

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

HARVEST HOME

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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.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the 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.

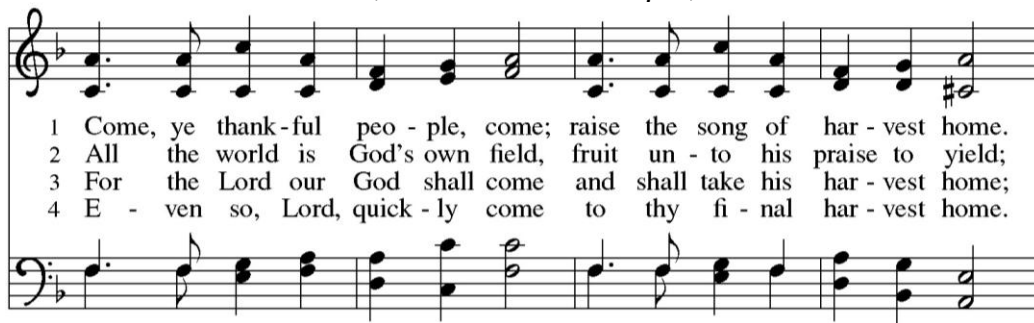
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

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.**



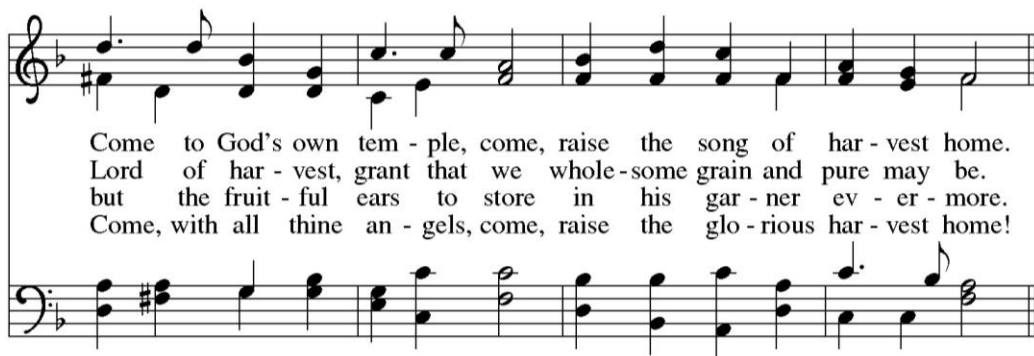
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

***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.**

***LITANY FOR HARVEST HOME**

P The earth is the Lord's and everything in it;
The world and all that lives in it. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P All the animals of the forest are the Lord's
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord makes grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for us to cultivate. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord brings forth food from the earth,
wine that gladdens our hearts. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Oil to make our faces shine,
bread that sustains our hearts. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord makes springs pour water into the valleys;
It flows between the mountains. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The birds of the air nest by the waters;
They sing among the branches. For it all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P For all who cooperate and collaborate with God
to bring food to our tables, For them all we say:

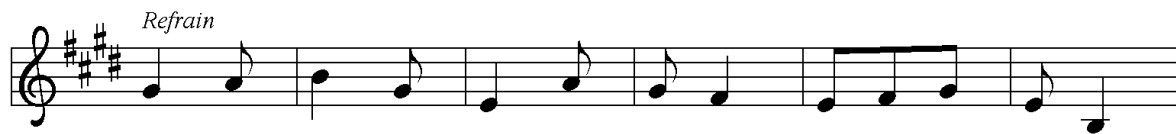
C **Thanks be to God.**

P For farmers, growers, packers and processors,
for breeders, stock people, shepherds and dairy-farmers. For them all we say:

C **Thanks be to God.**

P For distributors, haulers, retailers and stall-holders,
for chefs, cooks and creative entrepreneurs. For them all we say:
C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



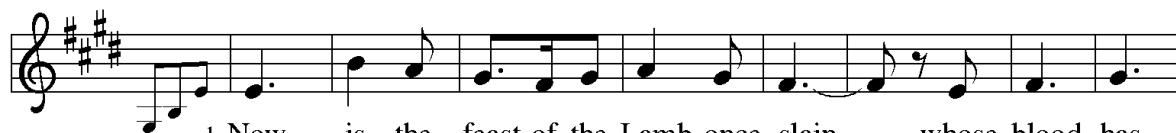
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



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



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



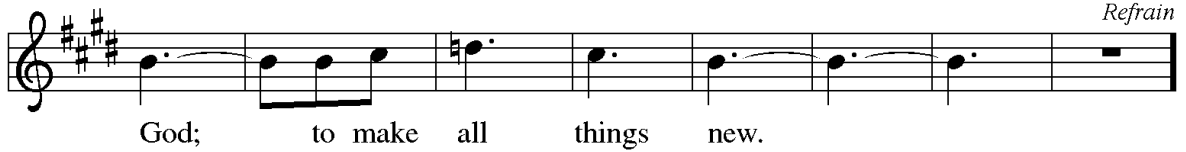
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



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



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dilynn Long

- P** Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

L The First Reading according to Isaiah, the 45th chapter.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- C ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
 proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- A ³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
- C ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
 more to be feared than all gods.**
- A ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- C ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
 power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- A ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- C ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
 bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- A ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
 tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- C ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
 The one who made the world so firm
 that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
- A ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- C ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
 O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
- A ¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

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

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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.

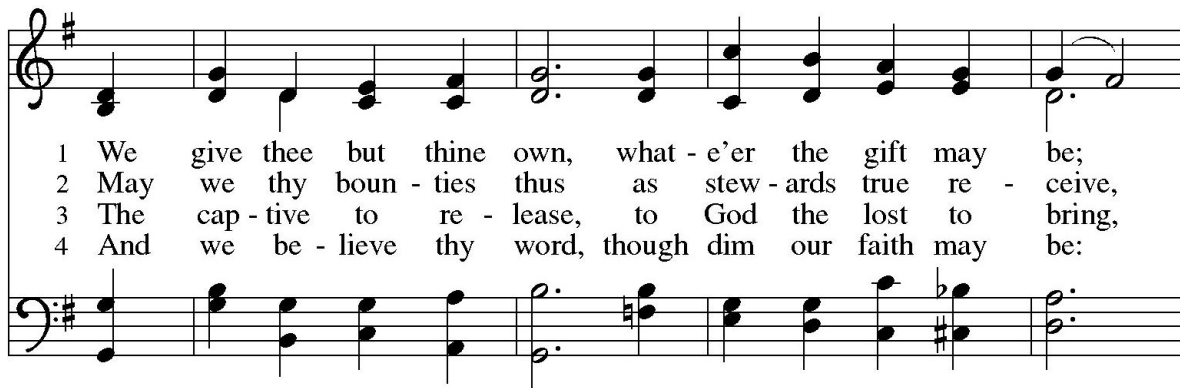
SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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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,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



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.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

***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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... *(A brief silence.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

"Trust and Obey"

Heritage Choir

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

Refrain



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.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

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

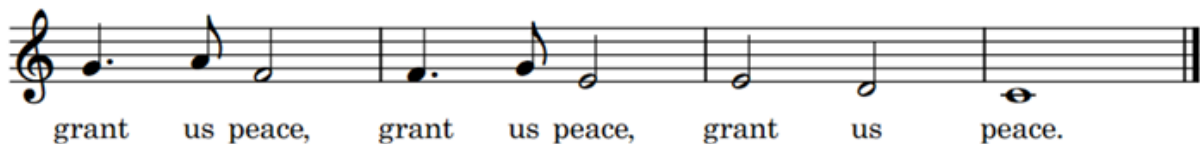
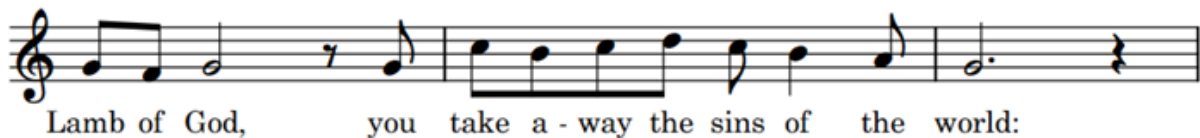
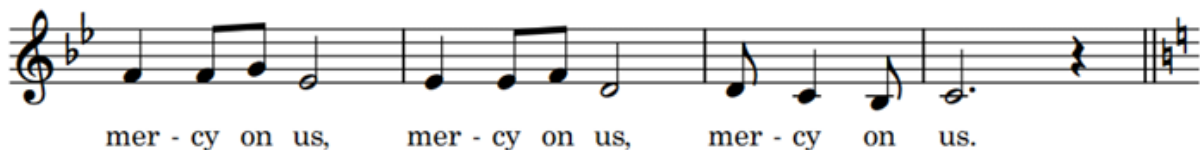
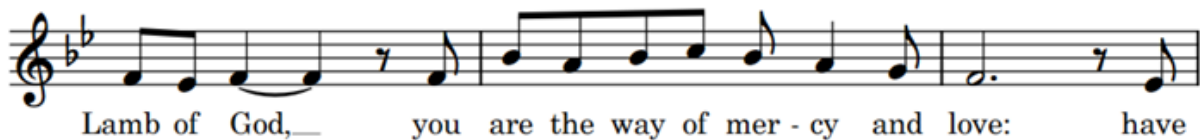
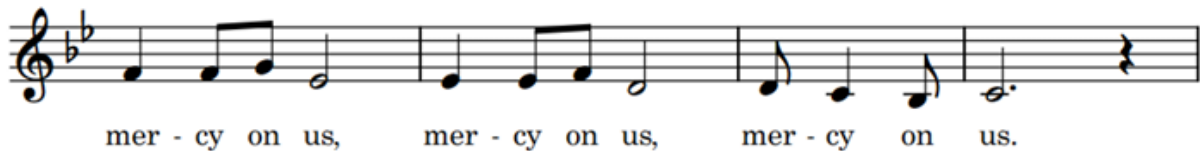
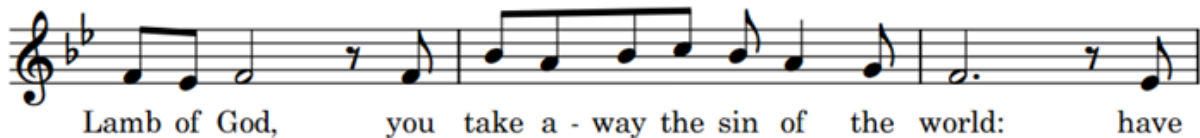
All are welcome to commune.

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.

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"We Gather Together"

VERSE

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1. We gath-er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless-ing; He chas - tens and
 2. Be side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main-
 3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead-er tri - um - phant, and pray that Thou

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has - tens His will to make known; The wick-ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -
 - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine; So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were
 still our De - fend - er wilt be. Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape tri - bu -

D G/B A/C# D Em A7 D

- tress - ing, sing prais - es to His name: He for - gets not His own.
 win - ning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be Thine!
 - la - tion: Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

***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

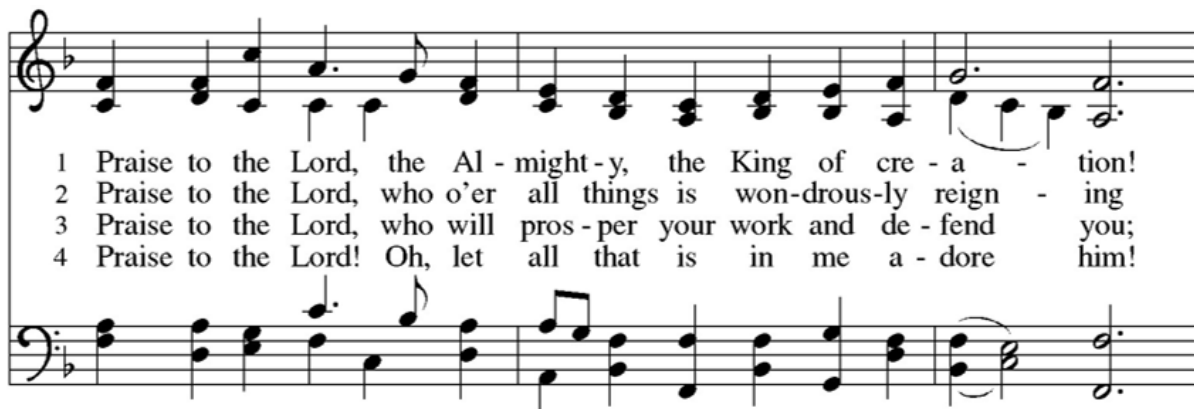
P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

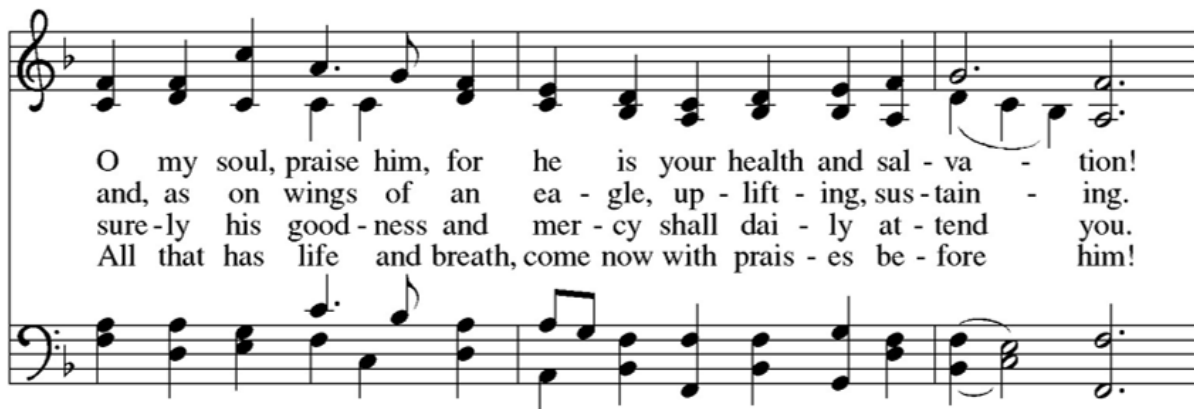
*SENDING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

*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>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Pastor Jason Northridge (10/17)	Russ Kaltreider (10/24)
Assisting Minister	Donna Lehman	Frank Hueske
Acolyte	Dilynn Long	Leah Kaltreider
Prayer Leader	Dilynn Long	Noelle Weible
Lay Reader	Norma Lucabaugh	Dan Fuhrman
Communion Distributors	Russ Kaltreider	Glenn Alwine
	Maureen Kaltreider	Ginny Murray
Ushers	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson
	Christopher Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

THE OKTOBERFEST SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, OCTOBER 18TH, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Markle and John Markle II by John J. Markle and family.

We are celebrating **HARVEST HOME** during our worship service today. We give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this year and share those blessings with others in our community. As part of our celebration, we invite you to bring food for the Grocery Ministry's Christmas Meal. We are especially looking for **boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, packets of brown gravy, yams or sweet potatoes, and green beans**. Donations can be brought to worship and placed up front by the altar. Your generosity will help provide a special Christmas meal for families in our community. Together, we give thanks for what God has given us by sharing our blessings with others.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason's office. A new member class will be offered during Sunday school following worship on November 1.

October's **DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to our sponsored church in Tanzania. Funds that we send to our sponsored church will greatly help them in establishing a building where they can worship along with other necessities for their use. In building a relationship with our sponsored church, we can help spread the word and love of our God, not only to the members of our community, but to people in another part of the world.

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

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

Altar Flowers-Nov. 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 8 (1 vase at \$20)

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

Worship Bulletins-Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 8 & 29 (\$20 each date)

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

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** has begun rehearsing. Typically they sing on the third Sunday of the month. If you are interested, please see Steven Ruppright for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES - Our committee will once again be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Empty boxes can be found on the table outside of the pulpit entrance. Instructions for filling can be found inside each box. Please return your filled boxes on or before Sunday, November 9th.

If you picked up a shoebox on October 4th, please take one of the sheets along to replace the Spanish version that was in your shoe box. Sorry for the confusion.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

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. Characters Needed include Scribe, shepherds, townspeople, and angels. Please speak to Lucille F., Bob C., or Russ K. if interested.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026** at 12:45pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing **The Collected Regrets of Clover** by Mikki Brammer. Kirkus Reveiws says" *This is a beautiful tale of a vulnerable, compassionate woman who finds that, in order to care for others, she must also let herself be cared for. Even that cliché feels moving, rather than saccharine, in Brammer's capable hands.*" In the book Clover becomes a death doula in New York City. Lorraine Mason, our discussion leader for this book, will be bringing Lori Brenizer, a death doula here in Hanover, to our meeting to help us understand just what a death doula's job is. You won't want to miss this book or this meeting. Remember to bring your brown bag lunch and a drink, Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 1ST. Again this year, we are inviting you to submit names of ANY of your beloved people who have died - regardless of the year they died - to be lifted up during the worship service. You may submit any names that are significant for you and may submit as many names as you would like to lift up. We will read those names and sit together in that remembrance during communion. You can write your loved ones name on a slip of paper and put it in the offering plate or place it in the slot on the church office door. Specify that the name(s) are for All Saints'. You can also call or email the church office (717-637-5941 or assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org) to submit names to be read on Nov. 1st. Please submit your names no later than Sun., Oct. 25th. We also invite you to bring a photo of any loved ones who have died. You're invited to place those photos on the tables in the worship space during All Saints' Worship. Any questions, please ask any member of the Worship and Music team (Suzanne Butler, Donna Lehman and Mary Yohe).

SUN., OCT. 18	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:00 am	Heritage Choir Rehearsal - Lounge
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 21 st Sunday after Pentecost
		Harvest Home Sunday
Immediately following worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
MON., OCT. 19	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat – Evangelism Committee at UPMC, Baltimore St – open to the public
	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups
TUES., OCT 20	7:00 pm	“Traveling Light” Book Study – Fellowship Hall
WED., OCT. 21	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting – Conference Room, 2 nd floor
THUR., OCT. 22	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Troop 102 – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Book Sale set-up – F. Hall
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
FRI., OCT. 23	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – gym
SAT., OCT. 24	9:00 am	Men in Mission breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution–St. Paul’s Confirmands
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Russ Kaltreider
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – Reformation Sunday (wear red)
	Immediately following worship	
		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge