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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Welcome to worship!

Please be aware that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. As a result, your image or likeness may appear in the live broadcast or in recordings that are available online.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Presider

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

+ 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
September 27, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in
whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of
eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



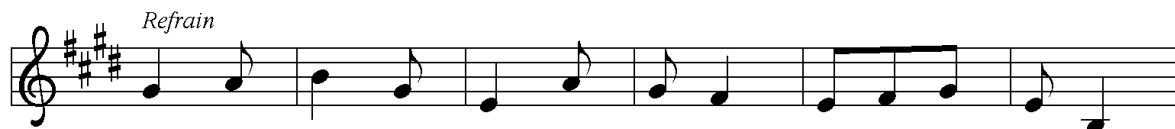
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

***GREETING**

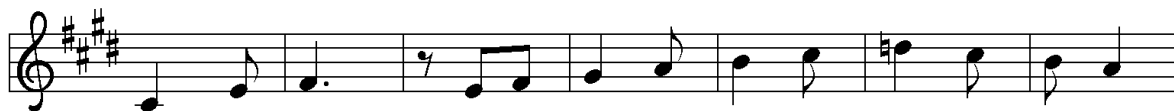
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



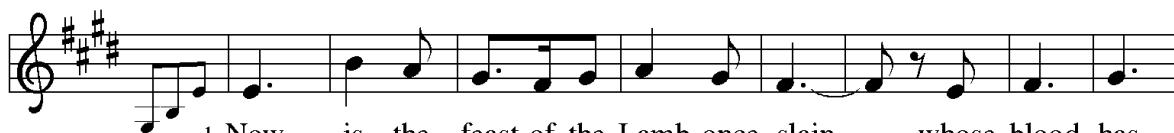
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leah Kaltreider

L God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

L The First Reading according to Ezekiel, the 18th chapter.

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A ¹ To you, O Lord,
 I lift up my soul.
- C ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- A ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C ⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord,
 and teach me your paths.**
- A ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C ⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
 for they are from everlasting.**
- A ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
 remember me according to your steadfast love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- C ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
 therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- A ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
 and teach the lowly your way.
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

L The Second Reading according to Philippians, the 2nd chapter.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Russ Kaltreider

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Offering.

SERMON

Russ Kaltreider

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 THE PEOPLE**

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... *(A brief silence.)* Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord 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.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Father I Adore You"
Children's Choir

Terrye Coelho

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There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.



*OFFERING RESPONSE



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Let us pray,
God of creation,
- C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C 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.

***PREFACE**

- 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:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*LAY MINISTER'S COMMUNION RITE

P When our congregation last gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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."

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now I bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

Let us pray: Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C 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**

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C We hear his invitation and come to this table to receive his grace.

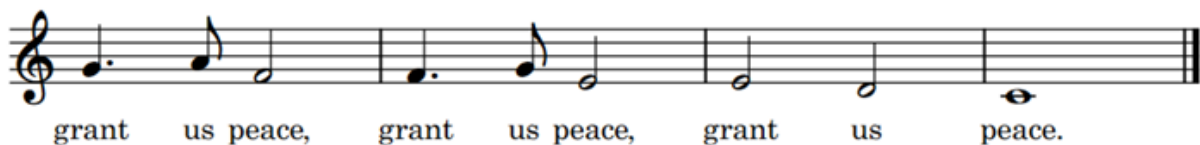
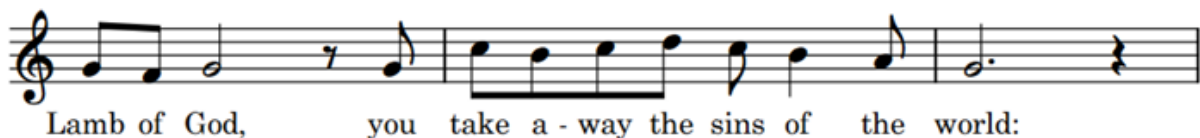
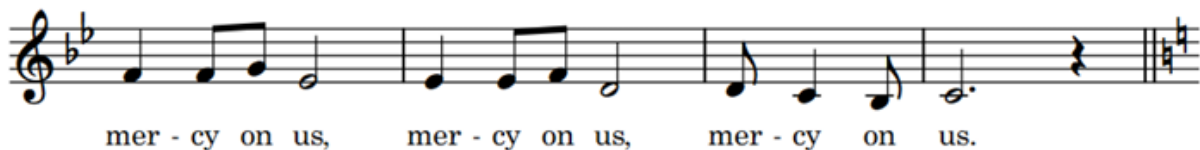
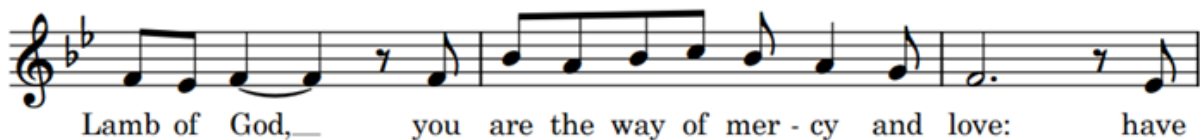
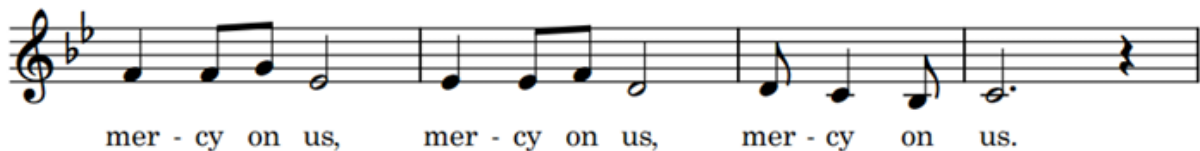
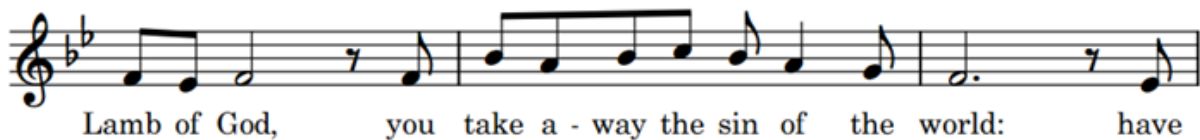
All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, let an usher know.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.

Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.

AGNUS DEI



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COMMUNION HYMN

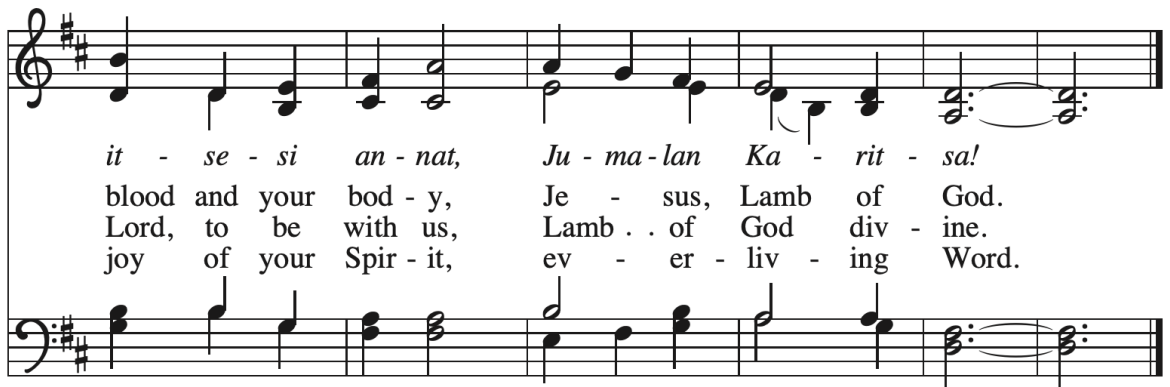
"In This Feast of Love"



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

$\text{♩} = 54$ **VERSE**

D Bm⁷ Em⁷

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,

6 Em⁷/A Em⁷/G F#m⁷ G D/A A D²

glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is
Son of God; Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful

11 Bm⁷ E⁷_{sus} Em⁷ Em⁷/A D/A A D

with us, blessed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.
Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world.

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

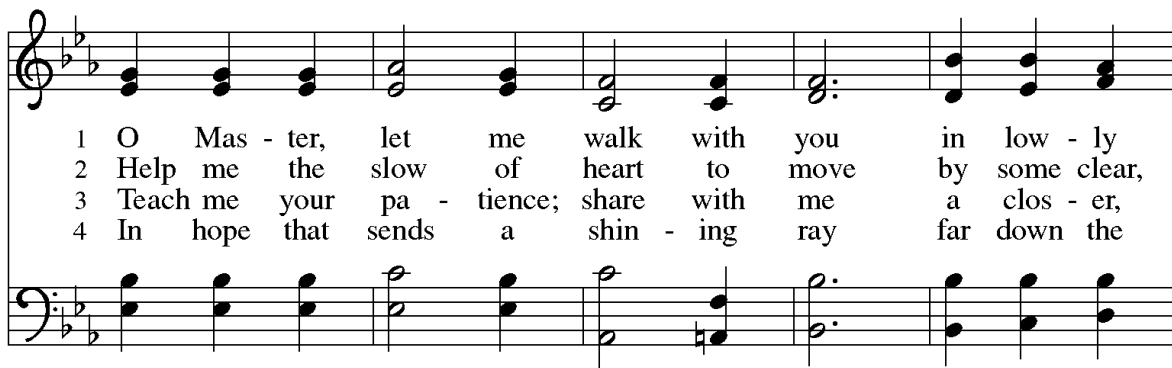
A Let us pray.
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

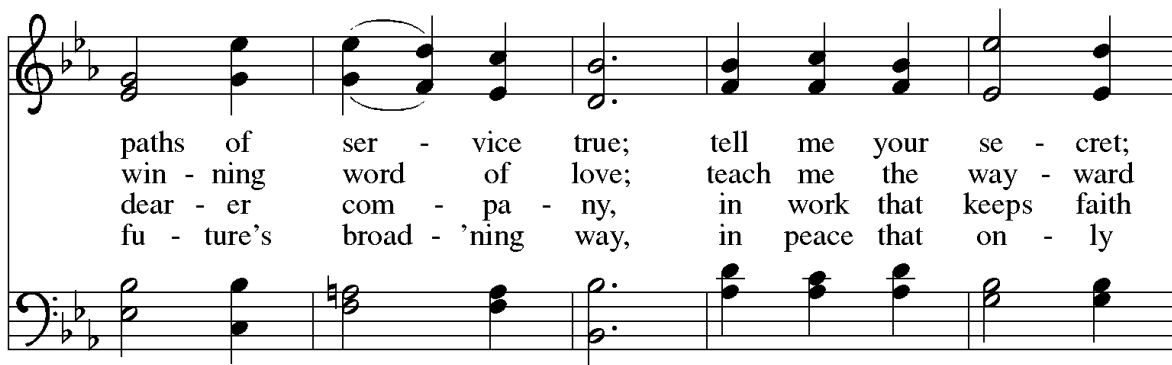
*BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

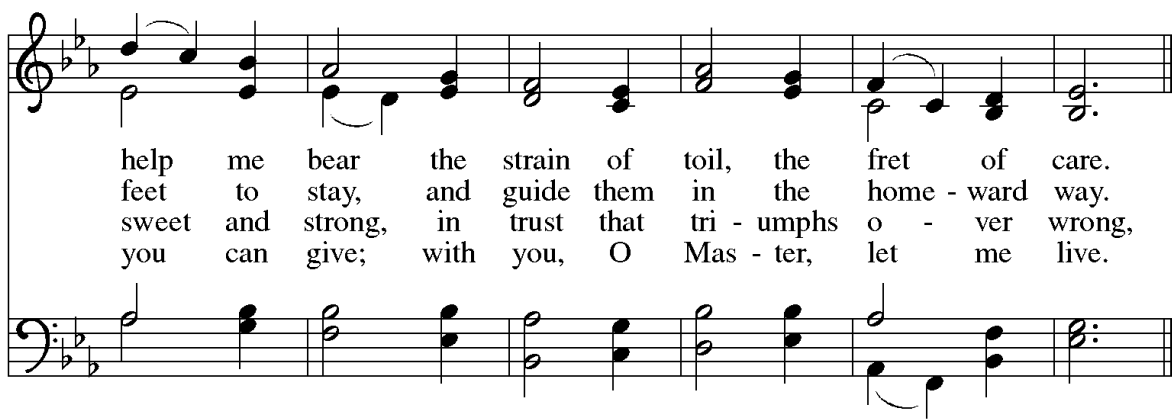
C Amen.



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.**
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>September 27</u>	<u>October 4</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Linda Zellers (9/26)	Pastor Jason Northridge (10/3
Lay Worship Leader	Russ Kaltreider	
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Bill Sowers
Acolyte	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Prayer Leader	Leah Kaltreider	Nora Weible
Lay Reader	Michelle Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Communion Distributors	Donna Lehman	Cindy Schmidt
	Suzanne Butler	Lucille Farrington
Ushers	Donna Lehman	Russ Johnson
	Cindy Schmidt	Christopher Johnson
Altar Committee	Becki Davis	Amy Feeser
	Norma Lucabaugh	Suzanne Butler
	Janet Haack (Linens)	

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

The **CHILDREN’S CHOIR** has resumed practices during worship and will be singing this month! If you are interested, please see Gretchen Walter for more information.

The **ADULT CHOIR** has begun rehearsing on Thursday evenings and continues to lead the congregation in music. If you are interested, please see Steven Ruppright for more information.

The **BELL CHOIR** has begun rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the balcony of the sanctuary. If you are interested, please see Lori Rebling for more information.

The **HERITAGE CHOIR** will be having their first rehearsal on October 17. If you are interested, please see Steven Ruppright for more information.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING - What began in 2012 as a congregational mission project initiated by a young man at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. has blossomed into a biennial community-wide service event. Residents of the great Hanover area from local businesses, service organizations, churches and neighborhoods join together to help feed school-age children with a food packaging event coordinated through "Rise Against Hunger". This is an event we held several times here at St. Paul's (although through "Harvest Pack")! The meals packed at St Matthew's have helped to feed children in Haiti, Columbia, Malawi, Liberia, Burundi, Zambia, and most recently Ukraine and Poland.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Oct. 4, 11, Nov. 1, 15, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each);

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 8 (1 vase at \$20)

Communion Bread and Wine-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Wed., **September 30, 2026** in the Conference Room at 12:45, right after the Wednesday Midweek service. The book we will be discussing is **The Change** by Kristin Miller. Peg Sennett will be the discussion leader for this book. Remember to bring a bag lunch and a drink. Hope to see everyone for a good discussion and good fellowship.

SISTERS IN FAITH RETREAT is coming soon! On **Oct. 2-4** we will gather for a weekend at Mar-Lu-Ridge for fellowship, study, and worship. Our theme is "I am Worthy" from the Women of the ELCA Summer Bible Study. Cost is \$100 which includes lodging and food (scholarships are available). Friends are welcome! Contact Deb Sowers or the church office to register.

MEN IN MISSION BOOK SALE - The time is here to donate those used books on your shelf to the Men in Mission Used Book Sale. All donations may be placed in our Fellowship Hall next to the stage. If assistance is needed, please call the church office. The sale will be held on **Friday, October 16th 9am – 3pm and Saturday, October 17th 9am – 12 pm**. All books, DVD's, CD's, and puzzles with no missing pieces and in good condition, are accepted. Please no magazines or reference books. All funds collected are used to support our youth and other projects.

COME JOIN US ON OCTOBER 18TH in Fellowship Hall immediately following faith formation classes to bring in the season of Oktoberfest. Everyone can “Prost” using a mug of their favorite beer (root beer of course). There will be music, German food, contests and games for all ages. Feel free to dress the part as well. We ask that each family attending to bring a German themed dessert. This event will have a free-will offering to help offset the cost. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason’s office.

The **FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE** would like to thank all those who came to the God’s Work Our Hands Fair and helped us fill the 108 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. You did an amazing job in a short period of time. Thanks to those who filled the bags, those who monitored the filling of the bags and those who packed the bags in the boxes for shipping. Thanks also to all who donated items and money for this project. The boxes were delivered by Lori Rebling and Diana Leppo to Mechanicburg PA where the new collection site for Lutheran World Relief is now located. Without all your help none of this would have been accomplished. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS! - OUR LIVE NATIVITY returns on December 13th. We still have a few roles left to cast. Available speaking parts are **King Herod**, the **High Priest**, and the **Scribe. Wiseman #3**, a non-speaking part, is also available. We also need several extras to play shepherds, townspeople, and the angelic choir. Please speak to Lucille F., Bob C., or Russ K. if interested.

STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP - This workshop will be hosted by the Synod on October 17. This is for a variety of leaders from across our synod to participate in practical workshops in three areas of congregational life: Children, Youth & Family Ministry, Stewardship, and Governance. Choose the workshops that are most helpful for your ministry context and leave with ideas, resources, and tools you can use in your congregation.

There is no cost to attend; however, registration is requested. When you register, we’ll also ask you to indicate which workshops you’re most interested in attending. This will help us plan the morning and shape the workshop offerings around the interests of those joining us. Part of the LSS Growing Together Workshop Series, these gatherings are designed to grow and equip you for leadership in Christ’s church. Registration coming soon!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has worked on the church directory. We look forward to seeing the photos of our congregation!

SUN., SEPT. 27	8:30 am	ALIVE Jr. High Retreat at Camp Nawakwa
	9:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	Immediately following worship	Worship Service – 18 th Sunday after Pentecost
		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
MON., SEPT. 28	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor and Youth room
WED., SEPT. 30	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	12:45 pm	Book Club – Conf. Room – 2 nd floor
THUR., OCT. 1	6:00 pm	Bell choir Rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Troop 102 – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
FRI., OCT. 2	2:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – gym
SAT., OCT. 3	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Linda Zellers
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 4	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 19 th Sunday after Pentecost
	Immediately following worship	Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

ST. PAUL'S USED BOOK SALE



Friday, Oct. 16

9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, Oct. 17th

9 AM – 12 PM

Proceeds benefit Youth Programs

We will begin collecting books September 1st and can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall. Books, DVD's, and Puzzles are accepted.