

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in faith. Growing in community. Welcoming all in Jesus' name.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, June 23, 2024

10AM Service of Holy Communion

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.



Catch the excitement! Witness the joy! Shape the vision!

ST. PAUL'S VISION STATEMENT (adopted 02/25/2018)

- To worship as a diverse community of all ages
- To engage in faith formation as a community grounded in God's word
- To maintain with depth and integrity the work of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless
- To nurture a strong foundation of generosity, giving, and caring for creation
- To provide a music ministry that encompasses congregation and surrounding communities

Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can still hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found by clicking the bulletin tab at the top, where you will find the worship folder, sermon, and livestream for each week.

**Large print worship folders and hearing assistance devices
are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**A Playground is available for young children
in the rear of the sanctuary.**

✠ GATHERING ✠

*Worship begins with God who takes the initiative and calls us into being.
We gather at the Holy Spirit's invitation and assemble as the community of faith
on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation
allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

The sanctuary doors will be closed as worship begins with the prelude.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

INVOCATION AND DIALOG

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

We gather in this place to worship our God:

calm Presence in our times of confusion,

Comforter in our nights of struggle.

We gather with fellow pilgrims,
as we seek to follow Jesus:

Sibling to those swamped by fears,

Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

We are brought together by the Spirit
who lives in the depths of our souls:

**the Serenity who travels with us
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

We Praise You, O God
ELW 870

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11

The creator of earth and sea

A reading from Job:

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Brace yourself like a warrior,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Antiphon: Ps. 107:29

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

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¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God’s wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul's defense of his ministry

A reading from Second Corinthians:

¹As we work together with God, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For God says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

LBW 460 (Verse 5)



I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus; you can nev - er fail.



Words which you your - self shall give me must pre - vail.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Christ calming the sea

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CELEBRATING THE GOSPEL

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

LBW 460 (Verse 6)



I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus; nev - er let me fall.



I am trust - ing you for - ev - er and for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: STEPHANOS, Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Melosh

*Feel free to take notes or write down your own reflection on this morning's message.
Spirit-led doodling is also acceptable.*

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

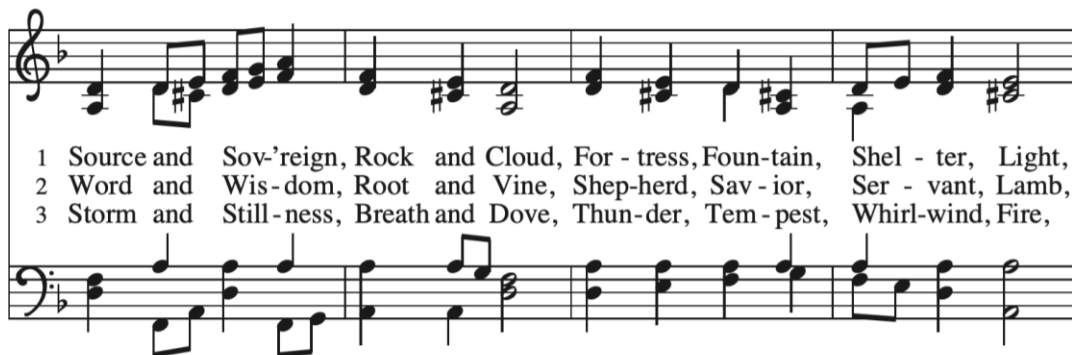
Source and Sovereign

ACS 947

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

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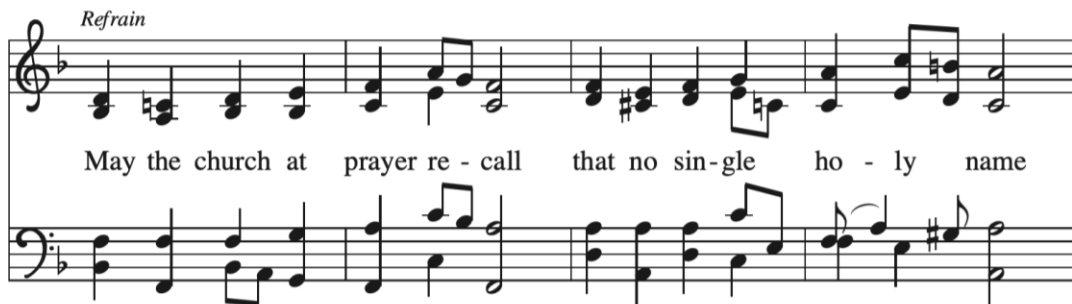


1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
 2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
 3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,




Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
 Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
 Com - fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:

Refrain



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin-gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling, especially Rob, Ann, Judy, Linda, Traci, Robin, Christopher, Susan, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Brent, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Anne, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and Jim. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us and our partners in ministry, especially Community Lutheran Church in Frankford and Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Odessa, to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, especially Kenny, Susan, Connie, Carl, and David, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people exchange signs and words
of peace and reconciliation,
saying: **Peace be with you.***

Be seated.

*At this time, please sign the **Fellowship Pad** (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so our records can be maintained.*

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts for service and mission.

OFFERTORY

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Thomas A. Dorsey

Summer Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

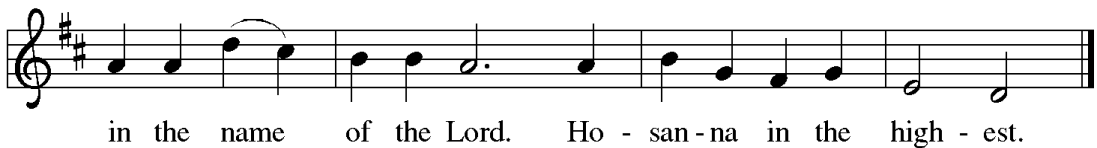
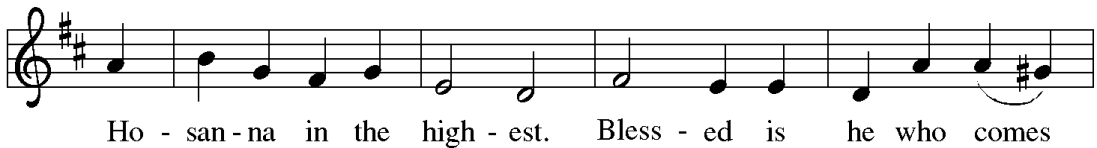
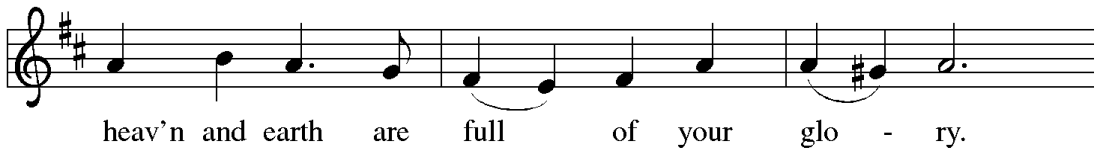
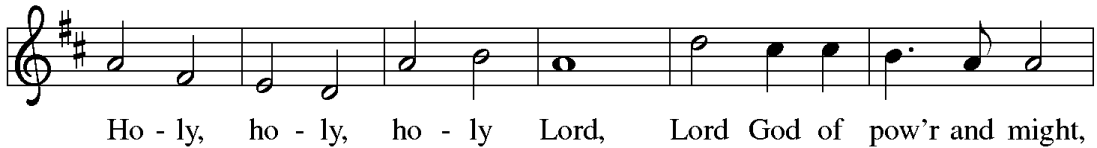
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

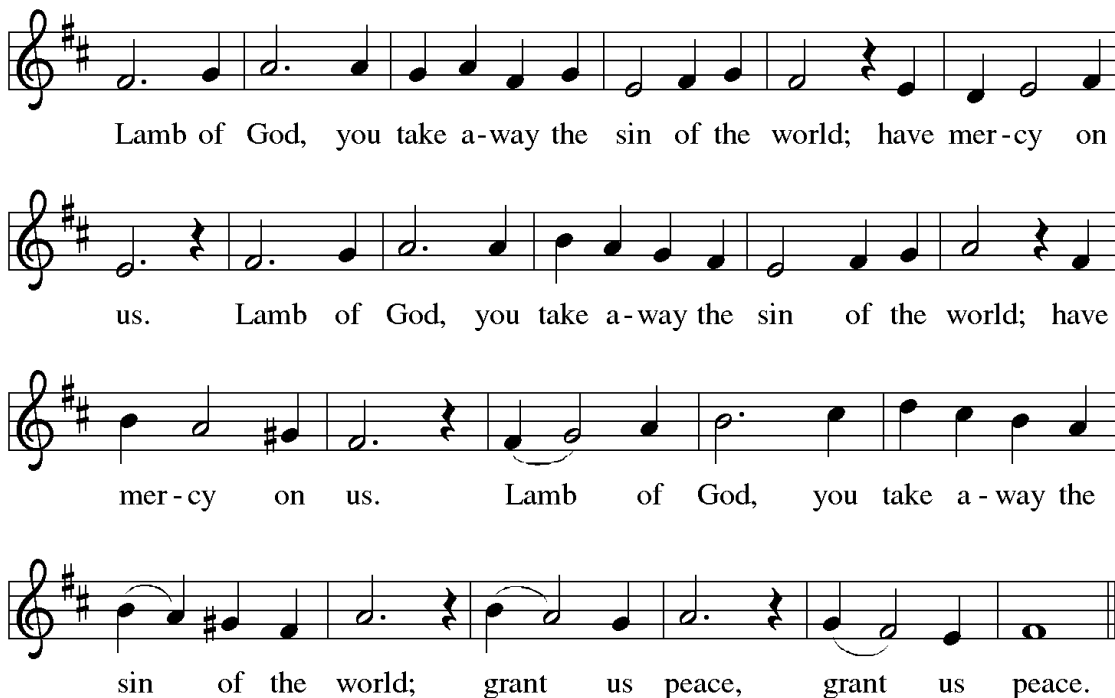
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.

All who desire individual prayer and anointing are invited to receive Holy Communion, then go out to the prayer station in the narthex, located to the right of the sanctuary doors.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785 (harmony)



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763 (harmony)

Found on p. 17



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

*After all have returned to their places,
 please stand, as you are able.*

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your
own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us,
feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

Found on p. 19

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God.*

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Kris Cassar
Lector:	Kris Cassar
Bread Provider:	Sherry Mench
Altar Guild:	Cindy Bart
Flower Guild:	Gale Paul

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

WHO, THEN, IS THIS? OUR ONLY HELP

As the disciples set out together in the boat with the sleeping Jesus, a great windstorm arose so that the boat became swamped. As we set out in mission together in the ship of Christ's church, how many storms arise! The elements of chaos still seem to wreak havoc in our lives, communities, and in the church—and we become terrified. Though Christ is present the disciples and we ourselves begin to doubt his care and power: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" His presence seems far too weak to help us, though it is exactly in this vulnerable weakness that Christ shows his almighty power. Jesus wakes at the disciples' cries and rebukes the wind and waves—they are no match for his command. The terrifying calm that follows demonstrates his divine power over all the chaos that continually threatens us. And we find ourselves awe-struck before the living God who has met us in our weakness and yet overcome it. The Christ who sleeps in the boat is the same Christ who hangs on the cross, seemingly helpless. Yet the helpless one is none other than the all-powerful Lord God. "Who then is this?" but the Lord of all! The God who in the beginning brought order to the chaotic face of the deep now in Christ brings peace as we face the storm. So why are we afraid? Have we still no faith in this helpless Lord who is our only help?

COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

By means of all these happenings the Lord gave us a figure and image of his teaching, so that we might be patient in the face of every storm and persecution; that we may be steadfast; that we not betray our faith. And if all this world should boil up as the sea, and rise in fury against us, though on every side there should rage the winds and the whirlpools of the demons; though, as we have said, every menace of the sea—that is, every principality and power of this world—be roused against us, foaming with the swelling of their wrath, so as to torment the sanctified; and though like the sea they whip up wickedness and treacheries to the very skies, stirring up against you the murmuring of the evil-minded: yet, be not afraid; be not troubled; do not tremble; do not yield. For as many as are in the bark of holy church will voyage with the Lord across this wave-tossed life.

—Origen, in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, I, 320

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IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2024

LECTIONARY 12, PROPER 7 (YEAR B)

Life is sometimes like a storm that causes our hearts to fear. In today's gospel the disciples encounter a storm on the waters while Jesus is asleep. Upon waking, Jesus bids the wind to cease, and he speaks words of peace to his troubled disciples. We gather amid life's obstacles and hardships to hear words of comfort and promise, to greet one another with peace, and to celebrate Jesus' enduring presence among us at the Lord's table in the community of faith.

A REMINDER FROM STEWARDSHIP

With Memorial Day behind us and the summer months ahead of us, remember as you head off on vacation that St. Paul's doesn't disappear when you're away. We continue to worship and minister throughout June, July, and August, so please keep up your giving and think of us while you are relaxing in the sun!

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage at the home of Rudy Schock and Anne Sullivan, on Wednesday, June 26. Join us at 7PM at 152 Mallory Lane, Oxford, PA 19363, for fun and fellowship.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, July 21, after worship. Location will be provided in the coming weeks.

SUMMER CHOIR

Like to sing? Come at 9:30AM to rehearse a simple anthem to be presented in worship by the Summer Choir, an intergenerational pick up group. Come, make a joyful noise!

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

Upcoming Books:

July 24 – "The Swan's Nest" by Laura McNeal

TAKE ME OWLT TO THE BALLGAME

The next “OWLting” will be at Frawley Stadium to take on the Brooklyn Cyclones, Friday, July 12, 6:35PM game time. The cost is \$18 for field box seats on the third base side (sun at our backs). Special event – Fireworks Friday post-game. Carpool will leave church parking lot (school side) at 5:30PM. Please RSVP to host Linda Grund with payment no later than next Sunday, June 30.

OWLS HEAD TO SIGHT AND SOUND

The Older Wiser LutheranS will travel to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, August 14, for the 11AM performance of *Daniel*. To make a reservation, please provide Bill Saylor (bsaylor2@verizon.net; 302-834-4074) with a check or cash (\$85 per person) for the performance, plus your email address and cell phone number no later than next Sunday, June 30.

THINKING OF YOU

Have you noticed recently that a friend in our congregation hasn't been in church for a while? If so, please take a moment to send them a card to let them know you care. Cards and addresses are located on the table between the rear doors of the sanctuary.

PRAYER SQUARES

Do you know someone who could use a hug, comfort or love? Take a pocket prayer square from the basket in the rear of the sanctuary and deliver this reminder that God loves them and so do you!

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN

We thank Rich Wallden for substituting at the organ bench today while Mike Bareham is on a much needed vacation prior to the summer concerts next weekend.

*Now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.*

2 Corinthians 6:2

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Through the Years

CONCERTS FOR A SUMMER HOLIDAY

Friday, June 28 at 7PM

Saturday, June 29 at 4PM

Open to the public. Freewill offerings to be collected at each concert will benefit the Disaster Fund of Seafarers International Union following the collapse of Baltimore's Key Bridge

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