Sunday, August 17, 2025 10th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion * stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – The Lost Chord

Sir Arthur Sullivan

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C- Amen.

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P - Most merciful God,

C - we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P - In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG – Faith of our Fathers (ELW 812)

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

² The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

³ Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

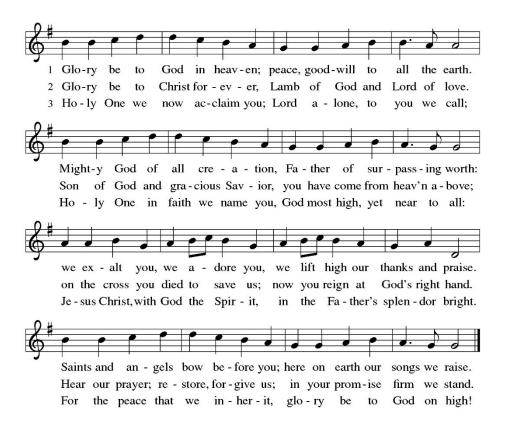
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

*GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C- And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



¹Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

²Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

³Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R - The Word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 82

- ¹ God stands to charge the divine coun- [|] cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst [|] of the gods:
- ² "How long will you | judge unjustly, and show favor | to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak | and the orphan; defend the hum- | ble and needy;

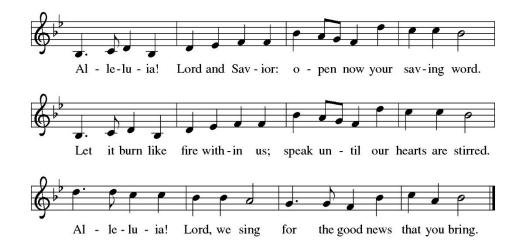
- ⁴ rescue the weak | and the poor; deliver them from the power | of the wicked.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness; all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.
- ⁶ Now I say to you, ¹ 'You are gods, and all of you children of ¹ the Most High;
- ⁷ nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals, and fall like | any prince.' "
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and | rule the earth, for you shall take all nations | for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

- ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.
- ³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.
- ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.
- ^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.
- R The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

P - The holy gospel according to Luke.

C - Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – Lead On, O King Eternal (ELW 805)



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

- Lead on, O King eternal!
 The day of march has come;
 henceforth in fields of conquest
 your tents will be our home.
 Through days of preparation
 your grace has made us strong;
 and now, O King eternal,
 we lift our battle song.
- Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- ³ Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

*APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 206)

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

- P Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *A brief silence*.
- P -Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries (missionaries sponsored by this congregation may be named) with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Safeguard rivers and lakes (*local water sources may be named*) from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers (*local elected officials may be named*) who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound (*especially*). Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.

P - With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

C - Your mercy is great.

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

C - Amen.

*PEACE (ELW p. 206)

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

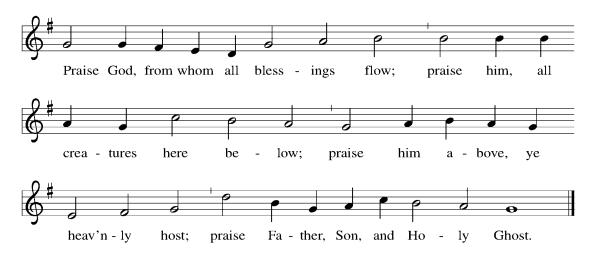
The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING MEAL

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 206)

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P- The Lord be with you.

C- And also with you.

P- Lift up your hearts.

C- We lift them to the Lord.

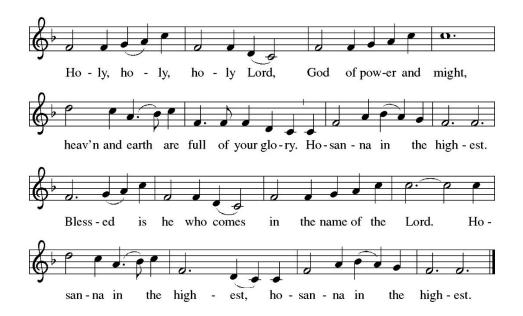
P- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE (ELW p. 207)

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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)

P- Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C- Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

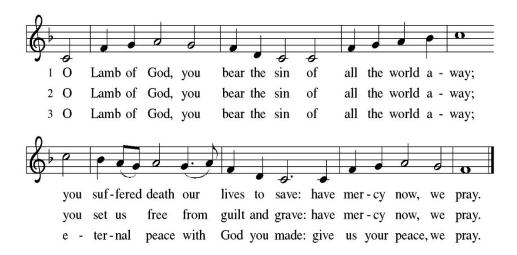
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

P- Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*COMMUNION SONG



¹O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

²O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

³O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

P- The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond

Amen.

The ministers commune either after or before others commune.

*TABLE BLESSING

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C- Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick*, *homebound*, *and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*BLESSING

P- Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C- Amen.

*SENDING SONG – Let The Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)

Let the Whole Creation Cry



Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

- Let the whole creation cry,
 "Glory to the Lord on high!"
 Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
 "Praise to our almighty king!"
 Praise God, angel hosts above,
 ever bright and fair in love;
 sun and moon, lift up your voice;
 night and stars, in God rejoice.
- Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:

 "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

*DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C- Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

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Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

We are happy to announce that St. Paul's Lutheran has a new Secretary! Kelly Palerino has joined our staff as the part-time secretary. We are excited about Kelly joining our staff and at the same time we need to give a big Thank You to the volunteers who have been doing the great job filling in since Linda's retirement. Pegi Staller, Holly Maldonado and Eva Waldman have been amazing.

Some members have asked for an address for Linda Angstadt to send something for her retirement. Here is her mailing address: 266 Moon Hill Drive, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972

The Fall Worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m. The Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. Council has made the decision to discontinue the 8:00 a.m. service. The Saturday Spoken service will continue to be on the first Saturday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation class will begin a new year in September. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Forms to register are on the table in the Annex. Please give completed forms to Pastor Marie or in the offering plate. Deadline is August 31, 2025.

Attendance August 10, 2025 – 43 in person, 684 online views, 3 shares as of August 14, 2025.

The 2025 Weekly giving needed for budget is \$3,166.75.

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: 9 am Worship Service

Next Sunday: 9 am Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 32; Jeremiah 23:30-40; 1 John 4:1-6 Tues: Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:15-29; Acts 7:44-53 Wed: Psalm 32; Jeremiah 25:30-38; Luke 19:45-48

Thu: Psalm 103:1-8; Numbers 15:32-41; Hebrews 12:3-17 Fri: Psalm 103:1-8; 2 Chronicles 8:12-15; Acts 17:1-9 Sat: Psalm 103:1-8; Nehemiah 13:15-22; Luek 6:1-5

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

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McKague, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis and Earl & Grace Paxson. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.

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