

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-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 10, 2024

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance



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 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

“Morgenlied”

Rheinberger: arr. Zeplin

First State Flute Choir

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,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are
disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us
again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good
of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake,
you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW 707 (harmony)



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath

A reading from Kings:

⁸ The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So Elijah set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146

Antiphon: Ps. 146:8

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down..

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

The once for all sacrifice of Christ

A reading from Hebrews:

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor

was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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.*

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Found on p. 8

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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

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

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Your ways are higher than any earthly ruler, and your righteousness is truer than any worldly judge. Align our hearts with your justice and mercy. Open the minds of our leaders, that they will show concern for the needy and compassion toward those in distress. Heal our bitter divisions and unite us around the cross, pledging our utmost allegiance to the slaughtered lamb, your Son, Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially Jenny, Addison, Cindy, Judy, Stan, Janice, Claude, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Silas, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Rob, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive and Jim. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God, and those of our partners in ministry, especially Faith Lutheran Church in Salisbury and St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Pike Creek. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raise up faithful servants to lead your church. Thank you for the service of our Call Committee and Congregational Council, and bless, encourage, and uphold the pastor who has responded in faith to your call to lead this congregation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, we give you thanks for those who have served in our armed forces, and we remember with gratitude those who have laid down their lives in that service. Shield from danger all who protect us. And your Kingdom come, when our swords will be turned into plowshares and peace will reign. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long, especially Chris and Ethel. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. 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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Sanctuary Choir, Flutes & Handbells

arr. Dan Forrest

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 the
Liturgy for the Family of God
Peter S. Klemp

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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!" The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. There are also dynamic markings like "p" (piano) and "f" (forte) indicated.

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

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

Blessed Assurance
ELW 638 (harmony)

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Day By Day ELW790 (harmony)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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.

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign
ELW434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

arr. Lauf

First State Flute Choir

*The Lord raises up the poor from the dust,
 to make them inherit a seat of honor.*

1 Samuel 2:8

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Jeanine Heath
Lector:	Eric Mease
Bread Provider:	Heidi Burch
Altar Guild:	Cheri Simons
Flower Guild:	Cheri Simons



The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God
in memory of Trudy Foley by Mary Collins.



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COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Let us carry our first fruits to him who has suffered and risen for us. Do you think perhaps that I am talking of gold, silver, garments, or precious stones? Insubstantial earthly goods, transitory, tied to earth, owned for the most part by the wicked, the slaves of materialism and the prince of this world? No, let us offer ourselves: it is the most precious and dearest gift in the eyes of God. Give to God's image what resembles it most. Recognizing our greatness, we are to honor our model, understanding the force of this mystery and the reasons for Christ's death. Give all, offer all, to him who has given himself for us as a prize and ransom. We will give nothing as great as ourselves if we have grown by the nature of this mystery and have become for him all that he has become for us.

—Gregory of Nazianzus, in *The Paschal Mystery: Ancient Liturgies and Patristic Texts*,
ed. A. Hamman, O.F.M. (Staten Island, NY: Alba, 1969), 76-77

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2024

LECTIONARY 32, PROPER 27 (YEAR B)

All that we have—our lives, families, possessions, labor, and talents—comes from God and belongs to God. From the Christian perspective, we are not owners but stewards of all that the Creator has given us. And all that we have is given to us for the good of others. The divine economy works with equity for all, a hand always open to the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten ones. God's bounty gives us the grace to hold nothing back in serving God.

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.

WELCOME THE FLUTE CHOIR

The First State Flute Choir joins us in worship this Sunday, November 10, providing accompaniment to our hymns and the anthem. They rehearse here every Sunday afternoon and play for us as a thank you to the congregation. Their fall concert is next Sunday, November 17, at 4 PM. Entitled "Of Mountains, Lakes, and Mischief," the repertoire for the afternoon is inspired by the sounds of nature. A freewill offering will benefit the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

ADULT FORUM

Join Eric Mease next Sunday, November 17, as he continues the discussion of "A Messy Transition". This will focus on the Reformation in British North America. We will meet in the Blue Room at 8:30 AM.

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 Book:

December 11** "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (** *Second Tuesday*)

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age twenty-one and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage next Wednesday, November 13, at the Autumn Arch. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive in Newark for fun and fellowship.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike next Sunday, November 17, after worship. Snow Goose Trail at White Clay Creek is a 3.1 mile wooded trail with some small hills, located at 199 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark. You can park at Pike Creek Bible Church lot. Questions? Contact hike leader Rudy Schock at 814-574-8243 or rschock324@gmail.com.

FISH BREADS, MAKE ‘EM, BAKE ‘EM, TAKE ‘EM TO CHURCH

FISH is as early as it can be this month – Friday, November 15 – so break out your baking pans and help us by making little loaves of pumpkin, cranberry, banana, or “whatever” bread. Bundle them up in clear plastic wrap or aluminum foil and note the type of bread on the outside of the wrapping. (We don’t want anyone with a nut allergy to get a surprise!). The main drop off times are this Sunday, November 10, during and immediately after worship, and on Thursday, November 14, from 6 – 8 PM. We’re planning for 35 families this Thanksgiving, so we’d like to have 70 - 75 breads for the clients. Still have questions or need a special drop off time? Call or email Keith Bart ([302-345-6107](tel:302-345-6107) / keith.m.bart@gmail.com).

And, as we do every month, we invite any and all members of the congregation to help with the other FISH activities. The Food Bank pickup will be on Thursday, November 14, at 1 PM, followed by the re-boxing at 2 PM, then packing at 6:30 PM that same evening. The distribution will be on Friday, November 15, starting at 2:30 PM. The latter three events all take place in Fellowship Hall. As always, a big thank you to everyone for participating!

OWLS UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Paul’s Older Wiser Lutherans will go bowling on Wednesday afternoon, November 13, at Wilma’s in Wilmington. They will enjoy duckpin bowling and Cajun cuisine.

They will then celebrate the holidays at the Candlelight Dinner Theatre, also 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.

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 quilt 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.

REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND SENIORS

The Membership Ministry Team invites you to participate in brightening someone's day by helping us celebrate our homebound seniors at Thanksgiving time. We are seeking folks who would like to visit a senior this week, and bring them a thanksgiving card, a plant, and a lap robe or prayer shawl. At this time we need seventeen thanksgiving cards and seventeen small, fall plants. We have plenty of robes and shawls. To volunteer, please contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

HERE AND BEYOND

Now that the annual campaign has blasted off, we have another way for you to make your pledge. You can print it at home! The link below will take you to an online version of the pledge card which you can print and return via the mail, or put in the offering plate or gold box at church.

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 forty-seven pledges total with \$259,940 going to the HERE campaign and another \$12,670 for BEYOND.

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THANKSGIVING BASKET DRIVE

In just three weeks it will be Thanksgiving and time for our annual Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center Thanksgiving collection. On Sunday, November 24, please bring donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed mashed potatoes, and stuffing to the Fellowship Hall for sorting, packing, and transporting to Hilltop. We are also accepting cash and will do the shopping for you! Please see Janet or Eric Mease for more information.

ADULT FORUM

When we think of the Reformation we usually think about Martin Luther, the Diet of Worms, and maybe King Henry the VIII. But what about the Pilgrims as reformers? How about Roger Williams, Anne Hutchinson, Bishop Richard Allen, and Priest Absalom Jones? They were reformers, too. On Sunday, November 17, we will continue our series, “A Messy Transition: The Reformation in British North America” with Eric Mease, starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.

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 the Blue Room 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. The back table in the narthex has a box labeled St. Paul’s Directory Information Sheets. Please pick up a sheet and instructions on how to update your information, and when completed, return it to the box. For questions or to submit a photo, contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or 302-738-5491.

A NEW PASTOR HAS BEEN CALLED

Last Sunday, November 3, the members of St. Paul’s who were present at the congregational meeting voted unanimously to call the pastoral candidate presented to us by the Call Committee and the Congregational Council as our next pastor. To maintain the confidentiality of the call process, we are not naming this pastor publicly until that person’s current congregation has been informed.

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.



St. Paul's Concert Series

Building community through music and the arts

Of Mountains, Lakes, and Mischief

Sunday, November 17

4:00 PM

The **First State Flute Choir** presents a varied program reflecting sounds found in nature. It will include repertoire inspired by wind through bamboo, bird calls, kayaking on mountain lakes, and even a dancing spider. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected and donations will go to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

A Joyful Noise. An International Holiday

Saturday, December 21

3:00 PM

The **New Ark Chorale** presents their holiday concert, a musical celebration of international choral repertoire. The chorale welcomes guests, *Joyful Noise*, a choir for neurologically and physically challenged special individuals, to join them for a combined set. Tickets are \$20; under 18 are free. Tickets available at the door or by visiting brownpapertickets.com.

Sounds of the Season

Sunday, January 5

4:00 PM

St. Paul's ministry of music will present their tenth annual program of choral and handbell music from the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons. Featured will be Mark Hayes' "International Carol Suites." St. Paul's Sanctuary Choir will be joined by chorus members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware, accompanied by chamber orchestra. There will be plenty of opportunities for carol singing. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will benefit St. Paul's Friends of Music fund.

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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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