

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 31, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**



Invited and inviting – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING

The needy are provided for
through the goodness of almighty God.

**Remove from us pride of place and
the pursuit of power that blocks humility.**

Open our hearts in generosity and justice
to the neglected and lonely,
**that in showing esteem for others,
we may honor and please God.**

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631 (harmony)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

† WORD †

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

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward

A reading from Proverbs:

- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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 112

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue

A reading from Hebrews:

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never

leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has

been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cris Frigm

*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

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

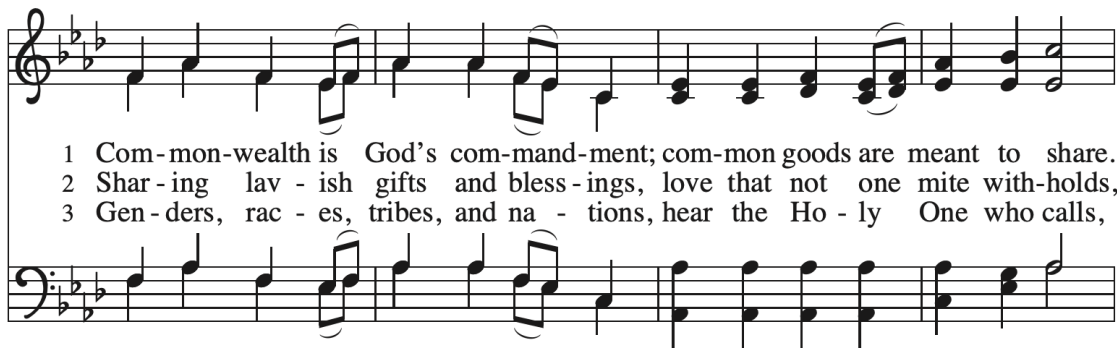
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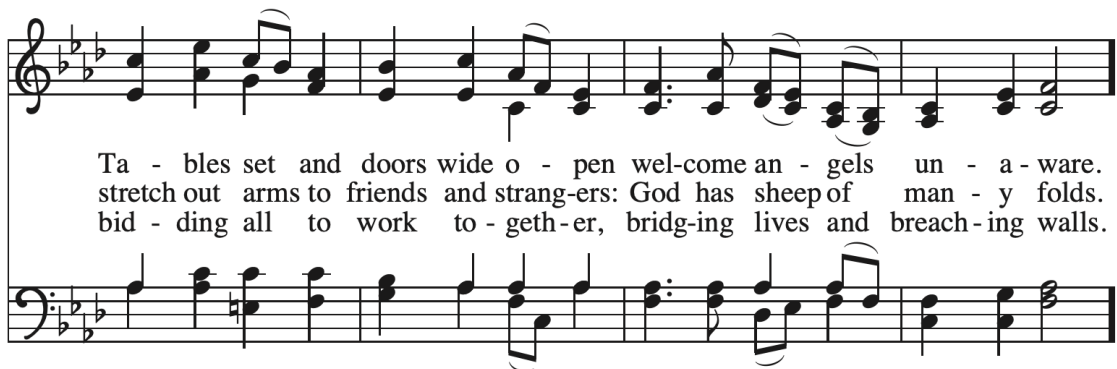
Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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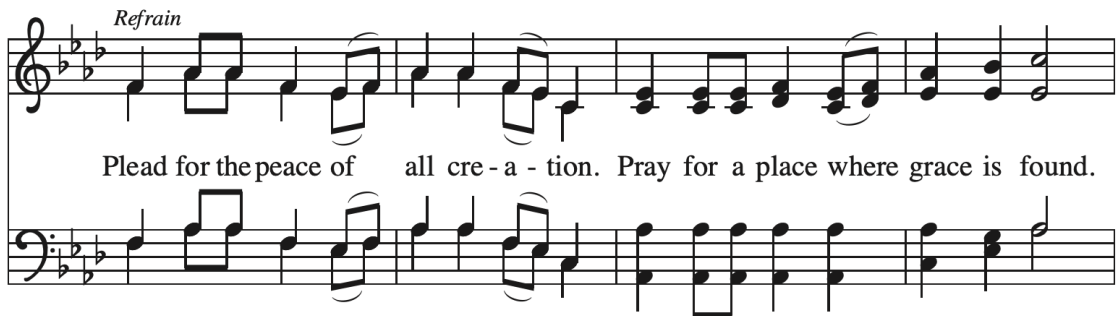


1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or

struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence, especially those on our prayer lists, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...(brief silence) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation and of our partners in ministry, especially St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wilmington and Grace of God Lutheran Church in Millsboro, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, especially Ginny, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. 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.*

SOLO

"O Christ the Same"
Lori Davis, mezzo soprano

arr. Barnard
Text: ELW 760

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.

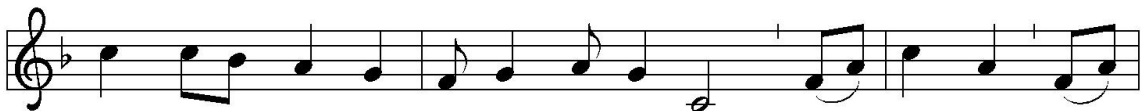
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.**

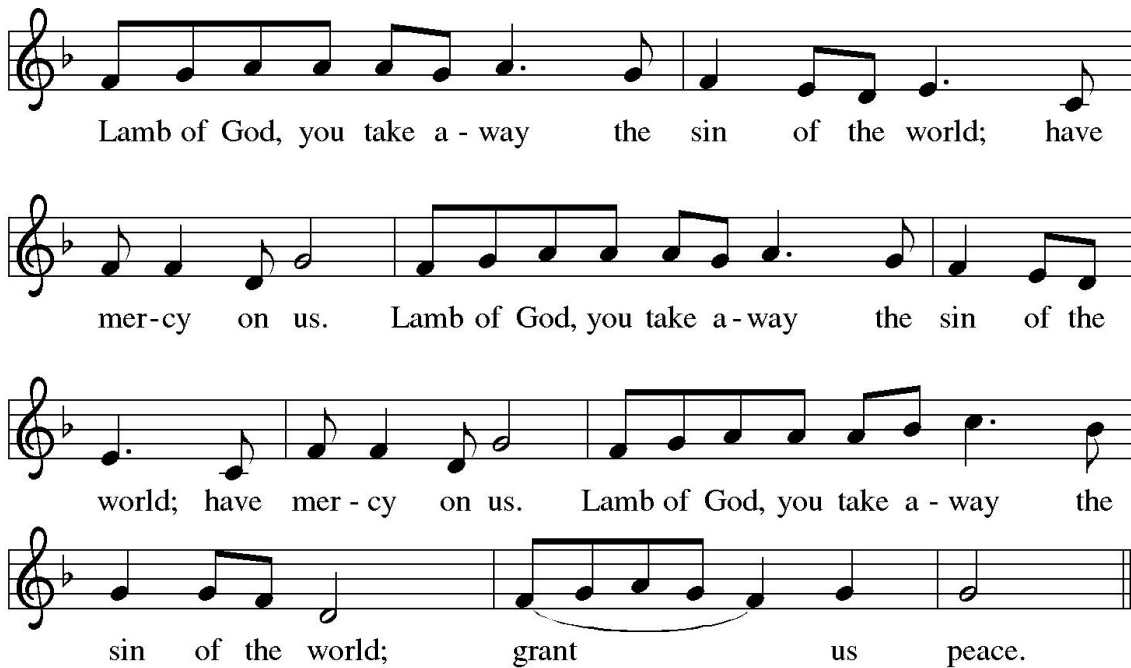
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

In This Feast of Love

ACS 962

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Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

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In This Feast of Love

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*

1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*

feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

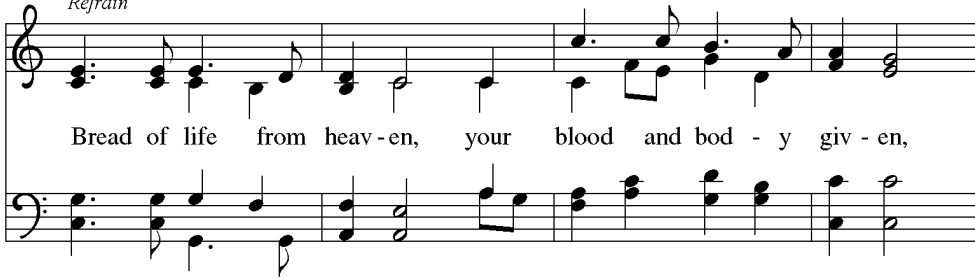
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Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek not the food | that will pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love as the one | who, in love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one | who now dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink of this cup | and de - clare his death; | eat this |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly	
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with



Refrain

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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*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

O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS 944

Found on p. 19

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in D Minor”

J. S. Bach

O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich-es you af - ford.
 you fan the glow-ing em - ber and kin-dle hope with - in.
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Mary Beth Bergstrom
Lector: Ping-An Tjoa
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 their wedding anniversary
by Keith and Kaye Tyson.



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*For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those
who humble themselves will be exalted.*

Luke 14:11

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

LECTIONARY 22/PROPER 17 (YEAR C)

Who is welcome in your community of faith? And how would they know that they are? Today's readings ask us to think about hospitality, especially as it is practiced at the table. The feast of God's radical grace calls us into this place and connects friends and strangers with each other.

OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

Joanne Hench is substituting for Mike Bareham, while he is on his last Sunday of sabbatical. Lori Davis is our soloist this morning. Also, last week should have included Leah Wardell as part of the Hench family singers.

COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR

Everyone is cordially invited to Fellowship Hall after worship next 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!

REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK

St. Paul's ministry of music gears up for the fall with rehearsals starting this Thursday, September 4. Adults (high school age and up) are invited to share their vocal and instrumental talents with us. Rehearsals are held in the sanctuary.

6:30-8:00 PM Handbell Ensemble 8:00-9:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

FESTIVAL CHOIR MEMBERS SOUGHT

This fall brings an exciting opportunity for St. Paul's singers, and you are invited to join in our song! On All Saints Sunday, November 2, we will present Faure's "Requiem" as edited by John Rutter. Join the Sanctuary Choir on Thursday rehearsals and learn this exceptional masterwork, to be performed with a chamber orchestra. You will also be prepared to sing on Reformation Sunday!

ADULT FORUM RESUMES NEXT WEEK

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 a.m. on September 7th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Room.

WE ARE AMERICA MARCHERS COMMUNITY EVENT

Everyone is invited to join the We Are America Marchers on Monday, September 8, from 6 PM to 7 PM at Calvary Baptist Church, 215 E. Delaware Avenue in Newark Delaware, for the "Together We Sing, Together We Resist" event.

Movements for social progress have always been powerfully moved forward by lifting voices in song. Come and join song leaders, Karen Barker, Amy Biddle, and the Marchers group to sing songs of freedom, protest, community and healing. No special ability needed...together we will sound Great!

OLD SWEDES HISTORIC SITE HARP CONCERT

On Sunday, September 14, Old Swedes Historic Site is pleased to present harpist Anne Sullivan in concert at 2 PM. The program will feature music written for harp by Rota, Zabel and Pierné, and familiar favorites by Handel, Debussy, Rachmaninoff. A feature of the program is "Theme and Variations on a Swedish Folk Tune," by Swedish harpist and composer Anton Edvard Pratté (1796-1875)," the Harpking of the North."

The concert begins at 2 PM, with a reception to follow. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Tickets are available at the door or online: www.oldsweedes.org/events. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students ages 6 through 17. Plenty of secure parking on site: 606 N. Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801. For more information, call 302-652-5629 or email: admin@oldsweedes.org.

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).

OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

On Wednesday, September 17, 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 of the event to Greg Johnson. For those who want to join, we are suggesting lunch together at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Greenville.

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.

September 24 "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini

HOPE LUTHERAN ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Hope Lutheran is holding their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10 AM to 3 PM at 230 Christiana Road in New Castle. Please join them for children's crafts, a petting zoo, build your own scarecrow, fun for the whole family. Includes a pumpkin patch, fall flowers, silent auction, and food will be available. They are looking for additional vendors, crafters, and donations valued at \$20 or more for the auction. Please contact Joan G. at 302-563-6141 or Jesrn0925@aol.com.



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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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