

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



**SEASON OF CREATION**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**



During the *Season of Creation*, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God entrusted to our care. Prayers, readings, hymns, and liturgies from the global communion and beyond reflect the whole Gospel for the whole world.

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## 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

## “All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Roberts

## LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## Handbell Ensemble

# WELCOME

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

**The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

The Creator be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

All-loving and ever-living God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW 835

**Verse 3: Low (bass) voices**

**Verse 4: Treble (high) voices**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## AN ORDER OF CONFESSION FOR CREATION

Because we view our lives in Christ through the forgiveness we receive from God, we confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and all Creation.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

God of compassion,  
**have mercy upon us. Heal our  
relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our  
mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share**

the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace  
in word and gesture, saying, **Peace be with you.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

### 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ*

A reading from Second Timothy:

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

<sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

God of faithful surprises,  
you have made known your love and power.  
**May we daily perceive the joy and wonder  
of your abiding presence.**

## **RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 37:1-9, 23-24**

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

**<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.**

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

**<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,**

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**<sup>23</sup> Our steps are made firm by the Lord;  
God delights in faithful ways.**

**<sup>24</sup> If we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,  
for the Lord holds us by the hand.**

**Commit your way to the LORD;  
put your trust in the LORD.**

*Antiphon: Ps. 37:5*

## CREATION READING

*Look: wild mercy  
in our hands*

Terry Tempest Williams

*A reading from Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert:*

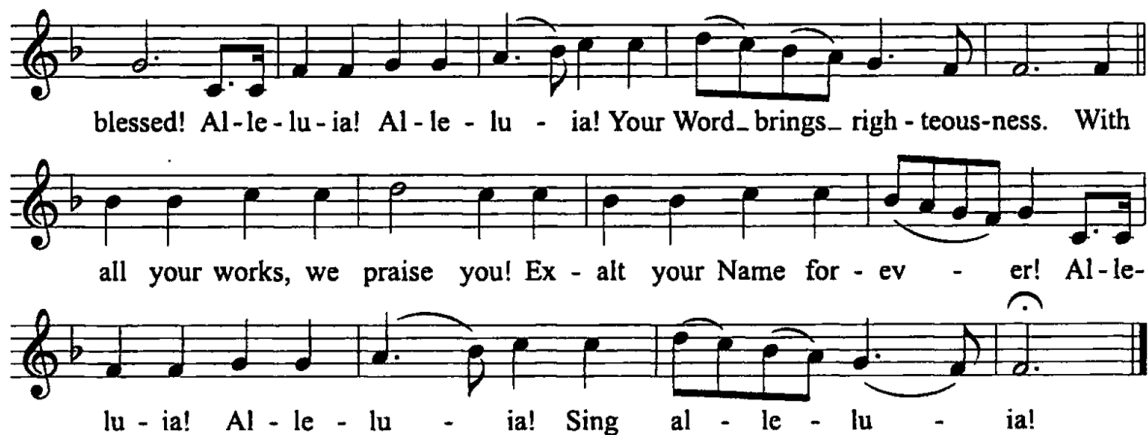
The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time. They are kneeling with hands clasped that we might act with restraint, that we might leave room for the life that is destined to come. To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia!** from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Peter S. Klemp





## GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

*Faith like a seed; do what is required of you*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?

<sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

## God Bestows on Every Sense

ACS 1069



1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's  
 2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -  
 3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal  
 4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -  
 5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what

ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will  
 pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est  
 col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing  
 gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of  
 peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -

be just be - yond what we can see.  
 crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.  
 mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.  
 green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.  
 stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: ALL CREATION NEW, Anthony Giamanco, b. 1958

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*South Indian*

Together we affirm our faith:

**We believe in God, who creates all things,**

**who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,**

**who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,**

**who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,**



the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence (*especially*). God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need and those we name aloud and in the silence of our hearts... (*brief silence*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. We give thanks for the faithful lives of our homebound members, especially Charlotte, Ruthann, Patricia, and Traci. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Marie and Ted. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **✙ MEAL ✙**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

## **ANTHEM**

**"God of Creation"**  
Sanctuary Choir

Raney

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

## OFFERTORY

O God, My Creator from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klemp

Psalm 51, alt.

1. O God, my Cre - a - tor, make  
(2.) though I have sinned a - gainst  
me a clean heart; For - give me, O Lord, to give  
you, Lord, I pray, Have mer - cy up - on me with  
me a new start. Fill me with your Spir - it and  
your love al - way. Re - vive me with joy in sal -  
nev - er de - part; Let me live be - side you for -  
va - tion, and may Your Spir - it sus - tain me for -  
ev - er. 2. Al -  
ev - er. A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Collect for the Stewardship of Creation*

Let us pray. O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature:

**Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer with Creation I*

The Creator be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

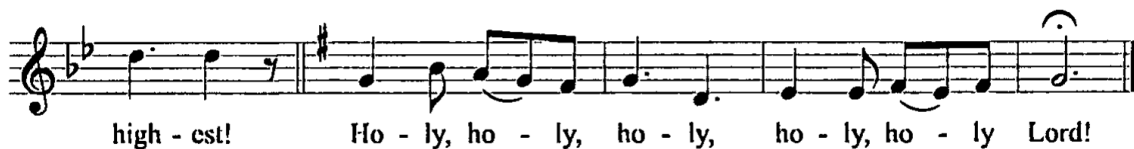
Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you – for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus (Holy)** from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Peter S. Klemp

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, Sing  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -  
ty! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is he who  
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the



In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God.  
He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said:  
"Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator.  
He gave it to his friends saying:

"This is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins.  
Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

**Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name.**

**May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven.**

**Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.**

Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.  
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.  
Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) from the  
*Liturgy for the Family of God*  
Peter S. Klemp

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

*Be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

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

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. 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.*



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

Found on p. 16

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*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:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### ✙ SENDING ✙

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

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

People of God, let us live gently alongside other living creatures and with the whole creation.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your love you created us in your image and made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. We ask your blessing on these entrusted to us, and we again pledge ourselves to their comfort and care. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety of creatures that live in our world, and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment. Protect your creatures, and guard them from all evil, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### BENEDICTION

May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things. And the blessing of the Creator God, ✙ the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545 (harmony)



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation;

as you have received freely, so give freely.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Fanfare on arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold  
"Lasst uns erfreuen"



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



## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Lorraine Fett  
Lector: Mary Beth Bergstrom  
Bread Provider: Heidi Burch  
Altar Guild: Linda Radwick  
Flower Guild: Janet Mease

Today's "creation author," Terry Tempest Williams (b. 1955) is an American writer, educator, conservationist, and activist. Williams' writing is rooted in the American West and her work focuses on social and environmental justice ranging from issues of ecology and the protection of public lands and wildness to exploring humanity's relationship to culture and nature. She is working with the Planetary Health Alliance and the Center for the Study of World Religions in establishing The Constellation Project, where the sciences and spirituality are conjoined.

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*The word of the Lord endures forever.  
That word is the good news that was announced to you.*

1 Peter 1:25

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

### LECTIONARY 27/PROPER 22 (YEAR C)

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

### VIRTUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi saw all of creation as a gift from God, one that needs to be protected and cared for. For this reason, he is the patron saint of the environment and animals. So today, **Sunday, October 5** (the day after his feast day, October 4), please bring a picture of your pet(s) and we will offer a virtual blessing upon them. Come forward before worship or as you come forward for Holy Communion and attach a picture of your furry, feathered, or scaly friend(s) to the display in the chancel.

### SAENGERBUND ERNTEDANKFEST

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the Delaware Saengerbund's Erntedankfest, a service of thanksgiving, this afternoon, **Sunday, October 5**, at 3PM in the sanctuary. Pastor Cris will preside, and Mike will accompany the service, along with the Saengerbund choir. The Johannes Brass will also provide special music.

### BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on **Wednesday, October 8**, at 7PM at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "How to live a Christ-like life in everyday situations".

## **FAITH & BLUE**

We'll be joining a national initiative to build bridges between local law enforcement agencies and faith communities. Cpl. Donte Faulk will be joining us for worship **today**, and will be available after worship in the Fellowship Hall for conversation and to share information about the Newark Police Department.

Next **Sunday, October 12**, there will be a Faith & Blue Community BBQ at Handloff Park, located at 1000 Barksdale Road, from 12 - 4PM. Come together with neighbors, friends, and community partners as we promote unity and build connections in the Newark area.

## **ADULT FORUM**

### **From Old Swedes to the Methodists: Historic Churches of Delaware**

You've probably heard of Methodists John Wesley and Francis Asbury, but what about Capt. Thomas Webb, the one-eyed Methodist preacher and former British army officer? He preached outdoors in Wilmington over 250 years ago. To learn more, join us next Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Blue Room as we wrap up our Adult Forum series, Historic Churches of Delaware.

### **Introduction to the New Lutheran Study Bible**

Starting **October 19**, join Pastor Greg for a conversation about the newly published study bible. His introduction will continue through **November 2**.

## **ST. PAUL'S GAME NIGHT**

Please join us on **Monday, October 20**, from 6 pm to 9 pm for a Game Night. Bring your favorite card or board game to the Fellowship Hall for some friendly competition. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Come when you can. Leave when you have to. Contact Pastor Cris if you have any questions.

## **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.

**October 23**

**"House Rules" by Jodi Picoult**

## OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

There is no place like home for the holidays, so the Candlelight Theatre is presenting "Christmas by Candlelight," featuring some of your favorite seasonal and sacred tunes, as well as some new surprises. Join the OWLS on **Wednesday, December 17**, for this matinee performance. Doors open at 11AM for the meal, and the performance begins at 1PM.

*Please note, all available seats are 3 steps up. They are not suitable for those with mobility challenges, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc.*

**Cost is \$64.50 per person** and includes your meal, the show, and gratuity. Reservations, along with payment, are needed by **Wednesday, November 5**. To make reservations or have any questions, please contact Roy Palo at palonpaa@aol.com. His phone number is cell (302) 561-0728, home (302) 456-9757 and his mailing address is 8 Charcoal Ct., Newark, DE 19702-3642.

## STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Baseball's postseason is well underway and we're ready to "swing" into our fall pledging campaign with our "First Pitch" today. You'll get an overview of the program itself as well as hear about one of our ministries that most of us don't see every day - even though it's got the biggest footprint in church. And, like any good team, we want everybody in the lineup to contribute, so please "Step Up To The Plate!" and do your part to support St. Paul's!

## BLESSING BOX

Our new Girl Scout Troop has built a little food pantry for those who are in need. It is located behind the Fellowship Hall near pedestrian traffic from the bus stop to the surrounding neighborhoods. Please see the flyer on the next page for items that can be donated. Feel free to place them in the box as you are able. Contact Pastor Cris if you have any questions.



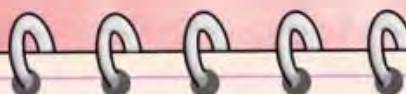
Can you help donate items for our  
Blessing Box?



Hygiene items like:  
soap, shampoo,  
toothbrushes

Baby items like:  
formula, baby  
wipes, diapers

*Take what  
you need,  
bring what  
you can.  
Above all,  
be blessed.*



Powdered milk

Peanut butter

Canned fruit/ vegetables

Hot and cold cereal

Rice and Pasta

Canned meats or fish

100% fruit/vegetable juice

healthy snacks





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**Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast**

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10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

the following week. Please send articles to

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