St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church A Community of Faith for 241 Years Sunday, October 12, 2025



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Sunday, October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion *stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful and loving God,
- C 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.

P - 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!

C - Amen.

*GATHERING SONG....."Now Thank We All Our God" (ELW 840)

Now Thank We All Our God



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

*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 (ELW p. 139)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P - Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P - 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.

C - Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

R - The word of the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111 (*Please Read Responsively*)

- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
- ² Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them. R
- ³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.
- ⁴ You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.
- ⁵ You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forey- | er your covenant.
- ⁶ You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations. R
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- ness and justice; all of your pre- cepts are sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever; holy and awesome | is your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the begin- [|] ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- [|] dures forever. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

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;

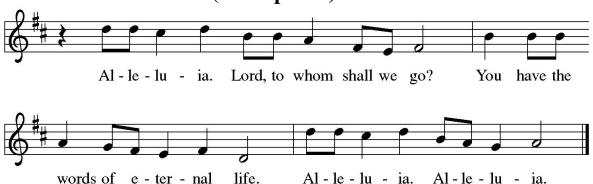
if we deny him, he will also deny us;

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.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)



*GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

P - The holy gospel according to Luke.

C - 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."

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

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY....."Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (ELW 886)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise,
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: Azmon, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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*APOSTLES' CREED

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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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

A brief silence.

P -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 world of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C - receive our prayer.

P -Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. 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,

C - receive our prayer.

P -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,

C - receive our prayer.

P -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*). God of grace,

C - receive our prayer.

P -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. God of grace,

C - receive our prayer.

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

C - Amen.

*PEACE

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

P - The peace of Christ be with you always.

C - And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

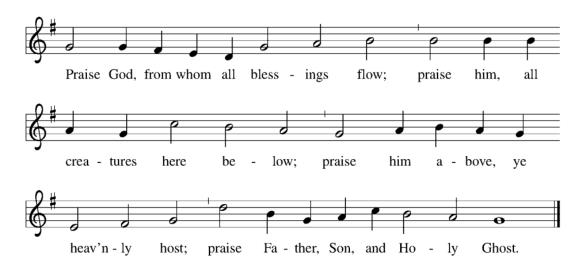
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW 884)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*OFFERING PRAYER

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

- P 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.
- C Amen.

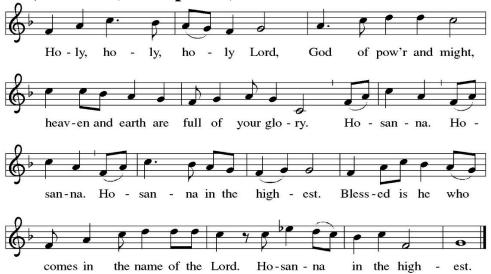
*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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. 144)

P - 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 (ELW p. 144)



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P - Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and

want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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.

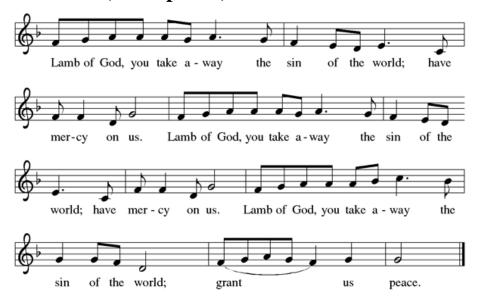
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

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

*COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)



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

C - 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

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

P - 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.

C - Amen.

SENDING

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

P - 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.

C - Amen.

*BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

*SENDING SONG	"Voices	Raised to	You"	(ELW 845)
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Voices Raised to You



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

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

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*DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

P - Go in peace. Share the good news.

C - Thanks be to God.

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One vase of flowers is placed in honor of the 30th wedding anniversary of Carl and Joyce Schwenk, which they observed on October 8th, presented by their children, Jonathan, Justin, Emily, and Katelyn.

A Christian Ed meeting will be held today following the worship service.

Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Visitors, or members with a change of address, please complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors may also include the name and address of your home church so they can be notified that you have 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 also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of the service.

The Summer Hill Youth Group will be hosting a movie night for kids and their families at 6 pm this Saturday, October 18. It will be held at St. Paul's UCC and the event is free. Invite your friends for a movie and popcorn!

The Church is selling coasters of the Stain Glass Windows. The order sheet is on the table in the Narthex and envelopes are there to put money for payment. They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please put your name on the envelope and the payment amount. The deadline to order the coasters is next Sunday, October 19.

Faithful Fellowship: We will gather after church on Sunday, October 26 for a luncheon to celebrate Reformation Sunday and fellowship. A sign-up sheet for desserts is posted on the bulletin board.

The Social Ministry Committee is seeking the names and addresses of our young people who are college students. Each year care packages of items donated by our members are sent to the college students twice a year, at mid-terms and finals. Parents and/or grandparents, please give this information to the church office or to Harry Schwenk, Social Ministry Chairperson, so your student will be able to receive their care package.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, October 19th until Sunday, November 9th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are taking their mid-term exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items that the young people could use while studying for their exams. The packages will be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

A "Dinner and a Movie Night" is scheduled for Saturday, November 1 beginning at 5:45pm (following the church service). The movie is titled "90 Minutes in Heaven". We hope you will join us for fun and fellowship! Please speak to Karen Curtis for more information.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2, we will remember those saints who have died during the past year. In addition, during the distribution of Holy Communion, we will remember any loved ones who have died, no matter what time has passed. If you would like a loved one's name to be read in remembrance, please call or email the church office.

The annual Thanksgiving Eve joint worship service, with the sacrament of Holy Communion, will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00pm. This year the service will be hosted by St. Paul's UCC and all are invited and encouraged to attend. The Senior Choir, led by the Music Director, Rae Ann Borger will be singing an anthem that evening and invite you to participate! If you would like to sing with the choir that evening, please call or email the church office at 570-754-7350/stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com by November 9. More information will follow.

A sign-up sheet for Bread for the Day 2026 is on Bulletin Board. The cost is \$12 per book.

Helping Harvest donations will take place the first weekend of every month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

Pastoral visits and home communions are available at any time. Please call the church office at 570-754-7350 or Pastor Marie at 716-353-1610.

Reminder for hospital visits: The church is not informed by the hospital when someone is admitted. Please call the church to let us know if a pastoral visit is desired.

Attendance October 5, 2025 – 30 in person, 230 online views, 4 shares as of October 9, 2025.

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

THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 Sunday, October 12

9:15am - Sunday School

9:30am - All Saints Rehearsal in the choir room

10:30am - Worship Service

-Christian Ed Meeting following worship

Wednesday, October 15 *Newsletter article deadline

7:00pm -Property Meeting

Thursday, October 16

6:00pm -Bell Choir

Saturday, October 18

6:00pm -Summer Hill Youth Group movie event at St. Paul's UCC

Next Sunday, October 19 *Social Ministry's schoolhouse college collection begins

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10:30am - Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, October 13: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29

Tuesday, October 14: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20

Wednesday, October 15: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday, October 16: Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34

Friday, October 17: Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Saturday, October 18: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Mark Fidler, Helen Runkle, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, John & Betty Strauch, John Strauch, Jr., Greg Phillips, Jerry Heffleger, Harry Russell, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Tonia McKague, Robert & Joyce Zeledonis, Earl & Grace Paxson, Shirley Baker, Betty Fromm Yarnell, **family and friends of Richard Kosmisky**

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., Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.

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