

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10 AM Service **Sunday, November 16, 2025 of Holy Communion**



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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 "Praeludium, Fuge und Ciacona" Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

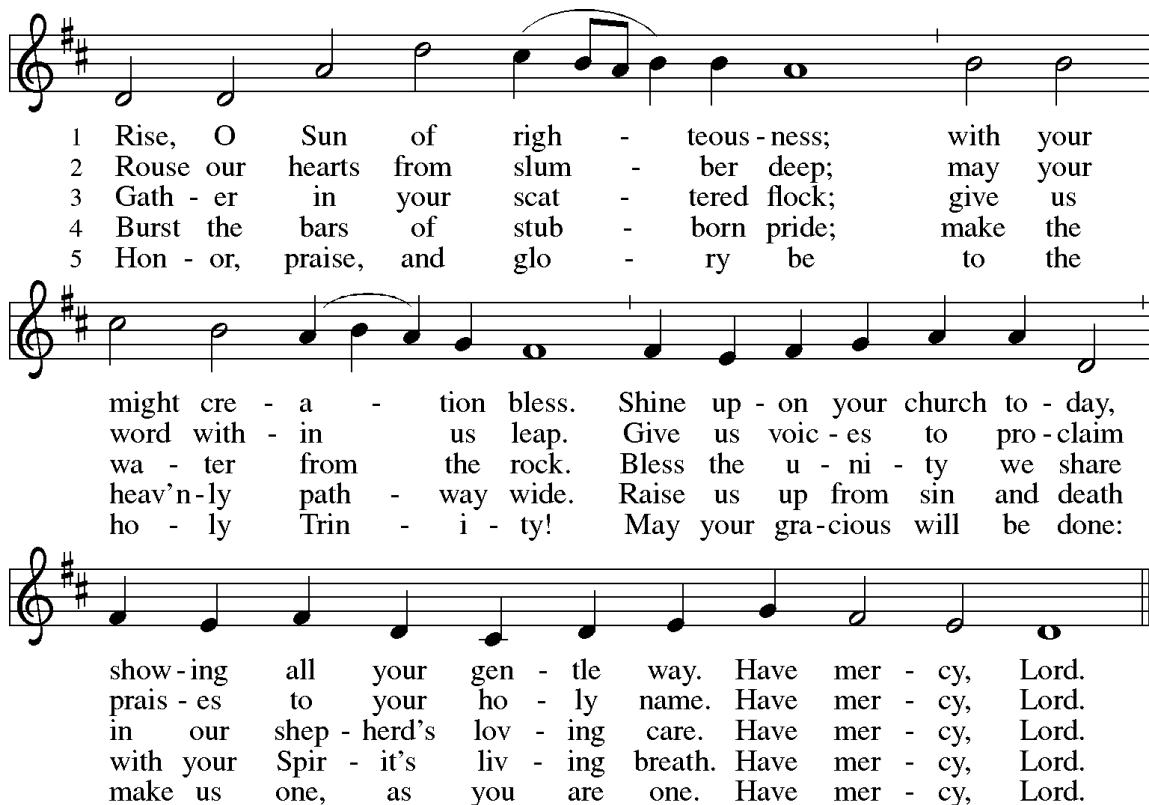
Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast
love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rise, O Sin of Rigtheousness

ELW 657 (harmony)



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
 nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and

guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous

A reading from Malachi:

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

God of faithful surprises, you have made known your love and power.

May we perceive your abiding presence through the word.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 98

Antiphon: Ps. 98:9

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ

A reading from Second Thessalonians

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

God of faithful surprises, you have made known your love and power.
May we perceive your abiding presence through the word.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10
Found on p. 6



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings

and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

When Our World Is Rent by Violence

ACW 1052



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are
 2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
 3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es; and our hopes fade
 4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
 beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
 like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
 tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
 and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
 and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
 where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
 lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
 lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
 is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind, especially Alisa and Theresa, those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...*(a brief silence)*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness, especially Michael and Lewis... Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

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

"We Shall Overcome"

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Sanctuary Choir

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

OFFERTORY

If We Live, We Live to the Lord

ACS 1025

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.' The score includes three measures of music on each staff, with lyrics placed below the notes. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket in the second and third measures of the second and third staves.

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103

Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the
abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our
Savior, now and forever. 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 10

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
 surrounded by evil and bordered by death
 we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
 and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us, this day and every day, O God,
as we pray as Jesus has taught us, saying:

**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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
**We come to receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

ELW Setting 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

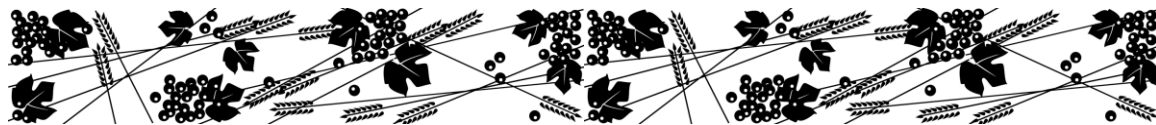
Be seated.

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

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 the 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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God Alone Be Praised

ACS 1023



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 46

Music: AD LUCEM, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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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:

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's 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

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit
anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you
✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713 (harmony)

Found on p. 18

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude



O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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The flowers in the chancel are given to
the glory and praise of God on the anniversary
of her membership by Belinda Johnson.



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Marjorie Chin
Lector: Eric Mease
Bread Provider: Heidi Burch
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild: Gale Paul

*Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.*

Luke 21:28

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Let us turn in continual prayer toward you, our only hope, O Lord. Our heart is filled with sadness: bring joy to our sadness, Lord, and give refreshment to our burning hearts. Day and night sorrow and affliction surround us: cool, O Lord, the flame of our hearts. For apart from you we have no hope to comfort us in our grief. Place your finger, that gives life to all things, on the pain concealed in our heart. Let our soul not be robbed of your strengthening, O Savior, so that we may not be plunged into the waves of despair.

— Ephraem, in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, IV, 350

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

LECTIONARY 33/PROPER 28 (YEAR C)

Signs of the end times fill today's gospel. Christ will come again "to judge the living and the dead," we confess in the creed. How, then, shall we live our lives, knowing that everything around us will one day pass away? We can live with hope if we know that history is heading toward the God who loves us. But it also means that we live in the present moment ready for action, making the most of the time given to us as a gift.

ADULT FORUM

Victoria Kenyon's last talk on Christian art history will be **Sunday, November 23**, with "Modern and Contemporary Christian Painting." This session begins at **8:30 AM** in the Blue Room and will explore how painters have continued to use their work to respond to new spiritual ideas in the modern day. We will see the paintings like those of Henry Ossawa Tanner, a nineteenth-century Philadelphian who traveled to the Holy Land for inspiration, and consider how twenty-first-century artist Kelly Latimore approaches her icons depicting our faith's most sacred figures.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregation Council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has called a special Congregational Meeting to be held today, immediately following the service. The sole purpose of the meeting is to decide whether to accept a proposal to install solar panels on the church. Hard copies of the proposal are available in the Welcome Center area or go to: <https://bit.ly/StPaulsNewarkSolarPanels>.

FLUTE CHOIR CONCERT

The First State Flute Choir, which was heard in worship last week, will give their fall concert this **Sunday, November 16** at **4:00 PM** here in the sanctuary. Free and open to the public, it will be followed by a reception. A freewill offering will be collected.

SAINTLY SENIORS

Your Membership Ministry team is inviting you to participate in making a craft to present to our saintly seniors this fall. You can help in two ways – after worship today and enjoy the craft making or volunteer to visit one of our homebound seniors later this week or just before Thanksgiving. Please see Linda Grund with any questions.

CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Please join us for a Special Celebration of Bishop Bill Gohl's Anniversary of Ordination and 25 Years of Faithful Service!

There will be a service this afternoon at Grace Lutheran Church, 2033 Graves Road in Hockessin, from **3 PM to 5 PM**. We will share stories, snacks, and gratitude. Gifts towards vital ministries in our synod are welcome to mark this milestone.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESCHEDULED

Due to the service being held here on Thursday, November 20 for Transgender Day of Remembrance, our Handbell Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on **Monday, November 17 at 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM**, respectively. (Reminder: There are no choir rehearsals on Thanksgiving Day, November 27.) Choirs will also rehearse on **Monday, December 1**, instead of Thursday, December 4.

BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone twenty-one and older, please join us on **Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 PM** at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this week will be "Contemporary meaning of the parables of Jesus".

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

This **Thursday, November 20**, we will host a prayer service that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Worship will be in the Memorial Garden at **7:00 PM** with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Newark interfaith community will hold their annual Service of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday, November 25**, at **7:00 PM**. This year the service will be held at Temple Beth El, located at 301 Possum Park Road. The theme is “Courage to Care, Grace to be Grateful” based on Micah 6:8 and Talmud. Everyone is asked to bring a canned good for the food pantry. A kosher reception will follow.

TURKEY DAY IS COMING!

Next Sunday is “Turkey Day” at St. Paul’s when we are collecting frozen turkeys, boxed stuffing and mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, and gravy for needy families in the Hilltop area of Wilmington. Please bring your contributions, food and monetary, to the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 a.m. on November 23. We much appreciate monetary donations and we’ll do your shopping for you! P.S. We are also accepting cloth bags to deliver the baskets.

FISH BREADS – MAKE ‘EM, BAKE ‘EM, AND TAKE ‘EM TO CHURCH

This is the week! With Thanksgiving right around the corner, FISH is prepping for our distribution on Friday, November 21, including our annual FISH breads. Due to the RIC event on Thursday, November 20, our drop off times have been updated to include Wednesday, November 19, and Thursday, November 20, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Still have questions or need a special drop off time? Call or email Keith Bart (302-345-6107 / keith.m.bart@gmail.com).

And, as we do every month, we invite any and all members of the congregation to help with the other FISH activities, the Food Bank pickup and re-boxing on Thursday, November 20, at 1 PM *** followed immediately by the box packing at 2:30 *** and then distribution on Friday, November 21, starting at 2:30 PM. The latter three events all take place in Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR CRIS ON VACATION

Pastor Cris will be out of the office for vacation from **November 23 through November 29**. If there is an urgent pastoral need, please contact Pastor Greg Johnson at 302-563-5150. Pastor Greg will be leading worship on Sunday, November 23.

BOOKS AND BANTER

There will be no Books & Banter meeting in November. The December meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 10**, at 1 PM in the Youth Lounge. The book selection for December is "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

THANKSGIVING WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, any announcements for either the weekly email or Sunday bulletin will be due on Tuesday, November 25, at noon. The office will be closed on **Thursday, November 27**, and **Friday, November 28**, for the holiday.



October 2025 Avg. Sunday Attendance		YTD Average Sunday Attendance		
88		85		
	Oct 2025 Activity (\$)	YTD Balance (\$) +/- (-)	Budget YTD (\$)	+ / (-) YTD (\$)
TOTAL INCOME	35,538.09	318,139.45	328,536.00	(10,396.55)
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,400.22	332,264.46	328,905.00	3,359.46
DIFFERENCE	4,137.87	(14,125.01)		

For pledges that are fulfilled at the beginning of our Fiscal Year, the received income is evenly distributed into the operating budget over the course of the year. The above figures reflect the YTD portion of that income.

WELCOMING WAYS

Smile at *everyone* and offer your *hand*.



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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

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