laud and honor to the Son; Glory, laud and honor to the Holy Spirit; Blessed Trinity, the Three in One!

Only to the glory of God! We sing! Only to the glory of God! We sing! Only to the glory, only to the glory, Only to the glory of God! We sing and praise our mighty King! We sing! We sing!

Hear our grateful prayer to Thee Lord, For the greatest gift of all. Thy Salvation for all nations, Life eternal for all people great or small.

Soli Deo Gloria, Soli Deo Gloria!
Only to the glory of God! We sing!
Only to the glory of God! We sing!
Only to the glory, only to the glory,
Only to the glory of God!
We sing unto our Lord and King!
We sing! We sing!

Soli Deo Gloria, Soli Deo Gloria! Only to the glory of God!

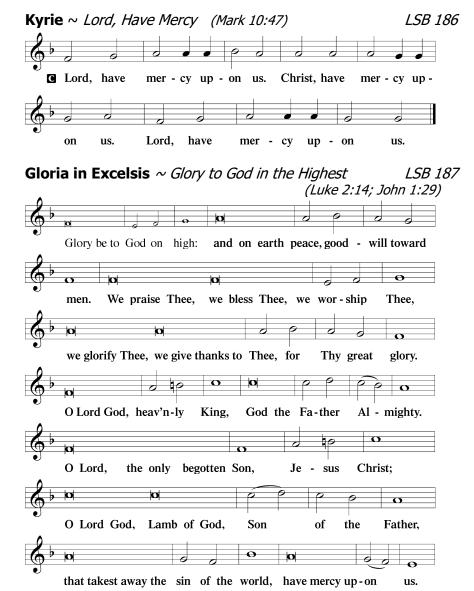
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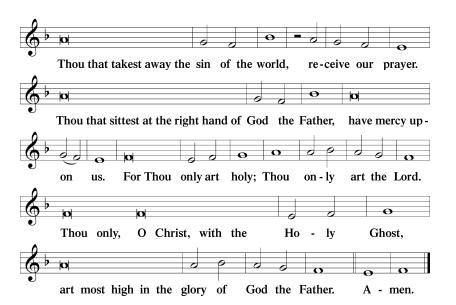
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Psalm 31:14-16; antiphon v. 24

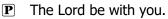
- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- all you who wait for the LORD!
- **P** But I trust in You, O LORD;
- **■** I say, "You are my God."
- P My times are in Your hand;
- rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

- Make Your face shine on Your servant;
- save me in Your steadfast love!
- 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 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- all you who wait for the LORD!





Salutation and Collect of the Day



(2 Timothy 4:22)



Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need,
continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your
goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens My ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious: I turned not backward. ⁶I gave My back to those who strike, and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not My face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps Me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates Me is near. Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near to Me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps Me; who will declare Me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10Who among you fears the LORD and obevs the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19

P Fear the LORD, you His saints,

for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

9 but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle Lesson

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are

so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:14-29

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



¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Jesus and greeted Him. ¹⁶And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How

long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" (Luke 1:68-79; John 1:1-2; Isaiah 12)

Sermon Text Mark 9:14-29

Sermon "Our Able Savior"

1. Like the disciples, there is much we are ______.

2. God sometimes leaves us unable in order to turn us from ourselves

to .

3. Christ most certainly can deal with _____ in

this sin-troubled world.

Christ Most Certainly Can Do What We Are Entirely Unable to Do.

Hymn 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" (Matthew 6:5-13; 7:7-11; Luke 11:5-13; Hebrews 4:16)

Prayers

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

LSB 162

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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)

LSB 201



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

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



LSB 202

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.



Closing Hymn 825 "Rise, Shine, You People" (Eph. 5:14; Col. 2:13-15; Isaiah 60:1; Matt. 28:18-20)

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The Altar flowers are given today by Terry & Janet Miller in praise and thanksgiving for the bountiful blessings the Lord has given to us. We celebrate the birthdays of Kara, Benjamin, Jared, and Jett as well as the baptism birthdays of Julia, Jared and Kara and for the little one soon to come. To Christ be all the glory!

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 9/18, 10/2. 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

A special Ladies of the LWML Indiana District Choir will be recording for Worship Anew on October 8th. Please see the "Check-It-Out" board for more information if you are interested in joining this choir opportunity.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	September 15th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	6:00-7:00 pm
MON:	
Board Meetings	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm
WED:	
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
LifeLight	6:45 pm
THURS:	
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	9:30 am
"2nd" Thursday Bible Study	
6 th -8 th Grade to Camp Lutherhaven	Overnight
FRI:	
K-5 th Grade to Camp Lutherhaven	Day Trip
Preschool Chapel	
Euchre	7:00-9:00 pm
SAT:	
NEXT SUNDAY	
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service with Communion	
Bell Choir Practice	_
Adult Choir Practice	<u>.</u>
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	6:00-7:00 pm

The ingathering for Grace Food Pantry will continue through September 22nd. There are "cards" on the table with items most needed for the pantry. Please feel free to take one or more cards or to simply donate whatever you can. Prayers are always a blessing too. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

Parish Fellowship is looking to add extra freezer space in the kitchen. If anyone has a small, working upright or chest freezer they are no longer in need of, or feels moved to donate one, please contact Wayne Spicher at 574-607-5234 or the church office 574-546-2332.

"2nd Thursday" Bible Study will meet this Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in the Emmaus Room. We will be doing the parable of "The Good Samaritan". All Are welcome to join us.

Our Euchre party this Friday, September 20th, sponsored by the Parish Fellowship Board, and is designed as a night of fun, fellowship and cards. We ask that you bring a snack to share, and drinks will be provided by the Board. We begin at 7:00 pm and run until 9:00 pm, for people 16 years old and older. It's a great night to invite a friend!!!

Why doesn't my fob work? What is taking so long to let me in? If you have been to the church in the last week or so and have asked yourself these questions, you are not alone. A part in the system has gone bad causing the fobs to no longer work. Also, although we can hear the bells when you push the button and we can talk to you, we cannot open the doors from the office so we will come open the door in person which may take us a minute or two. We ask you to please be patient as we are getting a quote and date for the repair.

To listen to the Lutheran Hour any time call 800-876-9880, then hit the #3. Also, the Lutheran Hour Weekly can be heard on WOWO 1190AM on Sundays at 10:30 am

Q: Who needs MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER?? A: EVERYONE!! These short videos give a nice glimpse of a Marriage Encounter weekend! Gary Chapman About Marriage Encounter (youtube.com); How Was Your Marriage Encounter Experience? (youtube.com) (ALL ME weekends follow the same format at WorldWide Marriage Encounter) Brian and Annika Piazza are offering a prime opportunity to married couples in the Michiana area to REFRESH YOUR RELATIONSHIP! We have RENEWED our relationship as Participants and Presenters many times since our first 'encounter' in 1993! We want all of you to see the difference a Marriage Encounter weekend can make in your lives. This weekend of working on your relationship is led by 2 lay couples and one clergy couple sharing instruction and inspiring experiences of their own. This weekend the 3 presenters will be: Rev Ed and Emily Kast LCMS (MIchigan), David and Jean Fell (Ohio) and Brian and Annika Piazza (Plymouth, IN) Check out our website for more info and registration: Hurry ... Each Couple will have a private Conversation room to use in between sessions and SPACE IS LIMITED:) https://godlovesmarriage.org/event/plymouth-indianamarriage-encounter/

LWML South Bend Zone Rally, Oct. 6, 2:00 pm, at Calvary, Plymouth. Registration: 1:30. Light supper afterward (suggestion donation). Speaker Laurie Hayn, who will share how her life changed after an horrific farm accident. INGATHERING: Phil's Friends. Requested: washable markers; colored pencils; small box crayons; comp. books, Sharpie pens black/colors; soft socks; sock hats or ball caps. A box will be located in the narthex. You can find more information on the "Check-It-Out" board.

Pastor Rohde's old office is now being used for small group Bible Study and meetings. It has been proposed that we should give the room a name, so that people will know where the study or meeting is, instead of just calling it "Pastor Rohde's old office". One suggestion is Emmaus because the disciples met Jesus on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection and we should always meet Jesus in Bible studies and meetings. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or other input about naming the room, please contact an elder, Congregation President Dave Burcham, or the church office. Your input is valuable and welcomed.

YOUTH NEWS

FALL YOUTH NIGHTS: Our Youth Nights continue this evening here at church from 6-7 pm. This is for all Youth in Grades 4 - HS as each evening we will have an activity and finish with a brief devotion (based on Matthew 5/The Beatitudes) and snack. Please join us and bring a friend along for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact a member of the Youth Board.

SCHOOL CORNER

There are glimpses of fall and the students will soon be enjoying the fresh air at Camp Lutherhaven. Grades 5th-8th will get to spend the night at Camp, and kindergarten through 4th grade will enjoy their day programming. Please watch for the appropriate information and permission slips, if you have students at St. Paul's. **Also, remember to support Camp Lutherhaven; they are a blessing to many youth around the state!**

Please continue to keep staff and students in your prayers. We have 55 students in the day school (an increase from last year) and 15 in the preschool.

We are still looking for help in our Extended Care Program-hours and days may vary. This is a part-time position, requiring a background check. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. We are also always thankful to have volunteers to read with and assist the students! (Also requires a background check.)

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 dropdown menu.

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at 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.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Special Concerns:

That we understand our own helplessness without Christ and put our trust in Him to do all things.

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 and for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For those who serve us in their vocation of policemen and firemen.

Servants for Today's Worship September 15th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Curt Nielsen & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Rachel Rogers

Elder: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship September 22nd, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Larry Britt & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Brantley Thornton

Elder: Jon Rettinger

Communion Assistant: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Tyler/Dakota Schmeltz



St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with Bourbon Street Pizza in Downtown Bourbon And Bourbon Street Pizza of Nappanee at 1411 East Market St. in Nappanee Will host a fundraiser on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 - all day.

Present this coupon at the restaurant of your choice and St. Paul's PTL will receive the percentage listed on the coupon for the sales from your patronage that day!

You must present a coupon when you pay your bill for St. Paul's PTL to receive credit!

This coupon may be copied. Give copies to all your friends and relatives and encourage them to support our school, too!!

Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790



(574) 342-3032 Downtown Bourbon (574) 773-9600 Nappanee

Bring this Coupon into Either Pizzeria on September 24, 2024 and St. Paul's School will receive a:

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