

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 12, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**



It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

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

Partita on arr. Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer
"Lobe den Herren"

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Please stand, as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Voices Raised to You We Offer

ELW 845 (harmony)

Verse 3: Treble (high) voices

Verse 4: Bass (low) voices



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

✙ WORD ✙

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Israel builds houses and plants gardens in Babylon

A reading from Jeremiah:

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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 66:1-12***Antiphon: Ps. 66:9*

God has kept us among the living.

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¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

² Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."

God has kept us among the living.

⁵ Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

God has kept us among the living.

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

God has kept us among the living.

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful – he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Alleluia! from the
Liturgy for the Family of God

Peter S. Klemp

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord_ our_ God be
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word_ brings_ righ - teous-ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617 (harmony)



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provide cleansing and healing waters. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...
(a brief silence). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God of all who are cast down, you call us to seek good and to meet oppression with justice. Teach us to find salvation in the emptying of ourselves for the sake of those in need, so that goodness may prevail and your kingdom come.

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. Help us share your word with our homebound members, especially Judy, Maureen, Bill, and Nancy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Kris. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in 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.

THE PEACE

Christ our Lord calls all who love him to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly exchanges signs and words
of God's peace, saying, **Peace be with you.***

Be seated.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

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

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

ANTHEM

"The Eyes of All Look to You" Sanctuary Choir

Carl F. Schalk

The eyes of all look to You and You give them their food in due season.

You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of ev'ry living thing. Amen. (Ps. 145:15-16 ESV)

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

OFFERTORY

Your Vineyards, O Lord from the *Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klemp

King Schoenfeld

1. Your vine - yards, O the Lord, may they
(2.) gath - er the
bear fruit for you. Please fill our cup full of your
dreams of all here; U - nite them in pray'r with these
bless - ing, we pray. And gath - er a har - vest from
of - f'rings we bring. Pre - side at our ta - ble, and
what you have sown, That we may be fed with the
grant us, we pray, A fore - taste of your prom - ised
bread of to life. 2. Now come. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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.

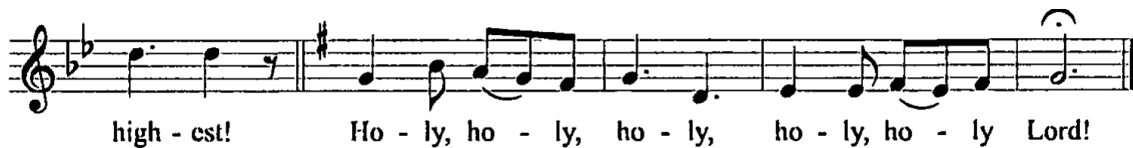
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

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



O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death,
growth and decay, the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray as Jesus, our Brother and Savior, has 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
We come to this meal of mercy.

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.

DO THIS IN
remembrance
OF ME. 1 CORINTHIANS
11:24

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come to the Water of Life

ACS 955



1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for
 3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for
 4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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Have You Thanked the Lord?

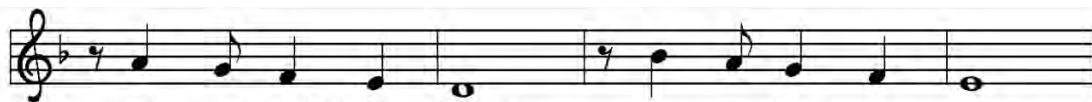
ELW 829



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?



Don't you know that no to - mor - row is quite the same?



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,



and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.



ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
sum - mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.
Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,



Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:



Refrain

have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?

Text: Bill LaMotta, 1919-1980
Music: LAMOTTA, Bill LaMotta
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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:

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Christ has run the good race of faith and finished the course.

May you run with perseverance the race set before you.

Amen.

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

Amen.

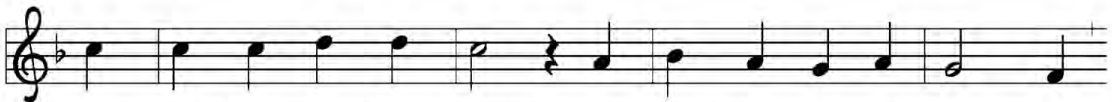
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840 (harmony)



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale on arr. Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer
“Lobe den Herren”

BLESSINGS AND MIRACLES AROUND

Today is a day of unexpected blessings and miracles, signs of how God is active and alive and present in our world and in our lives when we are open and receptive to the possibilities. We hear, read about, and experience healing. Fragile relationships are restored. Hope is experienced in profound ways. Naaman, a commander and mighty warrior, suffers from leprosy, and even though he first denies the cure, Naaman accepts the advice of his servant, and by God's action his skin and its disease is washed clean. Also afflicted with leprosy, ten lepers implore God's mercy and are made clean. But the outsider – the foreigner – is the only one who returns to give thanks. Today many of us encounter other hardships of all sorts, and our reading in 2 Timothy makes the stark point that we all suffer. But our God joins us in our sufferings and in our hardships, making us whole through our spiritual cleansing of baptism and filled with God's Spirit.



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



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:

Lector: Kaye Tyson

Bread Provider: Sherry Mench

Altar Guild: Cheri Simons

Flower Guild: Keith Tyson

*Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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OUR CLOSING HYMN

One hymn appropriate for this day is the beloved “Now thank we all our God” (ELW 839–840). Although this hymn is often appointed for large ritual gatherings, the German Lutheran pastor Martin Rinkhart composed it in 1630, during the horrors of the Thirty Years War, as a table prayer. We are “on our way,” as were the healed lepers. This is a hymn to memorize.

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

LECTIONARY 28/PROPER 23 (YEAR C)

"Kyrie, eleison," the church cries: "Lord, have mercy." In Jesus, God does have mercy – mercy upon lepers who are outcasts, mercy on apostles who are in chains. God has mercy upon foreigners, breaking through boundaries of nationality and political alienation. God has mercy on us.

ALL SAINTS CONCERT

Plan to join us on All Saints Sunday, November 2, at 4:00 PM as our Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians present Faure's exceptional masterwork "Requiem," as edited by John Rutter to represent what was originally intended when it was composed in 1893. A Requiem (Latin: *rest*) or Mass for the Dead, a musical composition associated with death, dying, and mourning, is most appropriate this afternoon as the church remembers the deceased and the repose of their souls. Our handbell ensemble will also perform, as well as organ and harp. There will also be opportunity for the audience to sing with the full complement of musicians.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Our "First Pitch" for the pledging campaign was a huge success with an announcement of over \$150,000 in pledges to Operating and another \$4,500-plus towards Endowment. Even more importantly, we got to hear about the re-start of St. Paul's Preschool and how that is making an impact in the lives of twenty families and our faith community.

This week we'll be sharing a different faith story as told to - and by - one of our members. It's the "Seventh Inning Stretch" and we hope you'll "stretch" your pledge commitment a little bit this year to help us reach our targets of \$345,000 and \$15,000, respectively. Your pledge "ticket" is available on the Big Board and in front of the Gold Box on the Communications Table and can be returned to the Box, in the Offering Plate, or by mail to the church office.

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. Donations are welcomed for hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes; baby items of formula, baby wipes and diapers; powdered milk, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, hot and cold cereals, rice and pasta, canned meats or fish, 100% fruit/vegetable juice, and healthy snacks. Contact Pastor Cris if you have any questions.

OCTOBER'S FISH ISN'T TRICKY, IT'S A TREAT!

It's October and the trick-or-treaters will soon be out and about, but this week you can help fill a different kind of bag by helping with the FISH program. You can join us at the Food Bank on Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 PM for the pickup and delivery to church for unpacking, then later that day at 6:30 PM we'll meet back in Fellowship Hall to do the boxing up. On Friday, October 17, from 2:30 PM until 4:00 PM we'll have our monthly distribution, also in Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for any or all of the events – if you need more information, please contact Keith Bart at 302-345-6107 or keith.m.bart@gmail.com.

QUILTERS

St. Paul's Quilters will be meeting on Saturday, October 18, beginning at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We usually meet until about noon. You can come for all, or part, of that time as your schedule allows. We will be assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Community Services. Please contact Lorraine Fett if you have any questions.

ADULT FORUM

Starting Sunday, **October 19**, join Pastor Greg for a conversation about the newly published study bible. His introduction will continue through **November 2**. To learn more, join us next Sunday morning at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers are reading "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult for the next meeting on Wednesday, October 22 in the Youth Room at 1PM.

OLDER, WISER, LUTHERANS

Join the OWLS on Friday, November 14, when we visit the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania for a tour of the world-class collection of 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars. We will discover captivating personal stories, art, and artifacts of our nation's rich railroad heritage.

The one-hour tour starts at 10:30AM, we will have some time afterwards to explore on our own, and then we will have lunch at Bespoke Brewing at 12:30 pm. The address for the Railroad Museum is 300 Gap Road, Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA 17579, and Bespoke Brewing is at 226 Gap Road, Suite 4, Ronks, PA 17572.

The cost of the tour is \$12, to be paid at the Museum on the day of the tour. A minimum of ten people is required for the tour and needs to be confirmed three weeks prior, so please RSVP to Kathy Palmer (elie2220@comcast.net/ 302-547-5168) by **Wednesday, October 22**.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Donations are needed for a basket raffle or silent auction items for the LCM Fundraiser on Saturday, November 1, at Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin. They welcome hand-crafted items, baked goods, and event tickets as well as creative baskets. For consistency, please keep the value of each basket near \$50 - \$60 and list the items in the basket on a small tag. Please provide completed baskets and items by **Wednesday, October 22**, unless they are baked goods. Baked items may be brought fresh to the church during the hour prior to the event. If you are able, please join us for free food and other festivities to support this ministry. Please contact chaplain@lcmde.org for any questions or to arrange pick up for donations.

WELCOMING WAYS - A TIP FOR WELCOMING PEOPLE TO ST. PAUL'S

Every church member is a *host* and not a *guest*. Making visitors feel welcome is primarily the responsibility of members, not the nebulous "church".



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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

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the following week. Please send articles to

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