

# **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.***

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**

November begins with All Saints Day and ends near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

## **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 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

“All My Hope on God Is Founded” - arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

MICHAEL

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### 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 God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be  
steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will  
is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**We Praise You, O God**

ELW 870

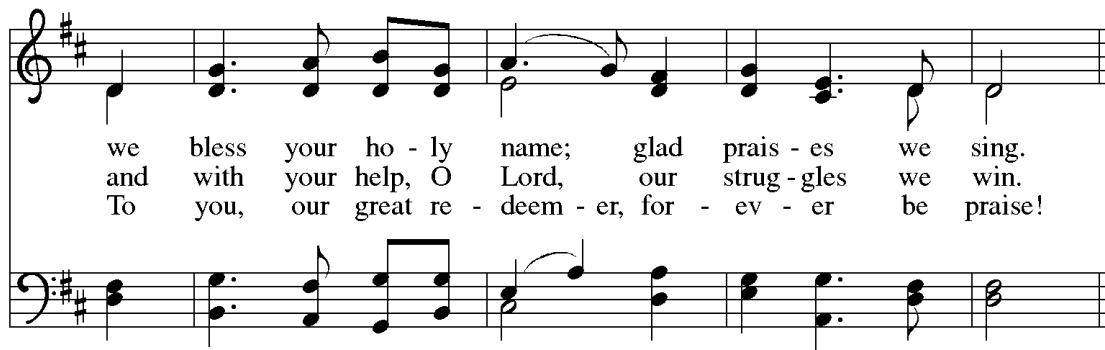
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



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!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

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

*The candidate for baptism, the family, and sponsors make their way to the font during the singing of the hymn. The assembly turns to face the font, as they are able.*

# HOLY BAPTISM

Patrick William Burian

## PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*The sponsor presents the candidate:*

I present Patrick William Burian for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:*

Do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Patrick and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsor of the baptismal candidate.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses all who are gathered:*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

*Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISM

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate:*

Patrick William Burian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give this son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Patrick with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Patrick, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## IMAGE OF BAPTISM

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal blanket.*

Joined with the great multitude of the communion of saints, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ to stand before the throne of the Lamb.

## WELCOME

*A candle is lit from the Paschal candle and given to the family as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

*The ministers and baptismal party return to their places. The assembly turns forward during the singing of the baptismal song.*



## SONG OF ACCLAMATION

## Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Verse 1

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door

to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.' The second staff continues: 'Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.' The third staff continues: 'Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door'. The fourth staff concludes: 'to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

*The assembly is seated.*

### ✠ WORD ✠

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

## FIRST READING

## Daniel 12:1-3

*The deliverance of God's people at the end*

A reading from Daniel:

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great ruler, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall



shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalm 16**

*Antiphon: Ps. 16:9*

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.

**My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.

**My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

*The way to God opened through Christ's death*

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that Christ opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, word of life.

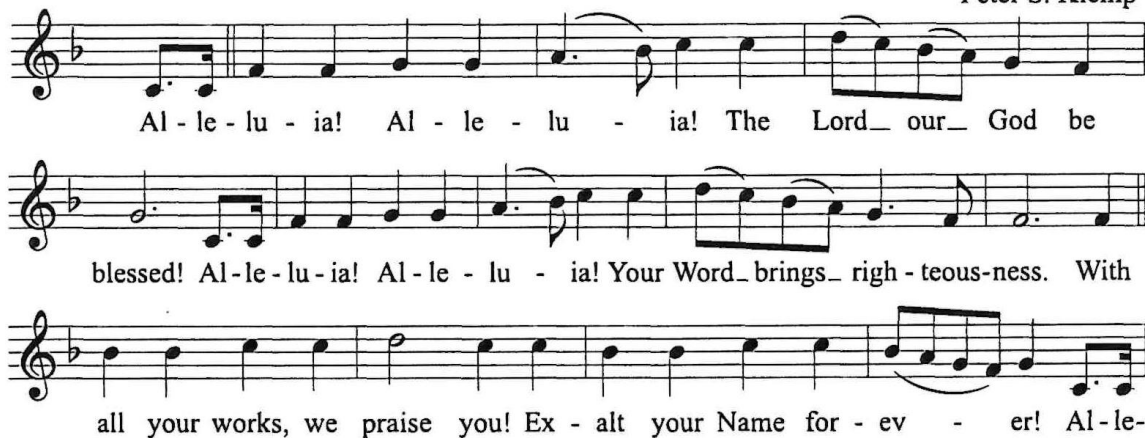
**Thanks be to God.**

*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 -



## HOLY GOSPEL

## Mark 13:1-8

*The end and the coming of the Son*

The Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and country against country; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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 reflection on this morning's message.  
Spirit-led doodling is also acceptable.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## O God of Love, O King of Peace


HFV 880



1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through-  
 2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, the won - ders  
 3 Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but  
 4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove all hearts are



out the world to cease; our greed and sin - ful wrath re -  
 that our el - ders told; re - mem - ber not our sins? dark  
 on your faith - ful Word? None ev - er called on you in  
 knit in ho - ly love; oh, bind us in that heav'n - ly



strain.  
 stain.  
 vain.  
 chain.

Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially Dot, Ruth, Jenny, Addison, Cindy, Judy, Stan, Janice, Claude, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Rob, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive and Jim. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church, this community and our partners in ministry, especially St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Maryland, and Mosaic of Delaware, for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Timeless One, you create all moments in our lives, giving each its meaning and purpose. We thank you for the interim ministry provided to us by The Reverend Barbara Melosh and we look forward to the ministry of word and sacrament to be provided by our new pastor, The Reverend Cris Frigm. Strengthen us and them to witness continually to the love of Jesus Christ, that we may hold fast in times of trial, even to the end of the ages. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence, especially Chris and Ethel. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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**

“Soon and Very Soon”  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Schrader

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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 Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Petr 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, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world. Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ. 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**

We boldly pray as our Savior Christ has 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.**

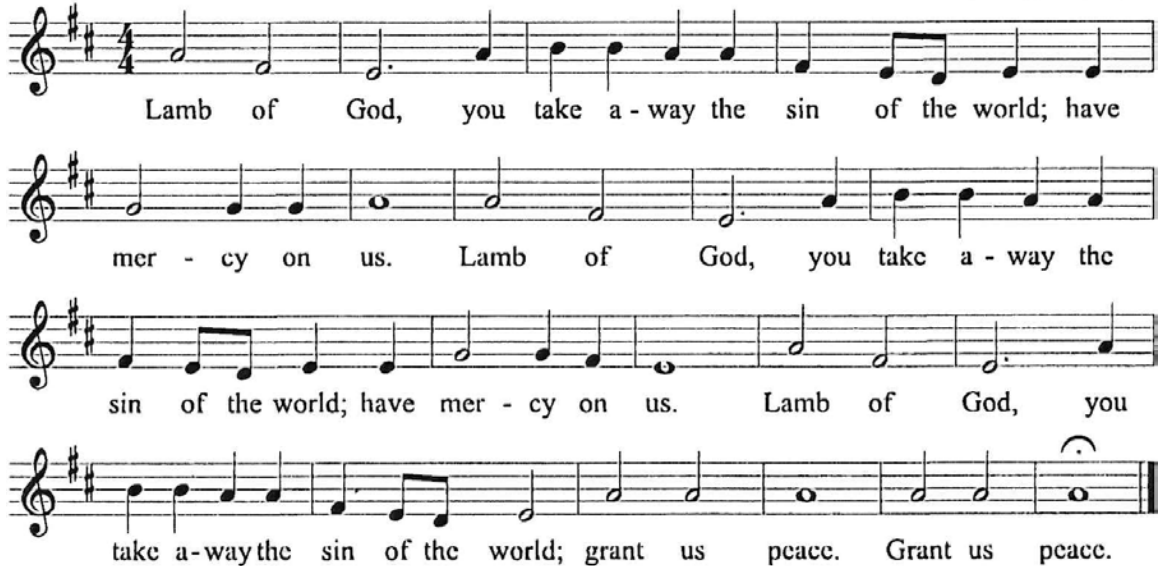
## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Behold, God is making all things new.  
**We come to take our place in the new creation.**



## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)* from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Peter S. Klemp



*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

**God Alone Be Praised**

ACS 1023

*Found on p. 18*

**Fear Not for Tomorrow**

LS 161

*Found on p. 19*

# God Alone Be Praised



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth  
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles  
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -  
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this  
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and  
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us  
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.  
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.  
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46

Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

Text © 2016 Susan R. Briehl, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Music © 2016 Zebulon M. Highben, admin. Augsburg Fortress

*Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength  
 to stand before the Son of Man.*

Luke 23:36

# Fear Not for Tomorrow



1 Fear not for to - mor - row and what it may bring, but  
 2 Fear not for to - mor - row and what lies a - head, though  
 3 Fear not for to - mor - row, but lift up your voice in



trust in the Lord and o - bey. In joy or in sor - row, in  
 fu - ture e - vents be un - known; but wel - come the morn - ing with  
 an - thems of glo - ri - ous praise. Give thanks for your bless - ings and



ev - 'ry good thing, the Lord will not lead you a - stray.  
 cour - age in - stead, for you will not face it a - lone.  
 tru - ly re - joice, for God will be with you al - ways.

## *Refrain*



God will take care of you, go ev - 'ry - where with you, al - ways be



there with you day by day. God will pro - vide for you,



be as a guide to you, lov - ing - ly show you the way.

Text: Natalie Sleeth

Music: FEAR NOT, Natalie Sleeth

Text and music © 1991 Hinshaw Music, Inc.

*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.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

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

## **ORDER OF FAREWELL**

*The President of the Congregational Council joins the Interim Pastor in the chancel.*

People of God, The Reverend Barbara Melosh has completed her work among us as our Interim Pastor and our new Pastor will arrive soon. We thank Pastor Barbara for being our shepherd and guide for our ministry during the past year and four months and wish her every blessing for her continued ministry in the Church of Jesus Christ.

*A review of the highlights of the interim ministry may be shared at this time.*

Let us together give God thanks for Pastor Barbara and for the work that we have done together in Christ's name.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for the blessings of your presence during our time of transition, especially as made known to us through the gifts and ministry of Pastor Barbara. Through her we have received your Word for our lives and celebrated the Sacraments, made plans for our ministry and preparations to receive a new shepherd in our midst. Continue to guide us through the completion of our transition process until all things are brought to fulfillment according to your will. Guide as well Pastor Barbara that she may know the comfort of your love and be a blessing to others as she has been a blessing to us. All these things we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The Interim Pastor responds with a few informal remarks, before giving the final blessing.*

## BENEDICTION

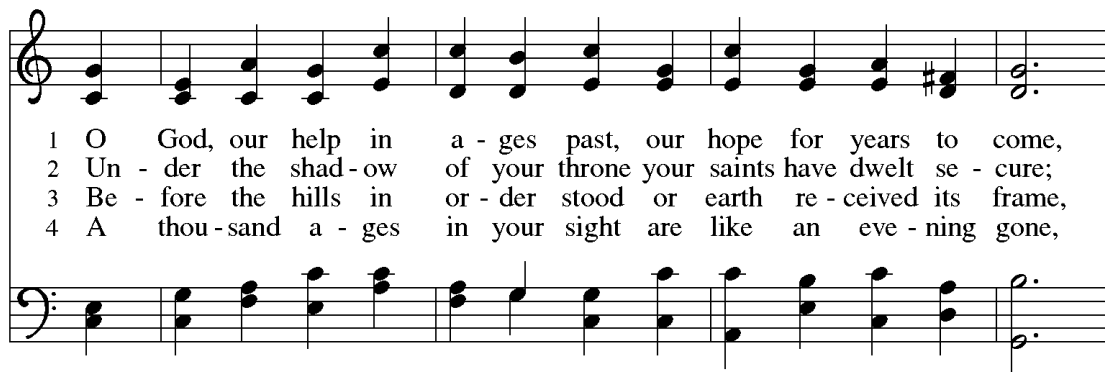
The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

arr. Robert J. Powell

LLANGLOFFAN

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Christine Breder
Lector:	Christine Breder
Bread Provider:	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild:	Janet Mease
Flower Guild:	Keith Tyson



The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory  
and praise of God in memory of her mother  
Darlene Alayos by Christine Breder.



Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103532.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education  
of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Used by permission. All rights reserved.

*Liturgy for the Family of God* © 2003 Creative Communications for the Parish.

Used by permission. All rights reserved.

*Order of Farewell for an Interim Pastor* by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel (ELCA)

© 2024 [www.LiturgyByTLW.com](http://www.LiturgyByTLW.com). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained  
from OneLicense.net with license #A-719656. All rights reserved.

# **ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE**

## **IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

### **LECTIONARY 33, PROPER 28 (YEAR B)**

During November, the scripture readings lead the worshipping assembly to visions of the last day, to a reflection of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Some religious people see only panic and doom in the future. They dwell in the land of fear. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer offers another view: the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. It is a bold confession of faith in God, who is our refuge and our strength. Such a hope, according to Hebrews, leads us to encourage one another in love and good deeds.

### **BUILDING SECURITY**

Please do not leave doors unlocked and unattended at any time. Please make sure the back door is closed behind you when you enter or leave the building. Ushers will be attending the back door on Sunday until ten minutes after our worship begins. If you arrive after that time, you will need to enter by the front door.

### **FAREWELL RECEPTION**

Pastor Barbara concludes her interim ministry here at St. Paul's this morning. Please greet her after worship at a coffee social in Fellowship Hall. She has served this congregation well for almost a year and a half and we want to show her our collective gratitude at this gathering.

### **ST. PAUL'S NEW PASTOR**

The Reverend Cris Frigm was extended the call to be our new pastor on Sunday, November 3. Highly recommended by the Call Committee and Congregational Council, he received a unanimous vote in favor (102-0) from the members present at the congregational meeting held after worship on All Saints Sunday. Pastor Cris will begin his ministry here at St. Paul's on Monday, December 9, and his first Sunday with us will be the Third Sunday of Advent, December 15.

### **PASTORAL CONCERNS**

Moving forward until our new pastor starts mid-December, Pastors Greg Johnson and Tara Magoon will be available to handle pastoral concerns. You can reach Pastor Greg by calling 302-563-5150, or if he is not available, Pastor Tara by calling Grace Lutheran Church, 302-239-6481.

## **FLUTE CONCERT TODAY**

The First State Flute Choir will perform their fall concert this Sunday, November 17, at 4 PM here in the sanctuary of St. Paul's. "Of Mountains, Lakes, and Mischief" will include repertoire inspired by the sounds of nature. While free and open to the public, a freewill offering will be collected to benefit the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

## **HILLTOP THANKSGIVING BASKET SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, November 24, is the big day! It's Thanksgiving basket Sunday for families at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Please remember to bring your donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday by 10 AM. Your donations will be sorted, packed, and transported to Hilltop. If you prefer, cash is also accepted, and we'll do the shopping for you! Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.

## **ADULT FORUM**

Next Sunday, November 24, concludes our series, "*A Messy Transition: The Reformation in British North America*." Syl Woolford will lecture on African American churches such as Barratt's Chapel and St. George's. Come to the Blue Room at 8:30 AM.

## **BOOKS AND BANTER**

St. Paul's avid readers will not meet in November. Instead, we'll gather for conversation and fellowship at Sue Wallden's home on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 PM. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sue at [slwallden@gmail.com](mailto:slwallden@gmail.com) by Monday, December 9.

Upcoming Books:

December 11 "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles  
(*Second Wednesday this month*).

January 22 "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (*Back to fourth Wednesday*).

## **BREWING THEOLOGY**

Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage Wednesday, December 11. Join us at 7 PM at the home of Rick and Kris Cassar, located at 438 Pierce Run in Newark, for fun and fellowship.

## **HOLY HIKE**

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike next on Sunday, December 15, after worship, at the Judge Morris Estate. The 4.5 mile trail, located at 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark, is wooded and mostly flat. Questions? Contact hike leader Linda Grund at 302-824-5780 or [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com).



## HERE AND BEYOND

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your pledge for "HERE" in 2025 - and "BEYOND", in the form of an Endowment gift. Then return it in the next few weeks. Why the urgency? We'd like to be able to tell our new pastor that we've reached our goal prior to their arrival - a "Welcome!" gift for them - and us - to celebrate the start of their pastorate.

We are happy to report that as of November 6, we have fifty-one pledges total with \$266,380 going to the HERE campaign and another \$13,970 for BEYOND.



[https://stpaulsnewarkde.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pledge-Card-Sept\\_2024-1-1.pdf](https://stpaulsnewarkde.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pledge-Card-Sept_2024-1-1.pdf)

## MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

The Membership Ministry Team is excited to begin phase two of the process of creating a new membership directory. During the month of November, we invite you to have your photo taken in Fellowship Hall just before and after the 10 AM service. Or you have the option of submitting your favorite headshot of you as a single, a couple, or a family. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com) or 302-738-5491.

## YOUTHERAN HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Young Lutherans of the Delmarva North Conference are having a Christmas tree lighting on Sunday, December 1, at 5 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, located at 24 Cameron Road in North East, Maryland. Questions? Contact Pastor Zachary Wright ([pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorzach.blcne@gmail.com)).

	<b>Sunday</b> November 24, 2024 08:30AM until 09:30AM	<b>Priest Absalom Jones</b>
	 	
<b>Bishop Richard Allen</b>	<b>Free African Society</b>	
	Sponsored by the <b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b> 701 South College Ave. Newark, DE 19713 Phone: 302-368-0064	
	Lecturer: Syl Woolford <a href="mailto:SylWlf@aol.com">SylWlf@aol.com</a>	

## **UPDATE FROM ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We last reported in September that we had to reopen the search for an Early Education Administrator for St. Paul’s School when the new hire resigned her position after two weeks into her tenure. We initiated another search, and although we believed we had a viable candidate, the search was ultimately unsuccessful. We had established a timeline to achieve critical milestones that must have been met for us to be positioned to offer classes beginning in January. Those deadlines passed without filling the Administrator position, so we have been compelled to further postpone reopening the school. We will not be in a position to offer classes beginning in January as we had hoped. But the Board has not lost its resolve. At our board meeting this week, we set our sights on initiating an aggressive recruiting campaign in March 2025 with the goal of having an administrator in place by May so we can open for classes in August. We ask you to continue to pray for success in hiring an administrator and staff, in order to offer classes again in Fall, 2025. We firmly believe that God will send us, in God’s own time, new leadership for our school! Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

## **NEWARK INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, November 26, at 7 PM. The host congregation will be the Newark United Church of Christ, located at 300 Main Street in Newark. This year’s theme, “Holy Human Interruption,” refers to the faith community coming together to “interrupt injustice” as we stand in the gap for each other and speak up for human rights—all within the overarching umbrella of gratitude.

### **WOVEN TOGETHER: A POST-ELECTION MESSAGE FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON**

The day after the 2024 presidential election, whether individually people experience joy or grief, Bishop Eaton reflects on the many expressions of our church being woven together as strands of a large tapestry. She reminds us that regardless of who is elected president or to other leadership positions in our country, our call to be Christ in the world doesn’t change. “As we’re moving through these next years, no matter what happens and what befalls...imagine all of us woven together and in Christ, and we will continue to serve the gospel and to serve the world.” Download: <https://bit.ly/3Yv4nGE>



# Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

In the United States, the flower most symbolic of the Christmas season is the poinsettia. This lovely Christmas flower will be used to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season. The flowers you order may be picked up after the *Sounds of the Season* concert on Sunday afternoon, January 5.



*Please return this order form to the Church Office no later than Sunday, December 8.*

*Payment can be made by cash, check, or by clicking the "Christmas Poinsettia" tab on the drop down menu using Tithe.ly, accessed by the QR Code below.*

I/we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 6" poinsettias (5-6 blooms) at \$9.00 each.

Color and quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White

I/ we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 8" poinsettias (12-18 blooms) at \$21.00 each.

Color and quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White

I/ we would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_ 10" poinsettias (16-24 blooms) at \$32.00 each.

Color and quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White

Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #\_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: [ ] Cash [ ] Check #\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] *Tithe.ly* online giving



Given By:

---

In Memory of:

---

In Honor of:

---



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Welcomes All in Jesus' Name

Phone/Fax: 302-368-0064 Website: [www.stpaulsnewarkde.org](http://www.stpaulsnewarkde.org)

*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



**The Reverend Barbara Melosh**

*Interim Pastor*

302-354-5512 (cell)

[bmelosh@gmu.edu](mailto:bmelosh@gmu.edu)

**Michael Bareham**

*Director for Music and Worship*

302-368-0064 ext. 123

[splcmusmin@gmail.com](mailto:splcmusmin@gmail.com)

**Jerilynn Hinrichs**

*Office Administrator*

302-368-0064 ext. 101

[splcstaff@gmail.com](mailto:splcstaff@gmail.com)

**Nalini Janaki**

*Business Administrator*

302-368-0064 ext. 102

[stpaulsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsoffice@comcast.net)

### Church Council

Anne Sullivan, *President*

Barb Rhodes, *Vice President*

Heidi Burch, *Secretary*

Mary Collins, *Treasurer*

Kristine Cassar, Winnie Hull, Greg Johnson,

Susie Olson, Emily Pierce

**Early Education Director**

St. Paul's Lutheran School

302-368-0064 ext. 118

[stpaulschool@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulschool@comcast.net)

### St. Paul's Online Prayer Ministry

Send prayer requests to:

[prayonstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:prayonstpauls@gmail.com)

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

[splcmusmin@gmail.com](mailto:splcmusmin@gmail.com) for the time being.

**WISH TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES  
OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH?  
THEN SCAN THIS QR CODE**

