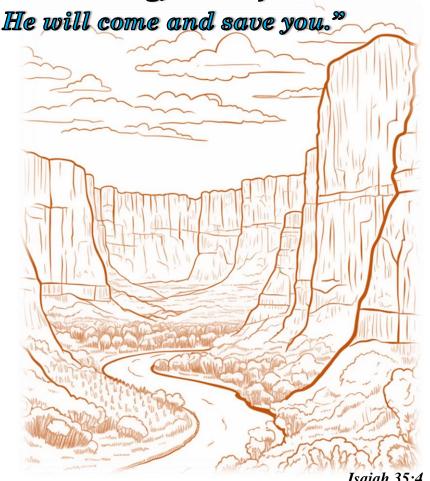
Say to those who are fearful-hearted,

Be strong, do not fearl



Isaiah 35:4

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16th Sunday After Pentecost...... September 8th, 2024

In the *Old Testament Reading*, the basis for this study, we hear how the Lord will reverse all the ramifications of sin for His people. This happens in Jesus, the Messiah. During his ministry, He foreshadowed what is to come on the Last Day as He cared for those who cried out to Him in their physical needs (cf Lk 7:18–23). We say by faith today, and will say by sight on the Last Day, the words of the astonished crowd: "He has done all things well" (Mk 7:37).

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.

Depending on the translation used, "Do not be afraid" is found 70 times in the Bible. 70 is the number of perfect completeness. In contrast, "fear not" is found 57 times in the Old Testament and 14 in the New Testament, but "Fear God" can be found over 300 times throughout the Bible. Long story short, "the fear of the Lord" as revealed to us in God's Holy Word and reflected in the Lutheran confessions shows us that "the fear of the Lord" like "the mercy of the Lord" and "the Love of God" is meant for our ultimate eternal benefit. "The fear of the Lord" is part of the relationship God has established with His people. We do not need to be afraid of this world for He is with us. (Isaiah 41:10) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7 ~

Opening Hymn 797 "Praise the Almighty" (Psalm 146)

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 (1 John 1:8-9)
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 (John 20:19-23)
- Amen.

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →

Introit

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

- P The LORD is the strength of His people;
- He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
- P To you, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me,
- lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
- P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

- when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.
- P Blessèd be the LORD!
- For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
- my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
- 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 The LORD is the strength of His people;
- He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

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

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In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

- **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!
- P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- **b**ut the LORD delivers him out of them all.

The Epistle Lesson

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are

they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

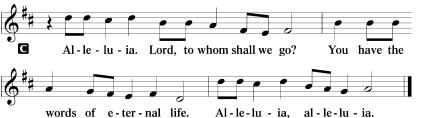
¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

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The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

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



²⁴From there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syro-Phoenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for

it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

²⁸But she answered Him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹And He said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (John 16:13; Ephesians 4:3-6; Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 12:3)

Sermon Text Isaiah 35:4-7a

Sermon "Reversing the Ramifications of Sin"

Be Strong, Fear Not! The Lord Will Come and Save You, Reversing the Ramifications of Sin.

- 1. The feeble and the fainthearted need not fear ______
- 2. You need not fear because the ramifications of sin _____

(vv 5–6a).

3. You need not fear because this reversal has been promised and

applied _____ (vv 6b-7a).

Hymn 545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (John 1:1-3, 10, 14)

Prayers

Preface

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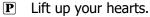
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P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

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(Colossians 3:1)



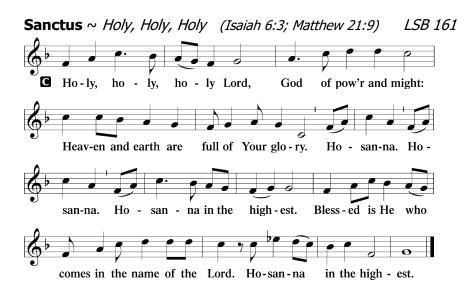
C We lift them to the Lord.



(Psalm 136)



It is truly good, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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.

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei LSB 163

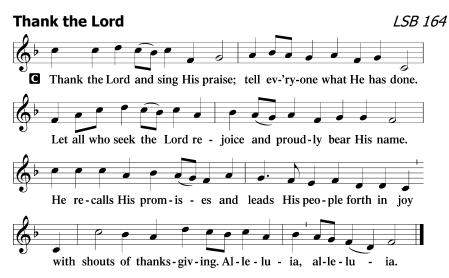


Hymn 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Luke 22:17-20; Mark 14:22-25; Matt. 26:26-28; Ps. 130)

Hymn 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" (Matt. 26:26-29; Heb. 7:23-27; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 7:13-17)

Hymn 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" (Heb. 9:11-28; John 1:29 & 6:51-58)

Hymn 627 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (Rom. 5:9-10; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; John 6:50-57; 1 John 1:9)



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.



Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 166

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.



Closing Hymn 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Psalm 96:1-3; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:11-13; Eph. 2:8-9)

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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.

It's time again to consider ringing or singing with one of our choirs - or both. Bell choir and adult choirs will begin rehearsal this evening. Bells from 5:00-6:00 and adult choir 6:00-7:00 - both in the balcony. If you are planning to join us for bells, please let Ellen Augustine know as she needs to mark the music according to the number of players. Those interested in adult choir - just show up. We need new members, so please consider joining us. Contact Ellen Augustine 574-536-4648 (call/text) with questions or to confirm.

Calendar of Events

TODAY	September 8th, 2024
Potluck Breakfast	8:00 am
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
Constitution Revision Q&A	After Service
Food Pantry Ingathering Begins	
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	6:00-7:00 pm
MON:	
TUES:	
PTL Meeting	6:00 pm
WED:	
Prepare Hospitality Meals	9:00 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
LifeLight	6:45 pm
THURS:	
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	
Preschool Chapel	
Mother/Daughter Fun Night	7:00 pm
FRI:	
SAT:	
NEXT SUNDAY	September 15th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice	_
Adult Choir Practice	
Youth Night - Gr. 4 through HS	6:00-7:00 pm

Our next ingathering for Grace Food Pantry begins today through September 22nd. There will be "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.

Mother/Daughter Fun Night is this Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7 pm in the Bethany Room. Come to enjoy Bingo with family and friends. We'll also provide delicious refreshments! Please bring three wrapped white elephant gifts. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex so we can plan accordingly, or call the church office. Bring a friend or family member, or just bring yourself!

Due to a conflict, 2nd Thursday Bible Study will meet next week on September 19th at 6:00 pm. We will be doing the parable of "The Good Samaritan". All Are welcome to join us.

One of the items listed as a task to do from the Revitalization Program with the Indiana District was to review the Constitution and By-Laws for possible changes. A committee was formed to undertake this review and make recommendations to the voting members of St. Paul's for approval. TODAY, immediately after worship service, a meeting will be held in the Bethany Room that is open to all members of the congregation. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will present and discuss possible revisions being considered thus far. This is NOT a Voters' meeting, but it IS intended to provide you an opportunity to hear about the revisions being worked on and obtain your input. Please plan on attending this meeting if possible.

This Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00 am: The Hospitality Crew will be preparing meals for those in need . This month we are in need of Yukon gold or red potatoes, boxes of jello – any flavor and cans of fruit for the jello. Also, cookies, dessert breads, small cakes (9x13 or smaller), or any other goodies for treats to pack with the meals. Cash donations to purchase items are always welcome. Please mark the envelope "Hospitality Meals" and place it in the offering box. Volunteers to help prepare the meals are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do.

LifeLight begins this Wednesday at 6:45 pm. Please join us as we study Matthew Part II: chapters 13-28. Don't be concerned if you were not able to be there for Part I because this study does not build upon Part I but simply continues diving into the Gospel of Matthew. Please prayerfully consider enriching your faith in and bond with our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, for the next nine Wednesdays (through Nov. 6th) from 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm. You are welcome to come even if you did not get a chance to fill out a registration form.

Our Euchre party is 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!!!

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.

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.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Sign up this month for our September 27-29 Lutheran Marriage Encounter at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, IN!!

NOW IS THE TIME to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage, with all the joy & beauty God intended.

For info and registration, check out www.GodLovesMarriage.org
This church-based retreat will run on Friday evening, Saturday all day and Sunday afternoon (Program resumes after worship services with lunch) It is open to married couples of all denominations. Weekend cost is \$75/ couple, which covers the program, Sat lunch and dinner, Sun lunch and ongoing support. Contact: Brian & Annika Piazza 574-780-9240 or abpiazza@yahoo.com

LWML South Bend Zone Rally, Oct. 6, 2:00 pm, at Calvary, Plymouth. Registration: 1:30. Light supper afterward (suggested donation - \$5.00). 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.

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you to all who helped with the PTL Rummage Sale on Saturday! We appreciate you! Proceeds from the sale benefit the PTL, and the school.

We are approaching our first school achievement testing and our first field trips! The field trips will be an overnight stay at Camp Lutherhaven for Grades 5-8, and a day trip to camp for kindergarten through 4th grade. Please watch for the appropriate information and permission slips, if you have students at St. Paul's.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

FALL YOUTH NIGHTS: This year we will be holding our Fall Youth Nights throughout September on Sundays from 6-7 pm, beginning this evening (September 8th). This is for all Youth in Grades 4 - HS as each evening we will have an activity and finish with a brief devotion 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.

Servants for Today's Worship September 8th, 2024

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

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Abby & Josie Wildauer

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday'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

Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel



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



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