

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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: 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.

+ 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
September 20, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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,

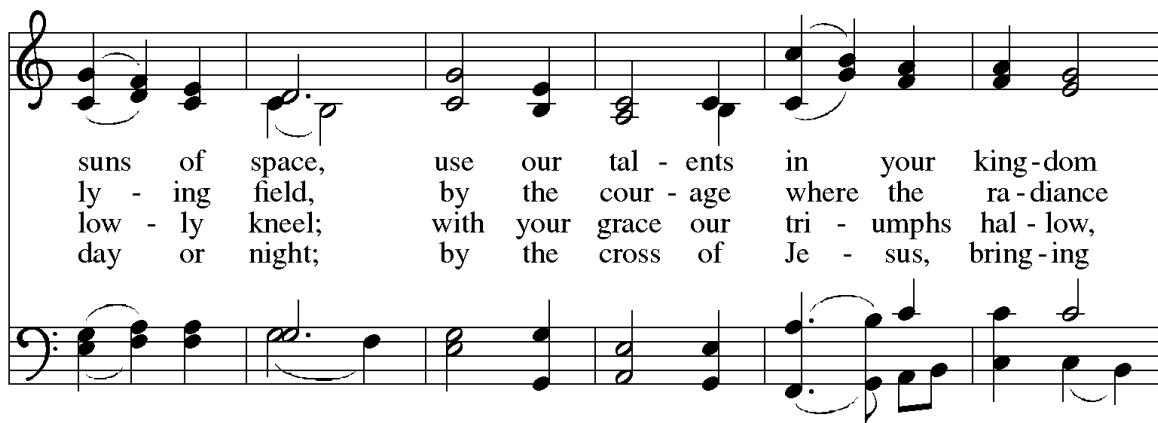
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

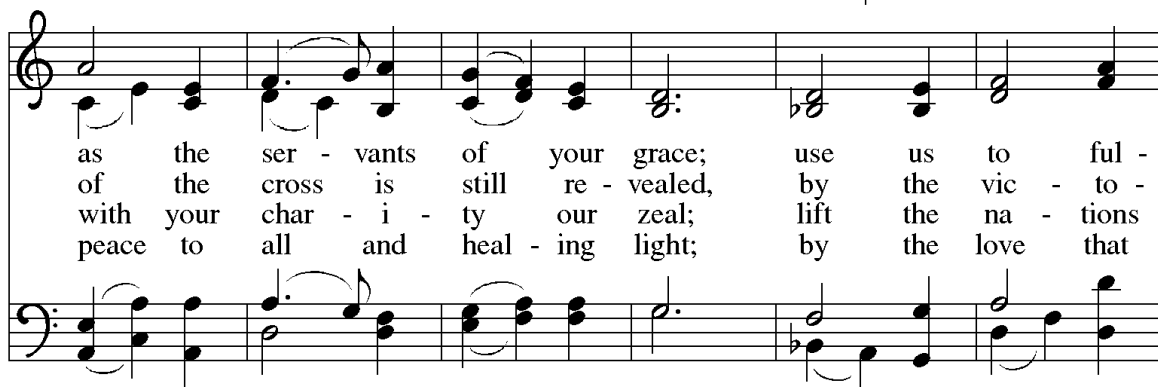
C **Amen.**



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



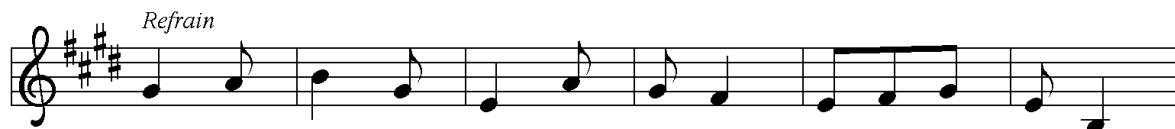
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

***GREETING**

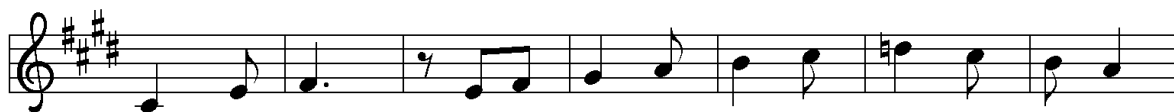
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



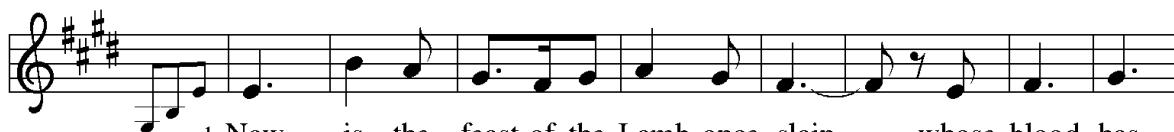
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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**

Dilynn Long

L Almighty and eternal God, you always show love and kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your mercy, and train us to be kind and generous to others, just as Jesus was kind and generous to us. In his name we pray,

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

L The First Reading according to Jonah, the 3rd and 4th chapters.

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:1-8

read responsively

- A ¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- C ² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- A ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- C ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- A ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- C ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- A ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- C ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

L The Second Reading according to Philippians, the 1st chapter.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

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

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

P *A reading from First Corinthians.* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

A reading from Ephesians. I pray that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (*Eph. 3:16-19*)

Brothers and sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the members of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God? Will you carry out this ministry centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration? Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P I now ask you, people of St. Paul's: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P People of St. Paul's: Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do? Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these leaders to care for the young ones and the young at heart in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C **Amen.**

- P On behalf St. Paul's, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

***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 Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

- A Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. 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

"By Invitation Only"

Dengler/Dengler

Adult Choir

Diana Leppo - Flute

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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P In the night in which he was handed over, 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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 your invitation and come to this table to receive your grace.

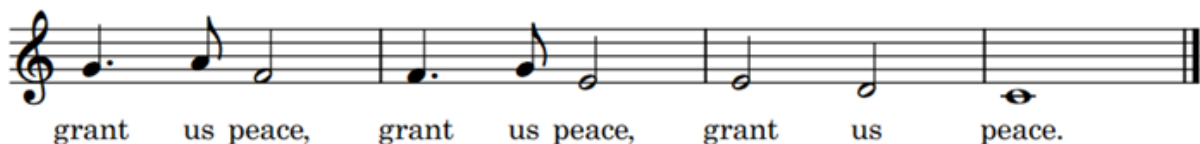
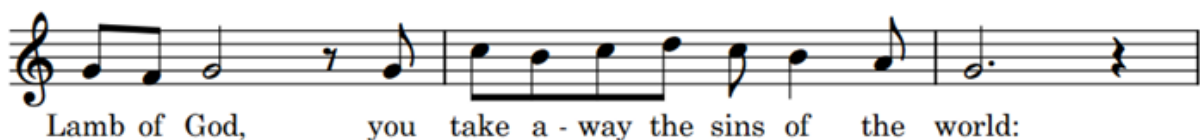
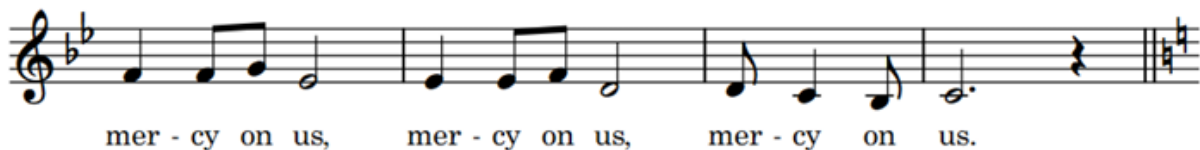
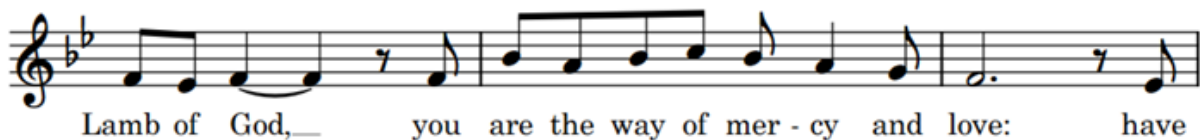
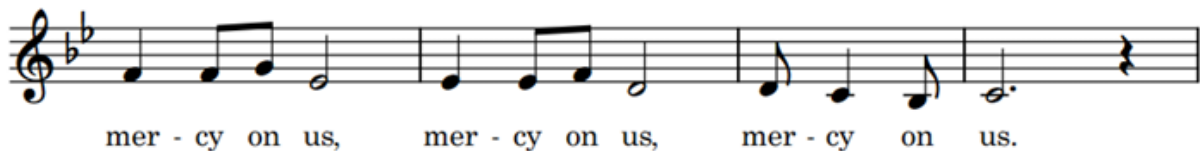
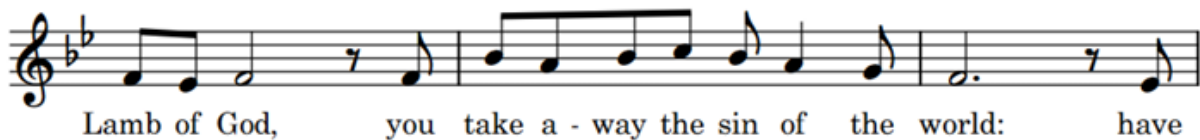
All are welcome to commune.

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



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Holy Holy"

♩ = 60

VERSE

G⁷

C

Dm⁷

G⁷



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly,
 2. Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, _____ we're so
 3. Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, _____ we're so
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, _____ come and
 5. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, _____ hal - le -

3

Dm⁷

F/G

Dm/C

C

C⁷

F

B⁷/F#



ho - ly, _____ Lord God Al - might - y; And we lift our hearts be-fore You as a
 blessed to be Your chil - dren, gra-cious Fa - ther; And we lift our heads be-fore You as a
 glad that You've re-deemed us, pre-cious Je - sus; And we lift our hands be-fore You as a
 fill our hearts a - new, — Ho - ly Spir - it; And we lift our voice be-fore You as a
 -lu - jah, _____ hal - le - lu - jah; And we lift our hearts be-fore You as a

6

C/G

Em⁷

Am⁷

Dm⁷

G⁷

Dm/C

C



to - ken of our love, ho - ly ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, _____ gra - cious Fa - ther.
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, _____ pre - cious Je - sus.
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, _____ Ho - ly Spir - it.
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, _____ hal - le - lu - jah.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

***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 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***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 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Bill and Deb Sowers (9/19)	Linda Zellers (9/26)
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Dilynn Long	Leah Kaltreider
Prayer Leader	Dilynn Long	TBD
Lay Reader	Frank Hueske	Christopher Johnson
Communion Distributors	Dan Fuhrman	Donna Lehman
	Gretchen Walter	Suzanne Butler
Ushers	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman
	Cindy Schmidt	Cindy Schmidt
Altar Committee	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (Linens)	Janet Haack (Linens)

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Bob Becker's birthday on September 25th by Gary Martin.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Russell and Michelle Johnson's 28th wedding anniversary.

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge. **Wednesday, September 16th Devotions will be in the sanctuary.**

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY! We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a welcome back to our Faith Formation year. Join us in food and fellowship as we learn about all that we have to offer for the fall and beyond. There is something for all ages!

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** will be having their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 17. 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-Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers-Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 25 (2 vases at \$20 each); Oct. 18 (1 vase at \$20)
Communion Bread and Wine-Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 18 & 25 (\$12 each date)
Worship Bulletins- Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$20 each date)
Eternal Flame-Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$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.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE A WEARY TRAVELER? Are you overburdened by the weight of carrying too many overpacked bags as you travel through life? Join us for a six-week Tuesday Evening Book Study facilitated by Gay Dickson beginning October 6 at 7 PM. We will read and discuss ***Traveling Light-Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*** by Max Lucado. The verses of Psalm 23 will help us to identify the burdens we carry and remind us to release them to God. **Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 20** so we may order your book.

SISTERS IN FAITH RETREAT is coming in a few weeks! 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 LIVE NATIVITY NEEDS ANIMALS! The Evangelism Committee is searching for sheep, a donkey, and perhaps a calf for the Live Nativity on December 13. If you know someone who would have any of these animals available, please contact Lucille Farrington, Carmen, or Pastor Jason. Thank you! (Note: We are not looking for alpacas or llamas.)

SUN., SEPT. 20	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
		RALLY DAY
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 17 th Sunday after Pentecost
		Installation of Teachers
Immediately following worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
		Confirmation Class – Youth Room
MON., SEPT. 21	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor and Youth room
WED., SEPT. 23	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
THUR., SEPT. 24	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., SEPT. 25	2:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – gym
		ALIVE Jr. High Retreat at Camp Nawkwa
SAT., SEPT. 26		ALIVE Jr. High Retreat at Camp Nawkwa
	9:00 am	Men in Mission breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Bill & Deb Sowers
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., SEPT. 27		ALIVE Jr. High Retreat at Camp Nawkwa
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 18 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