

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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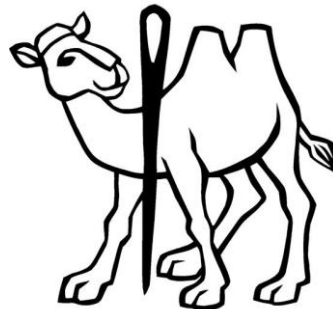
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, October 13, 2024

**10 AM Service
Holy Communion**

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.



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 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

“Seek Ye First”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

LAFFERTY

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.

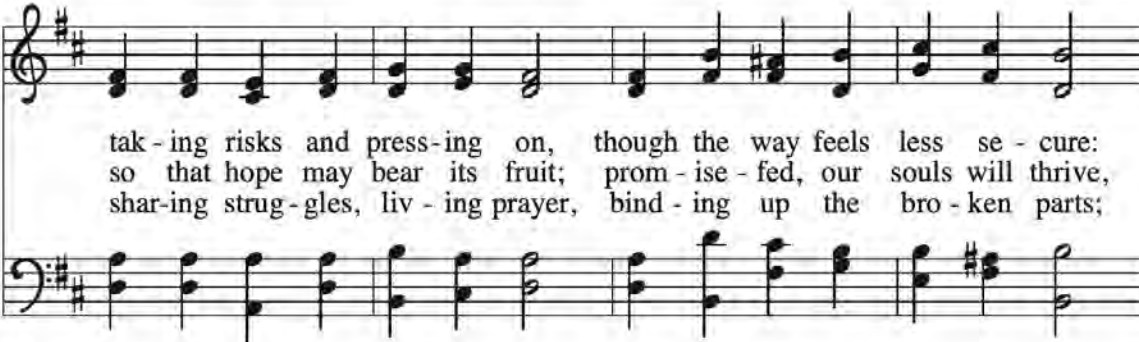
ENTRANCE HYMN

Faith Begins by Letting Go

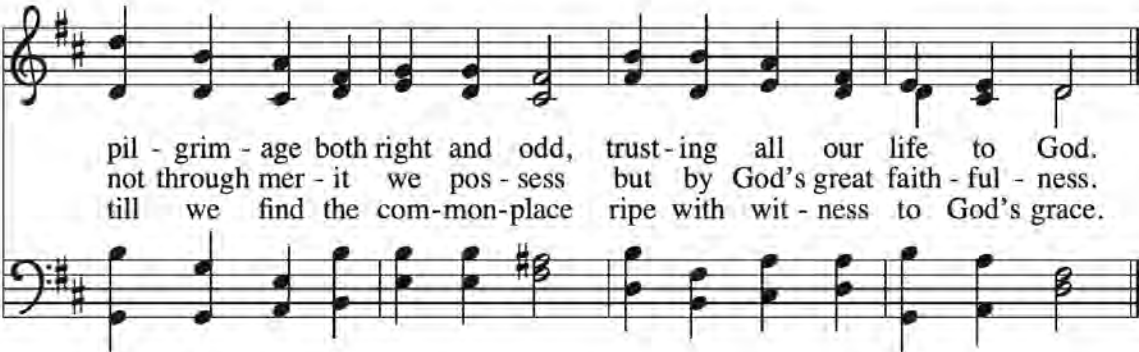
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1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God,
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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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.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live

A reading from Amos:

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or the LORD will break out against the house of Joseph like fire and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins--you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 90:12-17***Antiphon: Ps. 90:12*

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 4:12-16***Approach the throne of grace with boldness*

A reading from Hebrews:

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

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
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al-le-
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Teaching on wealth and reward

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰The man said to Jesus, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the dominion of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the dominion of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who

is rich to enter the dominion of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to Jesus, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”
²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,
³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.
³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

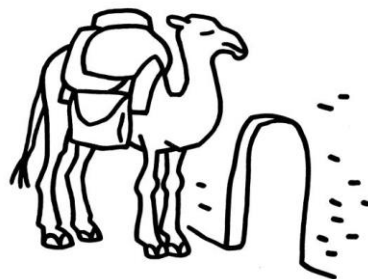
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Melosh

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



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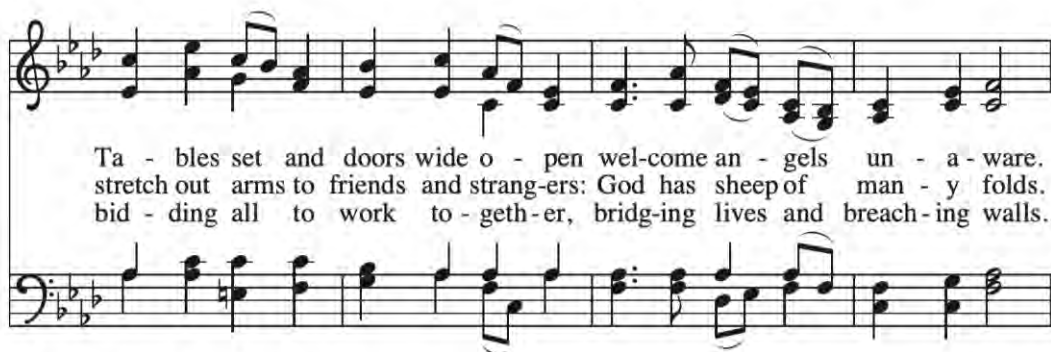
HYMN OF THE DAY

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

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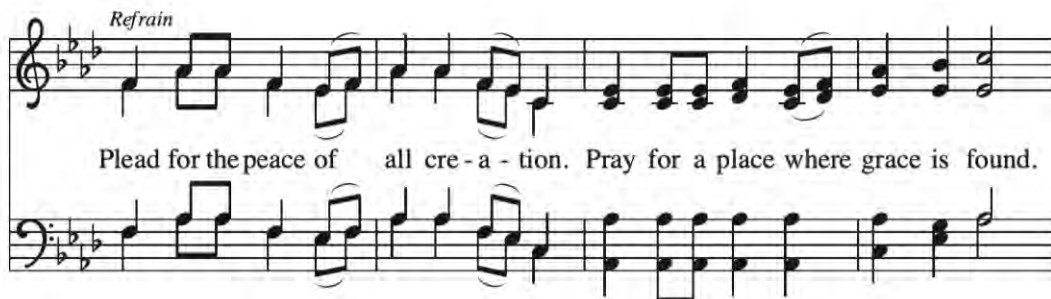


1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran-gers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially Janice, 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. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land, especially the Lenape. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all who are cast down, you call us to seek good and to meet oppression with justice. Teach us and our partners in ministry, especially Bethel Lutheran Church in North East and Unity Church in Wilmington, to find salvation in the emptying of ourselves for the sake of those in need, so that goodness may prevail and your kingdom come in Jesus Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living, especially Naomi. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
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

“Lord, I Give My Heart to You”

Joseph Martin

with I Surrender All

Sanctuary Choir

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
Found on p. 12*

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!

EUCHARISTIC 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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound-ed and
4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934
Music: ADELAIDE. George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

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

O God of Every Nation
ELW 713 (harmony)



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Here In This Place”

arr. David Lasky

GATHER US IN

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Kris Cassar
Lector:	Barb Rhodes
Bread Provider:	Heidi Burch
Altar Guild:	Linda Radwick
Flower Guild:	Keith Tyson

COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

If you have a mind to enter into life, keep the commandments. If you have a mind to know the truth, believe in me. If you have a mind to be perfect, sell all you have. If you have a mind to become my follower, renounce yourself. If you have a mind to be exalted in heaven, make yourself humble on earth. I ask nothing more of you except that you should want to surrender yourself entirely to me. I do not care what you give me besides yourself, because I do not want your gifts, but you. Give yourself to me. I gave my whole body and my blood to feed you, so that I should be entirely yours, and you should be kept mine.

—Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*,
ed. Betty I. Knott (London: Collins, 1963), 203-204, 230

FAT CAMELS AND NARROW NEEDLES: ONLY POSSIBLE FOR GOD

A rich man approaches Jesus and asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and follow. Jesus will accept nothing less than our very selves. Like the rich man, we too are left defenseless and grieving by Jesus' radical call to leave behind and give away what we count on for our own security. He wants us, and therefore also wants the things that keep us from him; he gazes upon us in love, even as he calls us to leave behind our false sources of security. How hard it is for us camels to pass through the eye of the needle! We too grieve at the impossibility. It is in fact impossible for us, yet more than possible for God to make it so. For we have a "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, the Son of God," who is both able to sympathize with our great weakness but also to provide mercy and help. While eternal life on the other side of the needle is a free gift that only God can give, it is a gift that claims the entirety of our lives and therefore reshapes our stewardship of whatever earthly goods we do have. For first and foremost we are called to follow the Christ who gazes upon us in love. Since we are his, following him we will enter through the eye of the needle, leaving behind what cannot fit through with us. In doing so we are promised that we will gain everything: a hundredfold more in this life in a new community under the Cross, "and in the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).

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



ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2024

LECTIONARY 28, PROPER 23 (YEAR B)

Jesus knows our weaknesses, especially the weakness of clinging to those things that could be given away or shared for the good of others. In the gospel reading, Jesus states that it will be difficult for those who pursue wealth to enter the reign of God. Living in a culture that seems driven by the pursuit of money and comfort, we may find these words difficult to hear. Yet Jesus announces that nothing is impossible with God who is our life, our treasure, and our salvation.

ADULT FORUM

Who's in charge here? Charles V? Leo X? The Word?! Find out as we continue our viewing and discussion of the film *Luther* and his jousting with church and political leaders (sometimes one in the same). The Rev. Ronald Mease will lead the post film discussion on Sunday, October 20, starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike this 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/eli2220@comcast.net).

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage this Wednesday, October 16, at Autumn Arch. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive in Newark for fun and fellowship.

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. Have a favorite book to recommend?

Upcoming Books:

- October 23 "The Making of Another Major Motion Picture" by Tom Hanks
- December 11** "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (** *Second Tuesday*)

FAITH & BLUE BBQ

All are cordially invited to attend a community picnic this Sunday, October 13, at Dickey Park, 60 Madison Drive in Newark from 11 AM - 3 PM. Come celebrate with law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses, and community groups. The Faith & Blue initiative aims to re-calibrate police-community relations through solutions-focused, in-person, socially distanced and/or virtual activities that are organized jointly by faith-based or other community groups and law enforcement agencies.

LCM FUNDRAISER REQUEST

Lutheran Campus Ministry will hold their annual fundraising event on Sunday, November 2, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 1530 Foulk Road in Wilmington, starting at 1:30 PM. LCM 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) to be raffled off. 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 to make arrangements to drop off items or have them picked up. She will be happy to answer any questions, too.

OWLS UPCOMING EVENTS

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 by next Sunday, 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.

FISH IN THE FALL

The October FISH events are coming right up. Please join us for any or all of them! Our Food Bank pickup will be on Thursday, October 17 at 1 PM, and then at 6:30 PM, we will gather in Fellowship Hall to pack boxes. On Friday, October 18, we will have the monthly distribution from 2:30 PM until 4 PM, also in Fellowship Hall. Call or email Keith Bart ([302-345-6107](tel:302-345-6107) or keith.m.bart@gmail.com) for more information.

COMING WELCA ATTRACTION

On Saturday, November 16, the Women of the ELCA will join the Quilters for a fun morning of quilting, from 9 AM through lunch at 12 PM. There will also be opportunities for quill art with Barb Rhodes and making wreath of life prayer beads with Mary Beth Bergstrom. Please RSVP to Kaye Tyson (kaye.tyson@comcast.net) or Mary Beth Bergstrom (mbbergstrom@verizon.net) so they know how many to expect for fun, fellowship and lunch, which will be provided by WELCA.



October 9, 2024

I am pleased to announce that we are ready to introduce the candidate that the Call Committee and Congregational Council have recommended as our next pastor. Members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend a fellowship opportunity with the candidate on Saturday, November 2. Details still to come!

Then on Sunday, November 3, the candidate will preach and preside at our 10 AM Service of Holy Communion. **After worship, all voting members are invited to attend a congregational meeting to vote on whether to extend a call.**

Please join me in thanking God for the faithful service of our Call Committee, and please continue in prayer as we move forward in this process.

In Christ,
Anne Sullivan, Council President



LOOKING FOR HELP – FOOTBALL PARKING

Our School Board has been permitted by Church Council to manage parking in our lots for two UD Football games on Saturdays, October 26 and November 9. We are short staffed this year because we don't have parents available to assist, so we are looking for a few folks from the congregation who have a few hours on a Saturday to help out. Start time for the games is 3:00 PM on October 26 and 1:00 PM on November 9. We would need 3 to 4 hours of your time. If you're available and interested, please contact Bill Saylor at bsaylor2@verizon.net or 302-834-4074 for further details. Thank you!!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Sunday, October 20--Lectionary 29

Each Sunday we assemble around the cross. Next Sunday this Christian movement is evident in all of the readings. In the Spirit we celebrate Christ's resurrection, for God has saved Jesus and us all from death.

Mark 10:35-45: The cup we share and the baptism we undergo are signs of the death of Christ, whose glory is the cross. Yet our confidence in the victory of Christ leads us away from domineering attitudes and into lives of service.

Isaiah 53:4-12: The passage from Isaiah, most well-known as the first reading on Good Friday, is set next to Mark's words about the cross since the Old Testament passages such as the fourth Servant Song were essential material for early Christian interpretation of the death of Christ. Evangelists who were not present at Jesus' death describe the crucifixion in language taken from Isaiah 53.

Hebrews 5:1-10: Jesus Christ, the source of eternal salvation, sacrificed himself for the people, and we follow him by living as servants of one another. Hebrews stresses not Jesus' victimization, but his authority as high priest and his willingness to suffer. We speak about this as the mystery of Christ.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist

Friday, October 18, 2024

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon. From sundaysandseasons.com.



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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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.

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