ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, July 6, 2025

10 AM Service of Holy Communion



God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We believe all people are created in God's image. Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socioeconomic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families, you are welcome to use the Prayground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Prayground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex. If you need any other help with worship, please speak with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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.

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Harold DeCou

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

DIALOG AND INVOCATION

We gather to worship our God, who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

We gather to follow Jesus,

who encourages to never fear, for he is near.

We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.

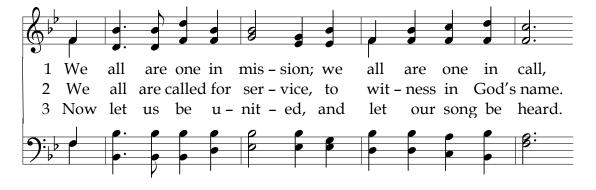
Let us worship in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576 (Tune: WEBB)





Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: WEBB, Geroge J. Webb, 1803-1887

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ,

you are a new creation.

Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace given to us in Jesus Christ, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem, a nursing mother giving life to her children

A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her —
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Empowered by the word, may the Spirit grant us courage to journey, trust, listen, and speak in a world that does not want to hear.



RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 66:1-9

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

 Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
 - All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

SECOND READING Galatians 6:7-16

Do what is right now and reap at the harvest time

A reading from Galatians:

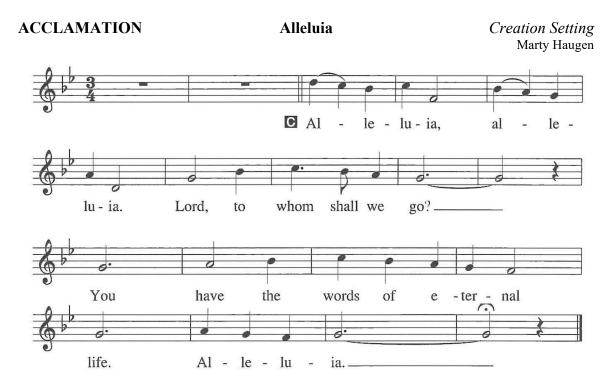
⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Empowered by the word, may the Spirit grant us courage to journey, trust, listen, and speak in a world that does not want to hear.

Please stand, as you are able.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples into the harvest

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

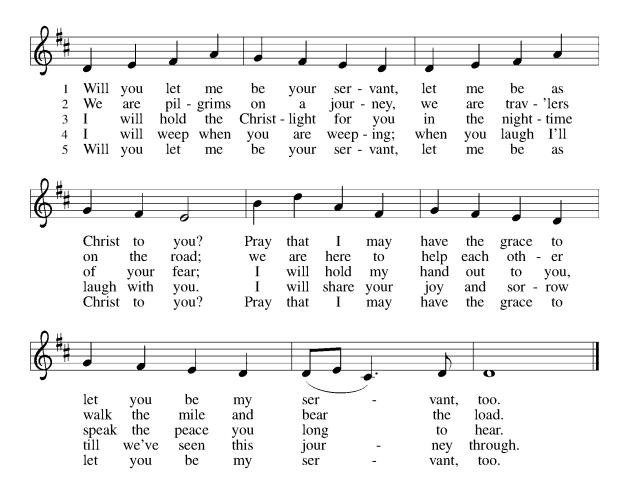
Be seated.

SERMON Pastor Cris Frigm

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659 (harmony)



Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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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.

INSTALLATION OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL DIRECTOR

PRESENTATION

The assembly is seated. The lay professional to be installed and a representative of the employing body come before the presiding minister and the assembled congregation.

A representative of the employing body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, have appointed Dr. Rae Watts to serve as the Director of St. Paul's Lutheran School.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses the one being installed.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to serve in this time and place, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Rae, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and in harmony with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? *Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

The assembly stands, as they are able.

People of God, will you receive Dr. Rae into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the newly installed.

Dr. Rae, I now declare you installed as Director of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Amen.

ADDRESS

People of God, I present to you Dr. Rae Watts, the new Director for our school. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

The assembly offers acclamation with applause. and remains standing, as they are able, for the prayers of intercession. The newly installed and representatives return to their places in the pews.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. We give you thanks for Dr. Rae's leadership of our school. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain, especially those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...(brief silence). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly and those of our partners in ministry, especially Bethel Lutheran Church in North East, Maryland, and Unity Church in Wilmington. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In your goodness you provide faithful educators for your church, O God of wisdom. By your Holy Spirit you have called Dr. Watts to the ministry of witness and service in the administration of St. Paul's preschool. Give her and all teachers insight into your word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth in every circumstance. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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.

+ 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.

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 records are maintained.

ANTHEM

"Trust and Obey"
Summer Choir

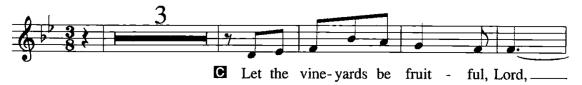
arr. Larson

Please stand, as you are able, and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Creation Setting
Marty Haugen





OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

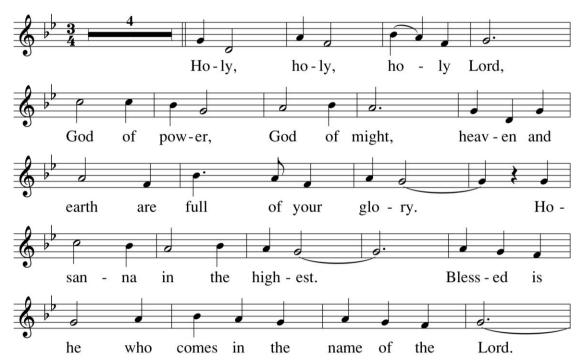
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

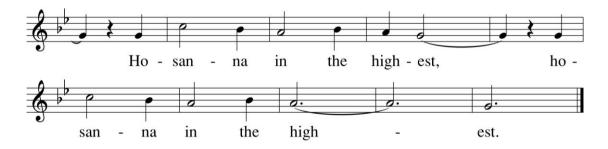
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Creation Setting





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

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

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The kingdom of God is set before you. **We come to eat and rejoice.**



Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

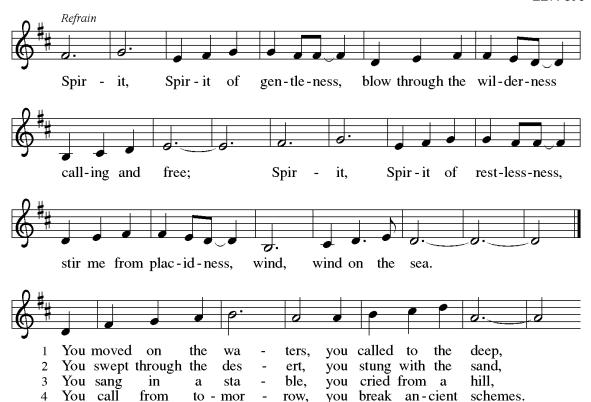
All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396

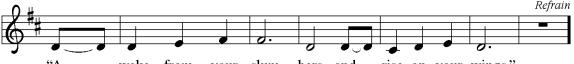




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



the called to thing: and o - ver ons you each and when they were blind ed i - dols and with lies, and down in called once the cit У you gain, our wom - en vi sions, men clear their see our eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings." then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes. when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind. With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575 (harmony) Found on p. 20

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:15-16

In Christ Called to Baptize



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 Music: St. Denio, Welsh traditional Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

After all have communed and returned to their places, remain seated.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Strengthened by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and kept in his grace, we pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ELW 663 (harmony)



- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al might y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, who, to save our hu-man race 3 Tell of God the Spir-it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har vest, great and kind, rouse to ac tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, and to pay re - bel-lion's price, strong and ho - ly, just and true, let the gath-'ring na - tions all

heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all. gave him - self as sac - ri - fice. work-ing both to will and do. see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt. Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "We All Are One in Mission"

arr. Marianne Kim

Assisting in Worship Today

Assisting Minister: Lorraine Fett

Lector: Kaye Tyson

Bread Provider: Linda Brammer Altar Guild: Cheri Simons Flower Guild: Cheri Simons



The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and praise of God in honor of Dr. Rae Watts by St. Paul's School Board.



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ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025

MEET AND GREET

All are cordially invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning to meet Dr. Rae Watts, our new Early Education Director. Welcome her while enjoying a cup of coffee and goodies prepared by St. Paul's School Board of Directors.

HOLY HIKE

Please join us for our next Holy Hike on Sunday, July 13, as we visit Rittenhouse Park at 228 W. Chestnut Hill Road in Newark. This will be a four-to-five-mile hike – out and back, along a wooded and flat trail.

Brewing Theology

Join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, July 16, at the home of Mark and Lynn Deschere, located at 309 Sweet Gum Court in Middletown. Our topic will be the role of faith in modern life. Please RSVP to lynn@deschere.com.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

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

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

"GIFTS TO SHARE" SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to allow us to continue to be an inclusive church, which works to have all members involved in activities. You can also find the survey on the St. Paul's webpage by clicking on the link "Gifts to Share."





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

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



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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at y 10 AM. Late submissions will be shared the following week. Please send articles to the church office at office@stpaulsnewarkde.org

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