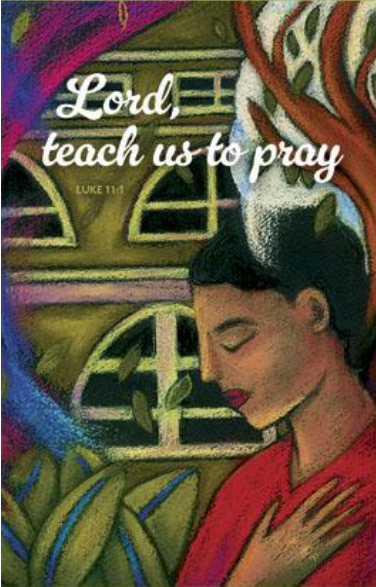


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**7TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

July 27, 2025

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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.

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: Pastor

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.

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INTRODUCTION

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"*

ELW 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

***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**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

L The First Reading according to Genesis 18: 20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

read responsively

A ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-15

The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

L The Second Reading according to Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Luke 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

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

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Church leaders are dismissed to Children's Church and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

***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 In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
 and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

C

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

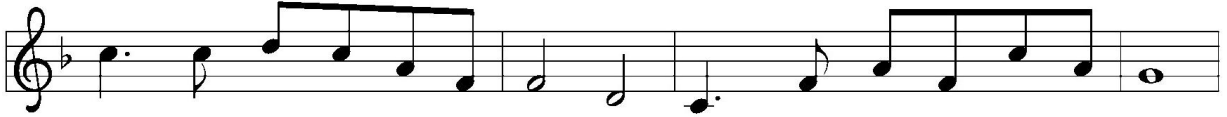
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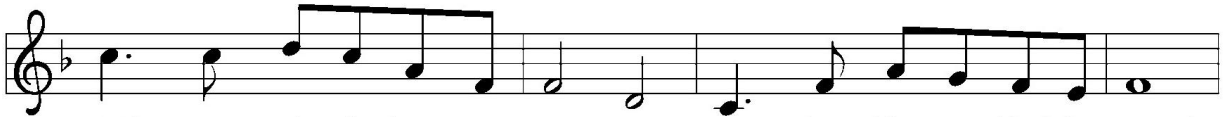
OFFERTORY SONG

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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> 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.

***OFFERING RESPONSE** *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

ELW 686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- P** Let us pray,
Merciful Father,
- C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

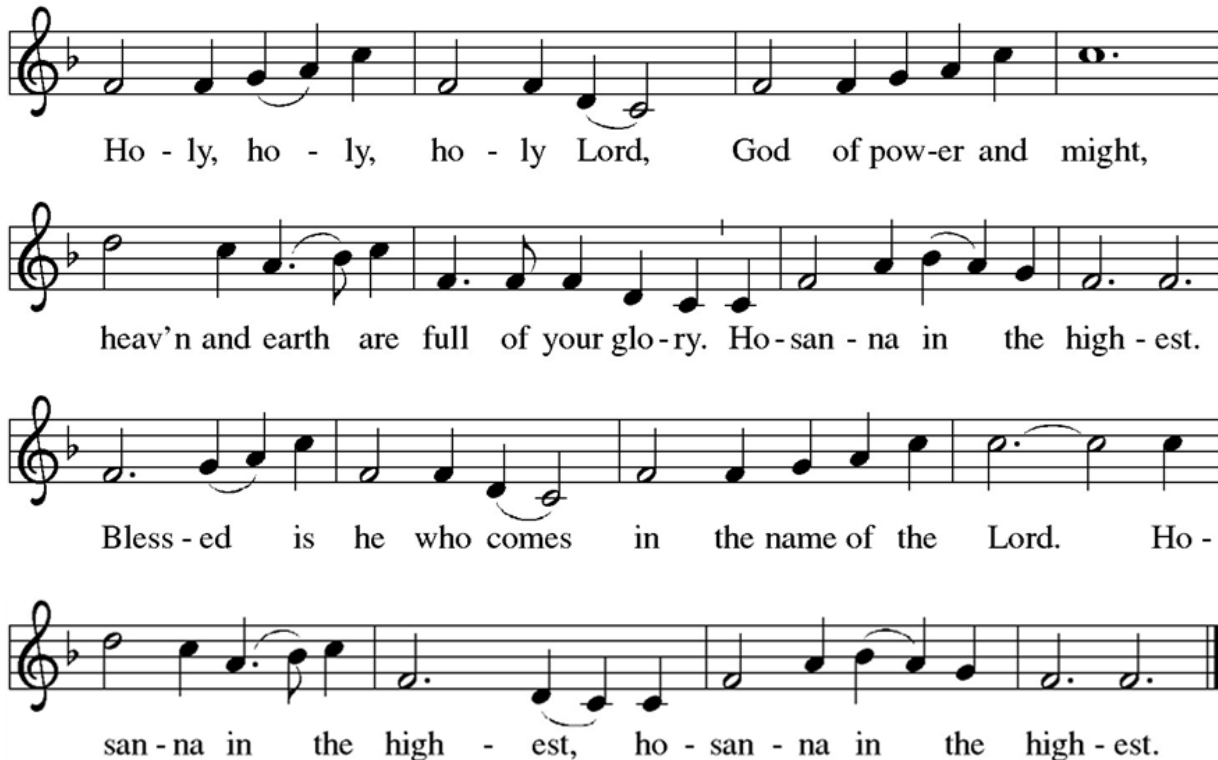
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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 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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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**

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 Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

All are welcome to commune.

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

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

***AGNUS DEI**



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"My Life Is In You"

Gardner

♩ = 160



CHORUS

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E



My life is in You, Lord, _ my strength is in You, Lord, _ my

Last time to Coda

1, 3.

D C/D

5

C D/C C D/C C G/D



hope is in You, Lord, _ in You, _ it's in _ You. My

VERSE

D C D/C C D/C G/B G G/B

9



You. I will praise You _ with all of _ my life, _ I will

14

C D/C C D/C G/B G G/B



praise You _ with all of _ my strength; _ With

18

D A^{7sus}/E D/F# G E B^{7sus}/F# E/G# Am Am/G



all of _ my life, with all of _ my strength.

D.S. al Coda

22

F Am⁷/E D^{sus} D C/D



All of my hope is in You. _ My

26 Φ Coda D C/D G

You, in You. _____

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COMMUNION HYMN

"Communion Song"

McGuire

$\text{♩} = 64$

VERSE

Gmaj⁷ A/G Dmaj⁷ G D Em F#m

1. Take this bread I give _ to you, and as you
 2. Take this cup I fill _ for you, and as you
 3. Take this love I've giv - en you, and as you

Last time to Coda Φ

CHORUS 1 & 2

6 G A⁷ D Bm F#m/A


do, re - mem - ber Me. This bread _ is My bod - y _
 do, re - mem - ber Me. This cup is the new cov' - nant _
 do, re - mem - ber

11 G D G D

bro - ken just for you. Take it, _ (take it) eat it, _ (eat it)
 I'm mak - in' with you. Take it, _ (take it) drink it, _ (drink it)

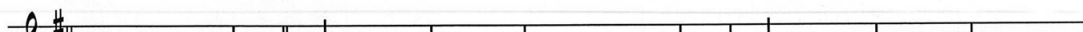
15 Em A G A⁷

each time you do; Re - mem - ber
 each time you do; Re - mem - ber

21  Coda

ENDING

G A⁷ D G A⁷ D



Me, re - mem - ber Me, re - mem - ber Me.

Detailed description: This image shows the musical notation for the ending of the song 'Remember Me'. It begins with a measure number '21' and a Coda symbol. Above the staff, the word 'ENDING' is enclosed in a box. Chord symbols 'G', 'A7', and 'D' are placed above the staff, corresponding to the notes. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), and a final whole note D4. The lyrics 'Me, re - mem - ber Me, re - mem - ber Me.' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

***DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able
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| | <u>July 27</u> | <u>August 3</u> |
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| Saturday night Worship | Bill & Deb Sowers (7/26) | Pastor Dan Yeiser (8/2) |
| Assisting Minister: | Russ Kaltreider | Donna Lehman |
| Acolyte: | Matthew Kaltreider | Jocelyn Fissel |
| Lay Reader: | Deb Sowers | Sherry Cracium-Bolin |
| Communion Distributors | Donna Lehman | Donna Lehman |
| | Suzanne Butler | Michelle Johnson |
| Ushers: | Michael Kelly | Bob Colehouse |
| | Sharon Kelly | Dan Fuhrman |
| Altar: | Amy Feeser | Linda Knapp |
| | Suzanne Butler | Sally Lovelace |

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jennifer Zellers by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zellers and Beth, Bill and Jocelyn Fissel.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Carly Johnson’s baptism on July 25th by their family.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Lura Johnson’s baptism on July 25th by their family.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request). Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE CHURCH OFFICE will be on a flexible schedule for Monday and Friday so please call before you come in. In person hours will be kept on Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

JULY'S DESIGNATED GIVING - THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA - St. Paul's Members and Friends....this month our designated giving targets The Lutheran Camping Corp. of Central PA (LutheranCamping.org). The Lutheran Camping Corp. includes both Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA and Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. We have the opportunity to support the Lutheran Camping Corp. with our Special Designated Giving this July. Please assist these wonderful camps with prayers and generous giving!

PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB is having local author Buffy Andrews from York, PA come and speak to the group on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:30pm at the home of Cindy Selby. Buffy will talk about her book Then Came Hope and her newest published book. The group will meet at Church at 6:00 and carpool to Cindy's house. If you are interested in attending this or have any questions, please contact Janet Haack.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION - Just a reminder that the Faith In Action Committee will again be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief in July and August. We hope to fill 100 backpacks again this year. Items needed are:

- 263 - -80 sheet spiral notebooks 8" X10-1/2" of wide-or college-lined paper
- 50 - centimeter rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- 65 - Pencil sharpeners
- 12 - Blunt Scissors
- 295 – blue or black ball point pens
- 11 - 2-1/2" erasers.

Boxes for items are in the hallway and the deadline for the collection is August 3. St. Paul's is always so generous for this event and the Committee appreciates your effort. The Committee again received a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of the backpacks and some supplies.

We will be packing the School Kits on September 7, 2025 at God's Work Our Hands Event after church. Hope to see you all there to help with this packing. Thank you for your constant support.

AUGUST'S DESIGNATED GIVING is for New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Wed., Aug. 27, 2025** at 12:45 in the Conference Room to discuss The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader. Any reader is invited to attend out meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS? On **Saturday, September 20th (change of date from last week)**, a representative from York County's Office for the Aging will be at St. Paul's talking about the programs they have for seniors in York County. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 10:30am. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. This is a perfect time to learn more about programs that are available and to ask any questions you may have about them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office to help us with seating and handouts.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE - Our annual book sale will be held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th. **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. This is our annual fundraiser and funds are used in support of our Youth. Our thanks to everyone for their past support and look forward to another successful year.

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

Radio—Aug. 3, 10, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine—Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins—Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame—Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

WE HAVE CHANGED INTERNET PROVIDERS so please use
assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org and **discontinuing** using
stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net. **THANK YOU!**

SISTERS IN FAITH - Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

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| SUN., JULY 27 | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Immediately following Worship | | Coffee Hour – Lounge |

MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 28 – AUGUST 1

Joint Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Charles Street
“Growing Faith in God's Garden”
9:30 am – 12:00 pm

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| WED., JULY 30 | 12:15 pm | Midweek Devotions – Lounge |
| | 6:30 pm | St. Paul's Book Club at Cindy Selby's |

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| THUR., JULY 31 | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym |
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| FRI., AUGUST 1 | 3:00 pm | Grocery Ministry prep – Gym |
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| SAT., AUGUST 2 | 9:00 am | Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Council |
| | 5:00 pm | Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge |
| | 6:15 pm | Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall |

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God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7. There will be a special worship service, followed by volunteer activities, ministry fair, and fellowship meal. Please sign up for the meal on the sheet located by the pastor's office OR call/email Carmen to let us know you plan to attend! We want to be sure to have enough for everyone!

Save the Date



God's work. Our hands.

September 7, 2025

Special Worship

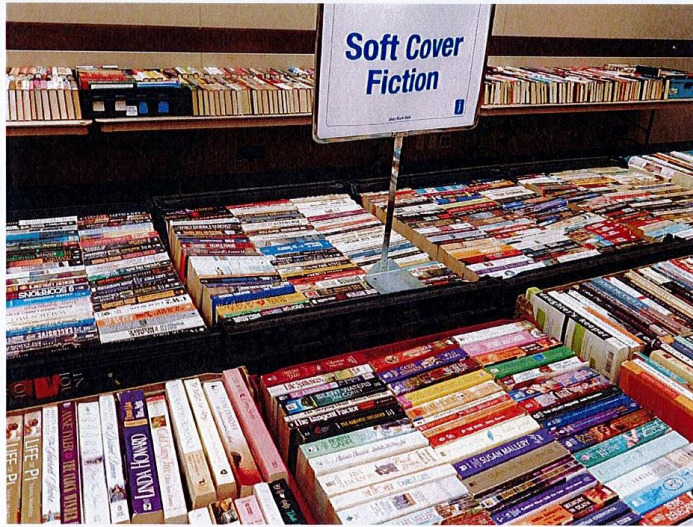
Service Projects & Ministry Fair

Faith Formation Kick-off

Fellowship Meal



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Friday, Oct. 10
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