

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 24, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight.
This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the
Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at
all the wonderful things God is doing.

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 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

Meditation from "Thais"
Cheryl Johnson, flute

Massenet

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING

As we pour out the wealth entrusted to us by our merciful God,
the parched places are watered.

As we cease our evil talk,
the rising light of peace dawns in the darkness.

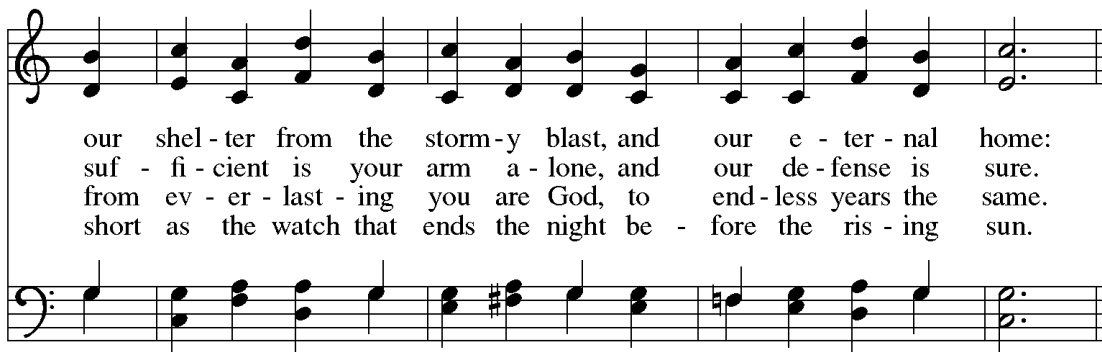
So lead us into faithful living that God's promises may unfold in us
**as a woman's back, long bent, unfolds at Christ command
to the praise of God's holy name.**

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ELW 632

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



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

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

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

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

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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-14

Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Teach us your ways, O God, and write them on our hearts
so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits —**
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597 (harmony)



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



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own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregational leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or

physical illness, especially those on our prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...(brief silence) Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly and those of our prayer partners, especially Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin, in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here and throughout the Delaware-Maryland Synod to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With Bartholomew and all your apostles, prophets, and saints, especially Ginny, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Hallelujah"

Leonard Cohen

Hench Family Singers

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.

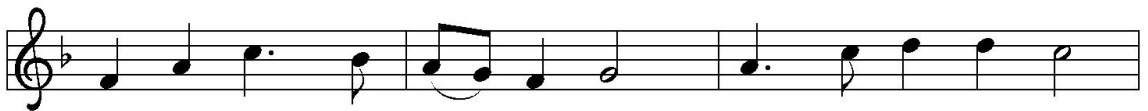
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

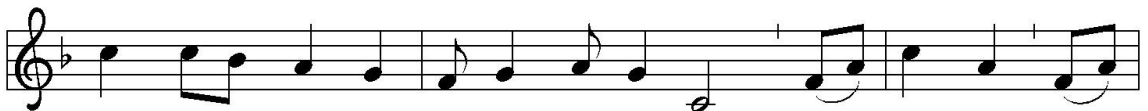
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.**

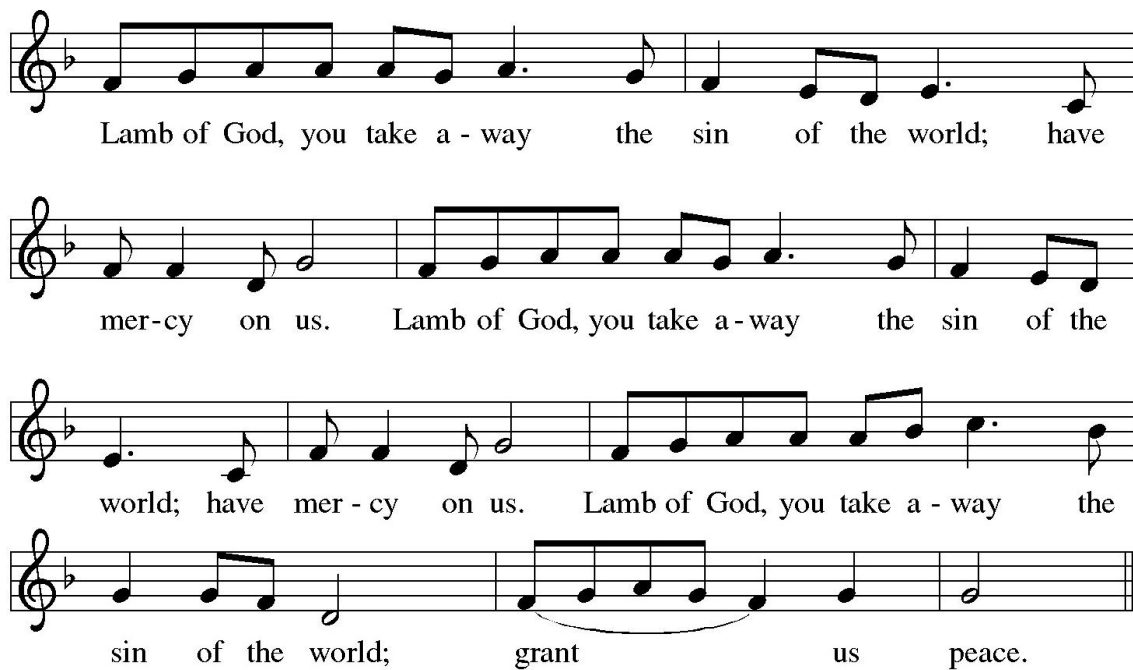
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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
sin of the world; 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. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW 490

Found on p. 16

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

Found on p. 17

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

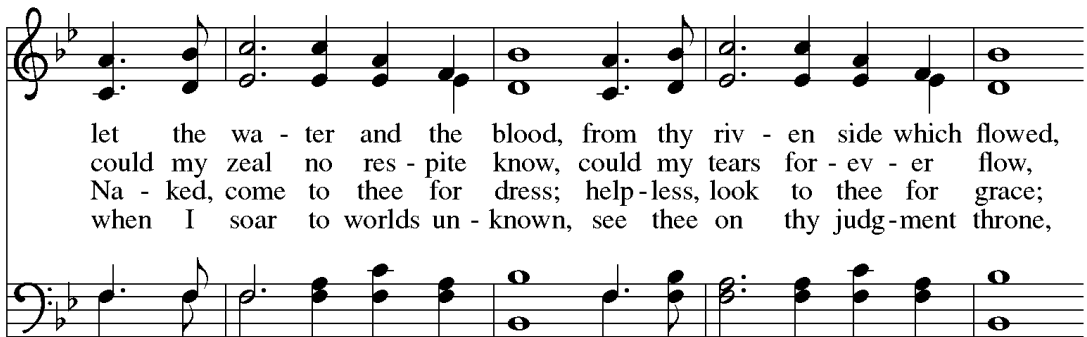
*...you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.*

Isaiah 58:12

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

*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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

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

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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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774 (harmony)



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -




last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

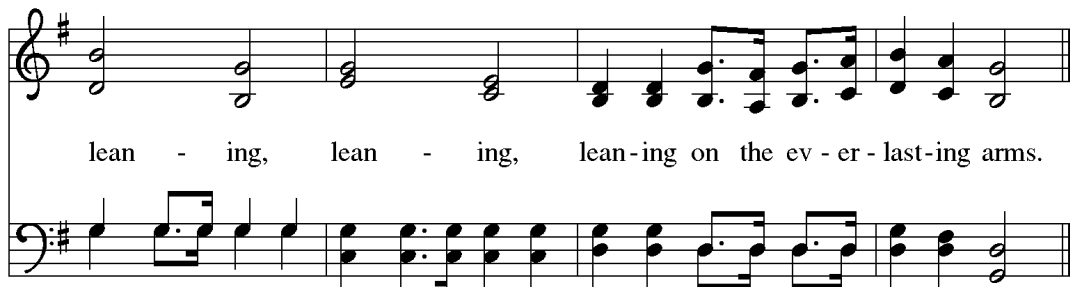


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Toccata In Seven”

arr. Rutter

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Lorraine Fett
Lector: Belinda Johnson
Bread Provider: Linda Radwick
Altar Guild: Cheri Simons
Flower Guild: Cheri Simons



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



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COMMEMORATING BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

LECTIONARY 21/PROPER 16 (YEAR C)

Early Christians referred to Sunday as the Lord's Day, the eighth day of the week, the day beyond time in which a new creation is born. We gather this day for new beginnings, eager to be recreated by the Word that raises us to new life.

OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

While Joanne Hench is substituting for Mike Bareham, she brings her family with her this morning to sing for us. Welcome the Hench family singers: Abigail Hench Cash, Amanda Hench Wardwell, Bob Wardwell, Sarah Hench, Evie Grunewald, Aaron Hench, Meghan Hench, Joanne Hench, Charlie Collier.

THANK YOU LUNCHEON

The school board and staff invite you to a special luncheon in appreciation for all the effort to bring St. Paul's Lutheran School back to life, Wednesday, **August 27** from **11:30am - 1pm** in our Fellowship Hall. No need to bring anything but yourself and an empty belly!!

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

September 24

"Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiavernini

FALL MINISTRY FAIR

Everyone is cordially invited to Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, September 7, to participate in our annual Ministry Fair. Representatives from St. Paul's various ministries, organizations, and partnerships will be on hand to speak with you about what they do and how you can get involved. And yes, there will be food!

ADULT FORUM

Historian and veteran Gary Kulik (and husband of Pastor Barbara Melosh), will speak about his recent book, *Conscientious Objectors at War: The Vietnam War's Forgotten Medics*, Texas Tech University Press, 2025. Kulik will offer a brief history of “non-combatant” conscientious objection and explain his own decision, rooted in Roman Catholic social teaching, to so serve. Class starts at 8:30 AM on September 7th, in the Blue Room.

OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

On Wednesday, September 17th, the OWLS are flocking to a tour of the Nemours Estate. The Estate includes the elegant 7-room Mansion, a Chauffeur's Garage, a Bell Tower with full carillon, and 200 acres of French-inspired formal gardens. It was the home of philanthropist Alfred I duPont (founder of the Alfred I duPont Charitable Trust for Children's Health and Nemours Children's Hospitals). The tour is being privately led for our group at 10:00 AM. Cost for our group of at least 15 is \$10 (50% off senior admission). We can meet for shared rides from St. Paul's at 9:20 AM. Please respond with a reservation by Sunday, September 7. Tickets will be purchased for you and it will be payable up to the day to Greg Johnson. For those who want to, we are suggesting lunch together at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Greenville.

NEEDS SURVEY

As we think about our upcoming priorities in ministries, we'd like to have your feedback on what you are concerned about. Please complete the very short survey at <https://bit.ly/StPaulsCommunityNeeds> or click on the QR code. There's a lot happening in our world, and we don't expect you to have solutions, but we'd like to see where the two surveys intersect. How do we use the gifts we have in the congregation to meet the needs of our community?



CHOIR & HANDBELL REHEARSAL

Just a reminder that Handbell and Choir Rehearsals begin again on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm respectively. First rehearsal will be **September 4**.

SIGN UP FOR THE KENYON’S MEAL TRAIN

Help us come together to support Ian and Victoria as they welcome their daughter into the world! We would love to set up a month of dinners so that the Kenyon’s can focus on taking care of themselves and their new baby. Please note the dates are based on baby's current due date and are subject to change. Sign up at this URL: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zgdndr/> or reach out to Jordan & Phillip Gerecke for help signing up (family.gerecke@gmail.com).



July 2025 Avg. Sunday Attendance		YTD Average Sunday Attendance		
77		87		
	July 2025 Activity (\$)	YTD Balance (\$)	Budget YTD (\$)	Over (+)/Under (-) YTD (\$)
TOTAL INCOME	43,482.48	218,978.45	219,024.00	(45.55)
TOTAL EXPENSES	33,318.10	225,602.44	218,739.00	6,863.44
DIFFERENCE	10,164.38	(6,623.99)	285.00	

- **Income:** YTD income is at YTD budget projections. Pledged giving continues to be strong and is 15% ahead of budget. For pledges that are fulfilled at the beginning of our Fiscal Year, the received income is evenly distributed into the operating budget over the course of the year. The above figures reflect the YTD portion of that income.
- **Admin Expense:** YTD expenses are 18% (\$1604.18) above YTD budget due to telephone system upgrades.
- **Worship & Music Expenses:** YTD expenses are 23% (\$989.44) above YTD budget projections due to ongoing seasonal expenses.
- **Total Property Expenses:** YTD expenses are 17% (\$7,621.86) above budget YTD due to ongoing HVAC repairs.
- We are currently investigating alternate funding for large/one-time expenses.
- All other expense categories are at expected spending levels.



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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

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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