

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713**

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



**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 10 AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, [www.stpaulsnewarkde.org](http://www.stpaulsnewarkde.org) and can be found in the upper right hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.

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

**A Prayground 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

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

arr. Ashdown

MORNING HYMN

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

# Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### ✠ WORD ✠

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

## FIRST READING

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

*The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders*

A reading from Numbers:

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nursing woman carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you

know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a youth ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen ones, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD’s spirit be given to them all!”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## Psalm 19:7-14

*Antiphon:* Ps. 19:8

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

**The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

**The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

**The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.**

**SECOND READING**

**James 5:13-20**

*Prayer and anointing in the community*

A reading from James:

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

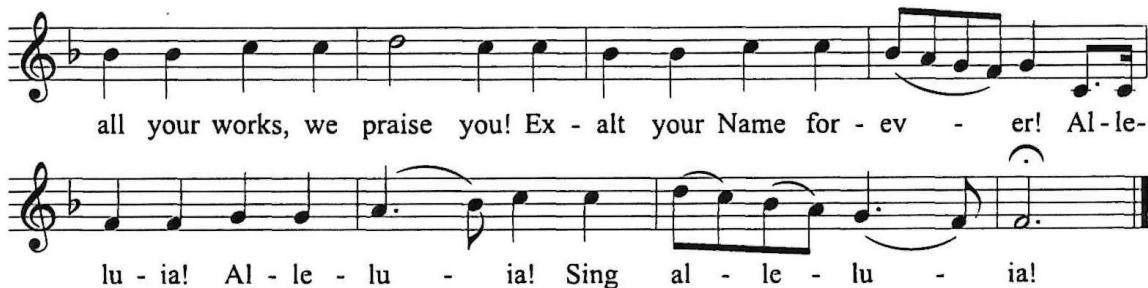
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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia!* from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klemp

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord\_ our\_ God be  
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word\_ brings\_ righ - teous-ness. With



## HOLY GOSPEL

## Mark 9:38-50

*Warnings to those who obstruct faith*

The Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the dominion of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**


Pastor Barbara Melosh

*Please stand, as you are able.*

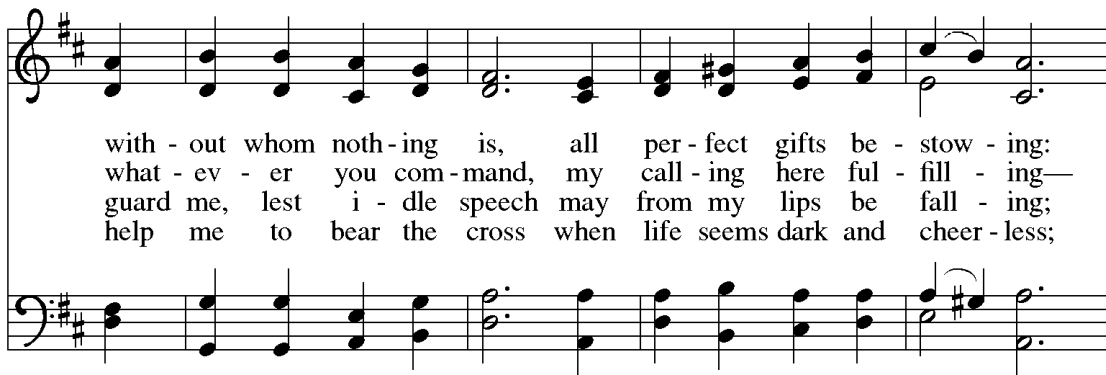
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O God, My Faithful God**

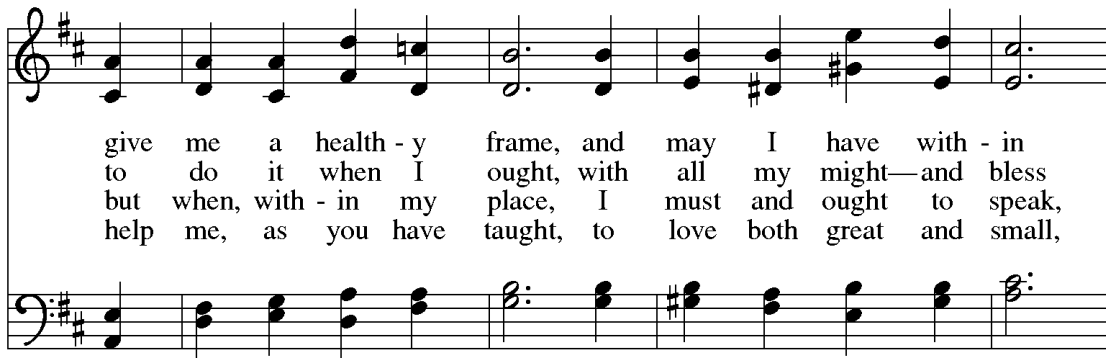
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1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
 Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church,  
 God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. We pray especially for civilians in war zones and those serving in the military who are deployed in dangerous places, including Fergus and others known to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing, especially Claude, Robin, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Chuck, Earnie, Silas, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Kara Beth, Rob, Christopher, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and Jim. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the restoration of life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace, may we and our partners in ministry, especially St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware, offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence, especially Naomi and Anne. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace  
in word and gesture, 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

“The Healing Place”  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Martin

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

*Sanctus (Holy)* from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Peter S. Klemp

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, Sing  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -  
ty! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is he who  
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son  
to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit  
nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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**

And now, 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**

Come, here is your God.

**Jesus welcomes us to this table.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) from the  
Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klemp

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

*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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### All to Jesus I Surrender

TFF 235

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;  
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum-bly at his feet I bow;  
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.  
 world-ly plea-sures all for - sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.  
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

*Refrain*

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,  
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren-der all.

Text: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1855–1939  
 Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weedon, 1847–1908

*Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
 sanctify us in the truth.*

John 17:7

# Take the Name of Jesus with You

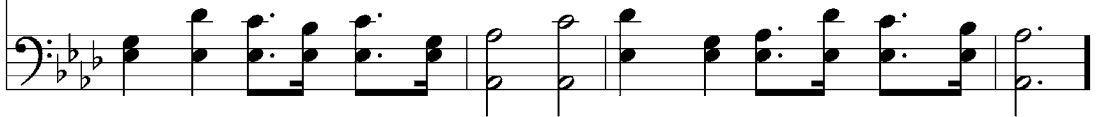
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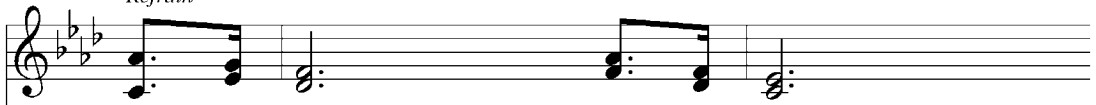
1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;  
2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;  
3 Oh, the pre - cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
4 At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,



it will joy and com - fort give you; take it then, wher - e'er you go.  
if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.  
when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em - ploy!  
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour - ney is com - plete.



## Refrain



Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!



Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name,





oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.  
oh, how sweet, how sweet!

Text: Lydia Baxter, 1809–1874  
Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

*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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at  
your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

God all mighty, God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

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*Found on p. 18*



# God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“The Chardon Jig”

John S. Dixon



### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Kaye Tyson
Lector:	Kaye Tyson
Bread Provider:	Sherry Mench
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Flower Guild:	Janet Mease

### COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made, but not give a cup of water? Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

—John Chrysostom, in *The Liturgy of the Hours*  
(New York: Catholic Book Publishing, 1975), IV, 182-183

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**The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and praise of God  
in honor of their grandmom by David and Anu Pigilam.**



# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

### **LECTIONARY 26, PROPER 21 (YEAR B)**

The disciples ask Jesus how to deal with those who are doing good in his name, but are not a part of their company. The Lord's response assures them that the reign of God can be served in many and diverse ways. Such words invite the contemporary church to be attentive to those who serve Christ in new or unexpected ministries. Even as Jesus encourages us to be seasoned with salt and to be at peace with one another, James urges us to confess our sins and to pray for the healing of all who are sick.

### **INTERIM PASTOR EXTENSION**

We are happy to report that Pastor Barbara will extend her term as interim until Sunday, November 17, at the request of assistant to the bishop Pastor Robin Litton and with the approval of Council.

### **ADULT FORUM**

Next Sunday, October 6, Rick Cassar will wrap up his presentation, "Malta: The Gem of the Mediterranean." He will cover the history of the French occupation to current day, showing the strategic importance of Malta. Join us in the Blue Room starting at 8:30 AM.

### **BREWING THEOLOGY**

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage on Wednesday, October 2, at Delaware Saengerbund. Join us at 7 PM at 49 Salem Church Road in Newark for fun and fellowship.

### **HOLY HIKE**

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, October 13, after worship. Carousel Park is a partly paved, four-mile trail with gentle hills and woodlands, located at 3700 Limestone Road in Wilmington. Questions? Contact hike leader Kathy Palmer ([302-547-5168](tel:302-547-5168)/[elie2220@comcast.net](mailto:elie2220@comcast.net)).

### **BOOKS AND BANTER**

St. Paul's avid readers meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the Youth Room. Please join us for conversation and fellowship. Upcoming Book: "The Making of Another Major Motion Picture" by Tom Hanks (October 23)

## LCM FUNDRAISER REQUEST

Lutheran Campus Ministry is seeking hand-crafted items, baked goods, event tickets, as well as creative, themed baskets (total value \$50-\$60; items included listed on a small tag) for the raffles that will occur at their annual fundraising event on Saturday, November 2. Other than baked goods which can be dropped off the day of, they are requesting these items be received by Wednesday, October 23. Contact Chaplain Mindy Holland at [chaplain@lcmde.org](mailto:chaplain@lcmde.org) to make arrangements to drop off items or have them picked up. She will be happy to answer any questions, too.

## OWLS UPCOMING EVENTS

You're invited to join the Older Wiser LutheranS on Thursday, October 17, when they will travel back in time and visit Old Swedes Church and a replica of the Kalmar Nyckel. Tours will start at 12:30 PM and end at 3:30 PM. They will then enjoy an early dinner at Iron Hill Brewery at 4 PM. Reservations, along with payment of \$27 for this tour, are needed by this Sunday, September 29. To RSVP, contact Kathy Palmer ([elie2220@comcast.net](mailto:elie2220@comcast.net)/302-547-5168) and provide your email address and cell phone number. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Venmo.

Next month, on Wednesday, November 13, join the OWLS at Wilma's in Wilmington from 12:30 PM -2:30 PM for duckpin bowling and Cajun cuisine (brunch on your own). Duckpin balls are smaller and lighter, and no bowling shoes are required. Cost is \$15.50 per person and there is a maximum of 16 participants for this event. RSVP to Linda Grund at [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com) by October 20.

Then in December, celebrate the holidays with the OWLS at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre in Wilmington on Wednesday, December 4. They will attend the 1 PM performance of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn" and enjoy lunch and beverages prior to the show. The cost to reserve a ticket is \$56.00. Payment is needed by Wednesday, October 30. Contact Roy Palo at 302-456-9757 (home) or 302-561-0728 (cell) or email him at [Palonpaa@aol.com](mailto:Palonpaa@aol.com).

## YOUTHERANS GOING TO THE DOGS

The Young Lutherans of the Delmarva Conference will be gathering here at St. Paul's this Sunday, September 29, at 5 PM. They will be making dog treats for local congregations to hand out for their Blessing of the Animal events and the SPCA. They'll talk a bit about St. Francis of Assisi and why dog treats are being made.



## UPDATE FROM ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We reported in late July that it has been a turbulent spring and summer for the school since the departures of our former director and bookkeeper. We were thankful when we hired Ms. Katelyn Farrell to join the school staff as our new Early Education Director in August. Regrettably, Ms. Farrell resigned from her position here at St. Paul's just two weeks after her arrival to accept a position in a local public-school district. Board members were shocked and dismayed by her sudden departure, which set us back to beginning a new search process. The Board met earlier this week to strategize plans for the future for our school. We established decisive dates to achieve critical milestones that must be met for us to be positioned to offer classes beginning in January. The position description for the director has been re-advertised, and we have received interest already from new candidates. However, we are working on a very tight time frame. We ask you, members of our congregation for help in two ways: First, please pray for success in hiring a director and teachers in order to offer classes again in the spring; and second, if you know of anyone qualified for the position, please reach out to alert them to this opportunity. The position description is available on the school website: <http://www.st-pauls-lutheran-school.org>. Thank you for your support!

## SOUND THE TRUMPETS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

If you play a brass instrument, consider joining our *Sounding Brass* ensemble. They will start rehearsing for Reformation Sunday this Monday, September 30 at 4 PM. Also, if you play woodwinds, strings, keyboards, or percussion, consider joining St. Paul's chamber orchestra for Christmas Eve and our annual Sounds of the Season concert to be held on Sunday, January 5 at 4 PM. A high school level of proficiency and the ability to read music are required. Contact Mike Bareham, Director for Music and Worship, with your interest and availability.



## SAENGERBUND SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

The Delaware Saengerbund will hold their annual Erntedankfest, a Service of Thanksgiving, here at St. Paul's next Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 PM. The presiding minister will be The Reverend Greg Johnson. Music will be provided by the DSB Singers and the Johannes Brass, along with our very own Mike Bareham at the organ.

The logo for "October Worship Opportunities" features the word "October" in a large, brown, serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a brown apple with a green stem and a yellow leaf. The letter "t" is a simple brown vertical bar. The letter "o" is replaced by a brown apple with a red stem and a yellow leaf. The letter "b" is a simple brown vertical bar. The letter "e" is a simple brown vertical bar. The letter "r" is a simple brown vertical bar. The word "Worship Opportunities" is written in a smaller, brown, serif font below "October".

# October

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, October 6**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

This Sunday's gospel reading includes both stern words about divorce and gracious words about little children. Come to worship to hear both law and gospel, both God's call to the ethical life and God's welcome of all of us who cannot fully obey.

***8:30 AM Adult Forum—Malta: Gem of the Mediterranean***

***10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed***

***11:15 AM Coffee Social***

***3:00 PM Saengerbund Erntedankfest***

**Sunday, October 13**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

In the gospel reading on this Sunday, Jesus tells a questioner to sell what he owns and give the money to the poor. What does this mean for us? Come to worship to hear the word and to receive grace from God.

***8:30 AM Adult Forum—"Luther" Movie and Discussion***

***10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed***

***11:15 AM Coffee Social***

**Sunday, October 20**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We are half a year away from Holy Week, yet there is much in the readings for this Sunday that reminds us of Good Friday. Indeed, every Sunday we stand at the foot of the cross. Come join the assembly there.

***8:30 AM Adult Forum—"Luther" Movie and Discussion***

***10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed***

***11:15 AM Coffee Social***

**Sunday, October 27**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Over the centuries, Lutherans have kept a special day to thank God for the freedom that the word of God grants to believers and to pray that with the help of God's Spirit, the church will be continually reformed and renewed. You are invited to worship with us on this Reformation Sunday, in praise and petition to God for the ongoing health of the church.

***8:30 AM Adult Forum—"Luther" Movie and Discussion***

***10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed***

***11:15 AM Coffee Social***



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or contact Pastor Barbara Melosh

## **Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast**

Articles due by Wednesday morning at 10 AM. Late submissions will be shared the following week. Please send articles to the church office at [splcstaff@gmail.com](mailto:splcstaff@gmail.com).

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