



Munster, Indiana 2023

Welcome

divine service III



WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

Members and Guests:

Please silence cell phones

Before the service begins, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If, however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion:

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.

November 18-19

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Pre Service

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" (Kosche)

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

HYMN—338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Invocation

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

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD AND FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

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.

Absolution

LSB 185

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.

C Amen.

Concerning confession and absolution we believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*
I ponder the work | of your hands.
I stretch out my | hands to you;*
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

LSB 186

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Those who read music and/or sing harmony may choose to follow the liturgy in the hymnal starting with the Gloria Patri on page 186.

Kyrie *(sung)*

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A combination of the heavenly host's song of praise in Luke 2:14 and the confession of John the Baptist in John 1:29, the Gloria in Excelsis proclaims Glory to God in the Highest and joins the Church on earth with the Church in Heaven in song and praise across time and space.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

The congregation is seated for the first two Scripture readings. The pastor will indicate when to sit and when to stand throughout the service, but those who prefer to remain seated may do so.

Some may prefer to bring their own Bible or use the pew Bible to follow the Scripture readings. Whether you use the insert or a Bible, please also "hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it."

“On that day,” declares the LORD,
 “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
 a wail from the Second Quarter,
 a loud crash from the hills.
 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
 For all the traders are no more;
 all who weigh out silver are cut off.
 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
 and I will punish the men
 who are complacent,
 those who say in their hearts,
 ‘The LORD will not do good,
 nor will he do ill.’
 Their goods shall be plundered,
 and their houses laid waste.
 Though they build houses,
 they shall not inhabit them;
 though they plant vineyards,
 they shall not drink wine from them.”
 The great day of the LORD is near,
 near and hastening fast;
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
 the mighty man cries aloud there.
 A day of wrath is that day,
 a day of distress and anguish,
 a day of ruin and devastation,
 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,
 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
 against the fortified cities
 and against the lofty battlements.

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

Psalm 90: 1-12

Sung Responsively: Leader/Congregation



Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
 in all gener- | ations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
 from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.**

You return | man to dust*
 and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

**For a thousand years in your sight
 are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
 or as a watch | in the night.**

You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.

For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

Epistle: 1 *Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Alleluia (*sung*)

- Ⓒ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LSB 190

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sermon Hymn-508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near
(stanzas 1-5)

Sermon: Pastor Adrian Krebs

Offertory

LSB 192

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

At the 9:30 service, as the sermon hymn begins, children ages preschool through 4th grade are welcome to join Sunday School teachers at the rear sanctuary doors. Pickup is at the end of the worship service.

Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.

Word for word we sing an excerpt of Psalm 51 as we serve God with our first fruits, asking that He would not only bless the offerings of His people but that He will bless us and indeed He does as we pray for one another, the church, the world and enter into the service of the Sacrament.

Prayer of the Church

EACH PETITION OF THE PRAYER ENDS WITH "LORD, IN YOUR MERCY..." TO WHICH ALL RESPOND "HEAR OUR PRAYER."

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Continue to bless Lola Dankanich as she marks another year of life You have given her.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

As we come forward to receive forgiveness, we remember also the "sin of the world" which is on constant, ongoing display, and remember that Jesus as the Lamb of God has taken it all upon Himself.

Those who are not communing today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. Please fold your arms with your hands on your shoulders to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

Sanctus

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Words of Institution

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The post-communion prayer asks that the forgiveness, life, and salvation we have just received would help make us more faithful and loving people in this life.

Distribution

5:30 Junior Ringers I “Holy Holy Holy” (Mokelbust)

9:30 Junior Ringers II “Holy Holy Holy” (Mokelbust)

Hymn—654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

Hymn—630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart—941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Post-Service “Sing Praise to God” (Sedio)

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Serving us this week:

Preaching: Rev. Adrian Krebs

Organ: Karen Foote

Greeters:

Mark & Wendy Bockelmann (5:30)

Brian & Karen Hott (8:00)

Cassy Melendez (9:30)

Altar flowers today are dedicated:

To the Glory of God:

Thanks Be to God!

From the Burghardt Family

Last week at St. Paul's:

Attendance: 497

Communed: 185

Hartsfield: 14

Plate Offering: \$9,309

Online Offering: \$6,002

Total: \$15,311

Weekly Budget: \$18,515

This week at St. Paul's:

Monday:

6:30 pm Bd. of Evangelism

7:00 pm Voter's Meeting

Tuesday:

School-VIP Day

10:30am Hartsfield Worship Service

7:00 pm Dartball

Wednesday:

Church office closed

No School

6:45 am Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday:

Church office closed

No School

10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday:

Church office closed

No School

Pastor Stock on call

(219)384-3718

Saturday:

8:00 am AA

10:30 am AA, Al-anon & Al-ateen

Next Week's Readings:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

1st Corinthians 15: 20-28

Matthew 25: 31-46