

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 10, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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 socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families, you are welcome to use the Playground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Playground 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

"Adagio" from
Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING

We are invited to contemplate heavenly things

and we are being urged toward faith.

May our doors be open, our tables set,

and all people be ready

to greet the God of Abraham and Jesus.

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.

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai

A reading from Genesis:

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no

offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

God of justice, your word is light and truth
restoring us to walk in your way, seeking justice and doing good.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 33:12-22

Antiphon: Ps. 31:22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us,
as we place our hope in you.

¹² **Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!**
Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.

¹⁴ **God sits firmly enthroned and watches**
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶ **A king is not saved by the size of the army,**
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ **Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,**
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.

²⁰ **Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,**
our helper and our shield.

²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.

²² **Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,**
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

A reading from Hebrews:

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

God of justice, your word is light and truth
restoring us to walk in your way, seeking justice and doing good.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3





HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Christine Therriault-Merkel

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need, especially those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Help us and our partners in ministry, especially St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Maryland and Mosaic of Delaware, to provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance, especially Lawrence, deacon and martyr, and.... Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

✙ 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.*

SOLO

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Kaye Tyson

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

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have blessed us with your goodness; you have given us our selves, our time, and our possessions. May these gifts be used in the care and healing of all that you have made, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

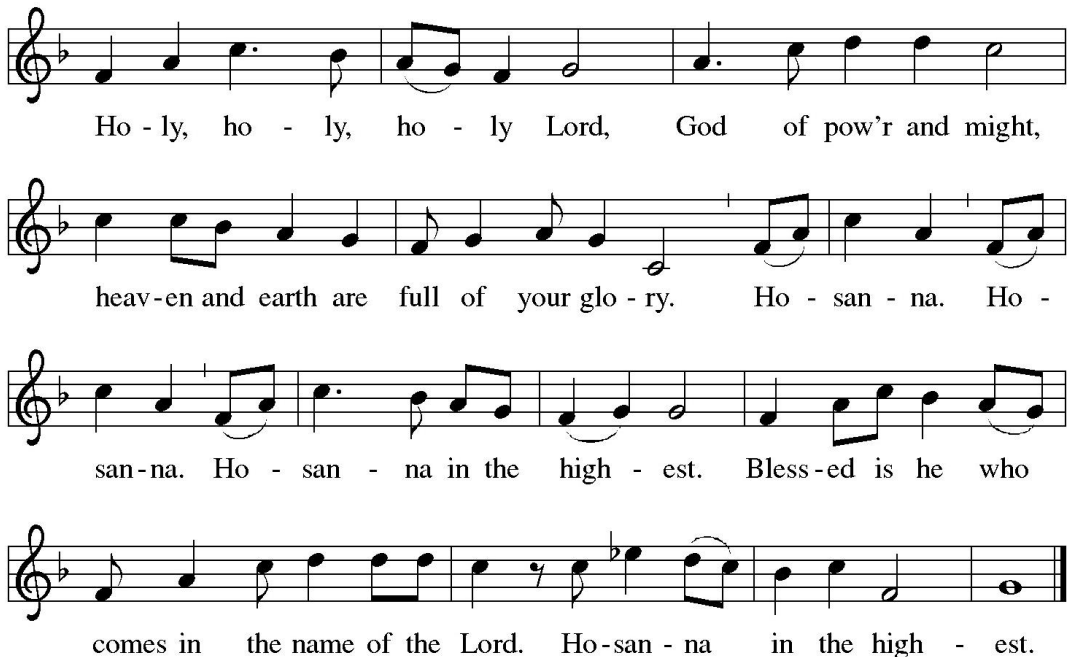
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW Setting 3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; when the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are Breath:

send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread:

feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine:

warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire:

transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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.

OR

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

ELW Setting 3



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



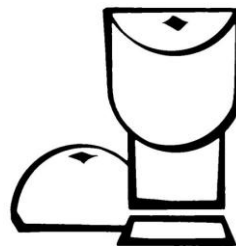
Be seated.

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.

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



DUET

"Just As I Am"

Evelyn Larter

Belinda Johnson & John Killingsworth

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468 (harmony)

Found on p. 16

*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:

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The service continues with the Sending on p. 17

Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA. H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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*The service continues on p. 15 with
the post-communion Blessing and Prayer.*



✠ SENDING ✠

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.

May you be rooted and grounded in his love.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949



1	Keep your	lamps	trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, keep your
2	Dark-er	mid - night	lies	be -	fore	-	us, dark - er
3	Lo, the	morn - ing	soon	is	break	-	ing, lo, the
4	Keep your	lamps	trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, keep your



lamps	trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, keep your	lamps
mid - night	lies	be -	fore	-	us, dark - er	mid - night
morn - ing	soon	is	break	-	ing, lo, the	morn - ing
lamps	trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, keep your	lamps



trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, for this	work's	al - most	done.
lies	be -	fore	-	us, for this	work's	al - most	done.
soon	is	break	-	ing, for this	work's	al - most	done.
trimmed	and	burn	-	ing, for this	work's	al - most	done.

Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Majesty”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Jesus’ assurance to not fear comes after saying, “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or about your body, what you will wear” (Luke 12:22). In this context, his counsel makes sense; if one is not sure where their next meal will come from, or how they’ll address their most basic needs, this is cause for fear. Unfortunately, amid the climate crisis, more people face these fears. Climate activists have coined the term *eco-grief* to discuss the climate crisis’s emotional impact. As Christians, we are faced with the question of how to respond faithfully to our eco-grief. Can we trust God’s salvation for creation, even while afraid? Figures like Sarah and Abraham, who trusted seemingly impossible promises, can model this faith for us.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Jeanine Heath
Lector: Henry Chisholm
Bread Provider: Linda Radwick
Altar Guild: Janet Mease
Flower Guild: Janet Mease



The flowers in the chancel are given to
the glory of God in honor of Eunice Burch's
seventy-fifth birthday by Heidi Burch and
in memory of Linda McDaniel by the Frigms.



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Abraham and Sarah never gave up responding to God in faith. When their confident assurance was stretched to the limit of its endurance, God fulfilled the promise planted in their hearts so many years earlier. Our confident assurance of hope is intensified in the gospel revelation, a precious little jewel within which the entire gamut of God's dealings with humankind is compressed. The injunction "Be dressed and ready" calls us to be prepared to move at once, as the Israelites were on the night of the Passover in Egypt. Our lamps are to be burning, the light of faith as our guide. Jesus can reveal to us God's tremendous love only when we are willing to make the changes called for in the light of faith. We are the servants awaiting the return of Christ, not only at the end of time when he will come again to judge the living and the dead, but also whenever he comes in the events of our daily life.

— Mary Pierre Ellebracht, C.Pp.S., in *Homilies for the Christian People*, 508-509

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025

LECTIONARY 19/PROPER 14 (YEAR C)

Christ has given his flesh for the life of the world. He sustains the pilgrim people of God with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Through the holy supper, Christ comes to us so that we might find the source of our unity and follow him in the way of sacrificial love. Though we will experience frustration or despair, we know that God is ever eager to nourish us back to life. We need only come to the table and receive the gift of life.

PRESIDING AND PREACHING TODAY

We welcome the Reverend Christine Therriault-Merkel to the chancel and ambo this morning while Pastor Cris is away on vacation.

OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

We thank Kaye Tyson, Belinda Johnson, and John Killingsworth for singing this morning, as well as Joanne Hench for substituting while Mike Bareham is on sabbatical.

PASTOR CRIS OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Cris will be out of the office for Navy training from Monday, **August 4, through Friday, August 15**. He will have access to email and his cell phone for most of that time. He will then be on vacation from **Saturday, August 16, through Tuesday, August 19**, and will not be available for contact during this time. If there is an urgent pastoral need, please contact the church office and you will receive contact information for Pastor Tara Magoon.

MONTH-LONG SABBATICAL

Mike continues his month-long sabbatical. He is excited to be able to work more on setting his children's music into printable notation in hopes of having it published in the near future. Mike will return in September, ready for our musical opportunities.

HOLY HIKE

Please join us today, Sunday, August 10, after worship, for our monthly Holy Hike, as we visit Lum's Pond at 1068 Howell School Road in Bear. We will meet at Area 4 parking lot. This will be a four- mile hike – out and back, along a wooded and mostly flat trail.

BREWING THEOLOGY

Join us at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 13, at the home of David and Linda Grund, located at 46 Arizona State Drive in Newark. Our topic will be the importance of community and fellowship. Please RSVP to lgrund923@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL'S QUILTERS

St. Paul's Quilters will be meeting on Saturday, August 16, beginning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We usually meet until about noon. You can come for all, or part, of that time as your schedule allows. We will be assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Community Services. Please contact Lorraine Fett if you have any questions.

OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship at a "Dog Days of Summer" potluck dinner at 4:00 PM, Monday, August 18, at Rich and Sue Wallden's home. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 14, to Sue at slwallden@gmail.com. More specifics to follow to those who plan to attend.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

August 27 "True Colors" by Kristen Hannah

ADULT FORUM

In just five short weeks we will resume our Adult Forums on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room. We will examine a wide range of topics including Conscientious Objectors, the New Lutheran Bible (did you know there was a "Lutheran Bible"?), Christian paintings, and of course some history topics. Please join us, starting Sunday, September 7, at 8:30 AM.

FISH

Summer is almost over, but we have one more FISH opportunity coming up this week. On Thursday, August 14, at 1:00 PM we'll be picking up food from the Food Bank, then heading back to church to repackage it. Later that day, at 6:30 PM we'll meet back in Fellowship Hall to box up the food, and on Friday, August 15, from 2:30 PM until 4:00 PM we'll have our monthly distribution, also in Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for any or all of the events – if you need more information, please call or email Keith Bart at 302-345-6107 / keith.m.bart@gmail.com.

COMMEMORATING LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR, DIED 258

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

COMMEMORATING MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

Mary, Mother of Our Lord is commemorated on August 15. While this is may be an often forgotten commemoration among most North American Lutherans, it is a major feast day in the global church. The Eastern Church refers to this commemoration as the feast of the dormition (falling asleep) of the Mother of God, while the Roman Church celebrates the feast of the assumption of Mary, both celebrating Mary's passing from this world and into the divine promise of everlasting life. The church, including Martin Luther, honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Back To School Night

Join us as we kick off an exciting new school year! Come meet our staff, tour the classrooms, and learn more about what's ahead for your child at St. Paul's.

- ✓ INFO SESSION
- ✓ MEET & GREET
- ✓ Q&A
- ✓ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- ✓ BRING THE KIDS!



Date: Friday, August 22nd



Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM



Location: 710 South College Ave, Newark, DE

Come with your questions and excitement—we can't wait to welcome you and your family!





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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

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St. Paul's Online Prayer Ministry

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