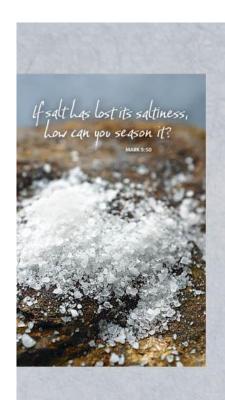
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



19^H SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024

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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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

THE GATHERING

We welcome Pastor Lee Brumback, who is presiding today while Pastor Katrina is on vacation.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for reflection

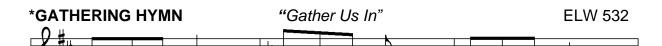
Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.



- new light is stream-ing, Here in this place the We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry,
- Here we will take wine and the wa - ter, the
- here we will take the Not in the dark build-ings con - fin - ing, of in some heav - en, not



van - ished 'a - way; yearn for your face; bread of new birth, light years a - way—

in this space our fears and our dream-ings we have been sung through - out all his - t'ry, of here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

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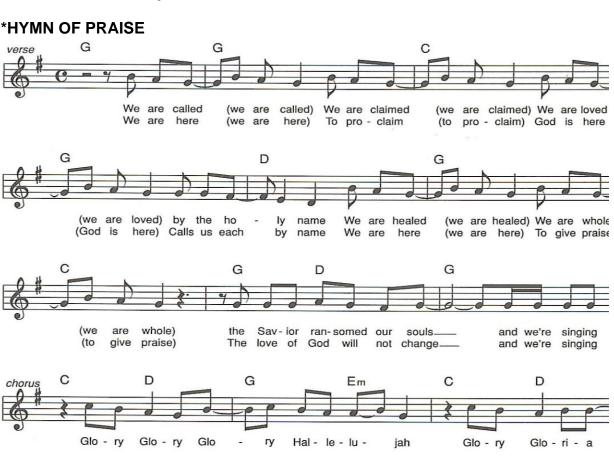
we shall a - wak - en, meek and so low - ly, to fash-ion teach us peo-ples to-geth-er,



*GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Р Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

The First Reading according to Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the

elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

THE PSALM Psalm 19:7-14 read responsively

- A ⁷The teaching of theLORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

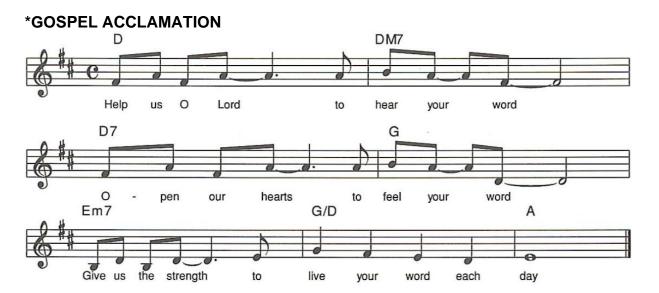
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

- L The Second Reading according to James 5:13-20
 - ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-50
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON







- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

*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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"
St. Paul's Music Staff

Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. 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 are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God,
- C source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

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.

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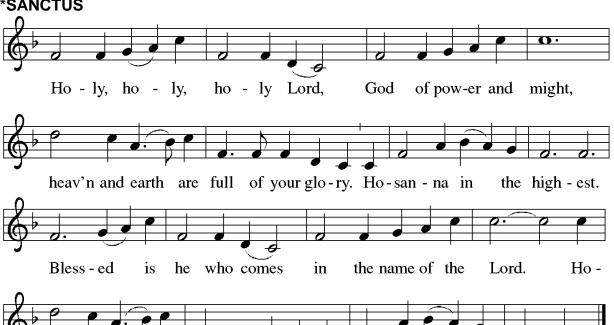
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It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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:





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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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.

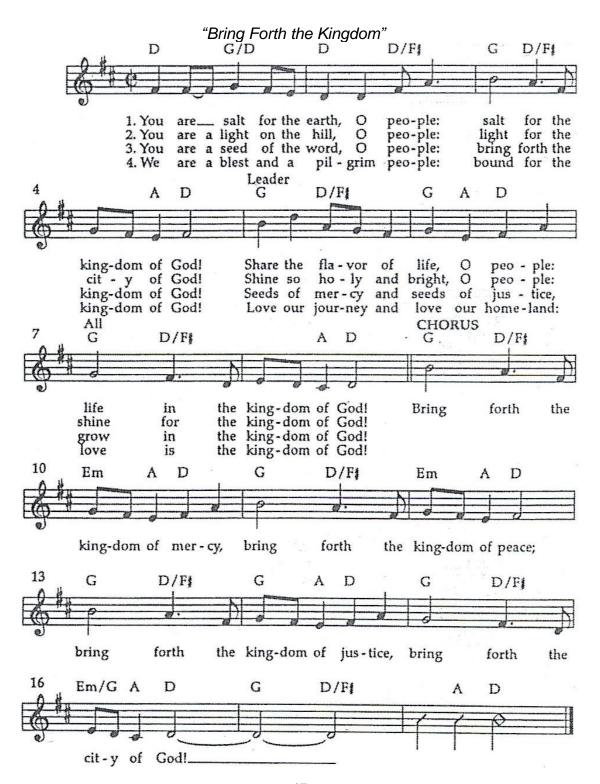


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION







*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 Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE SENDING

Children and Faith Formation leaders are dismissed to start Sunday School time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

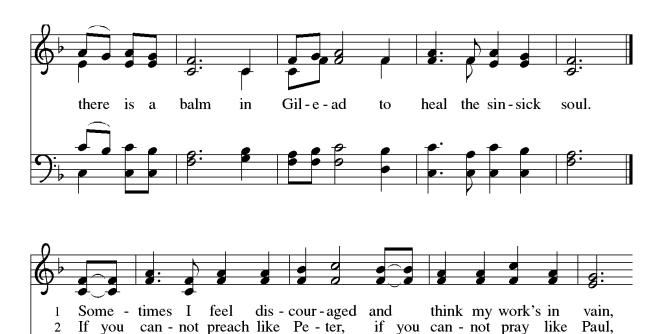
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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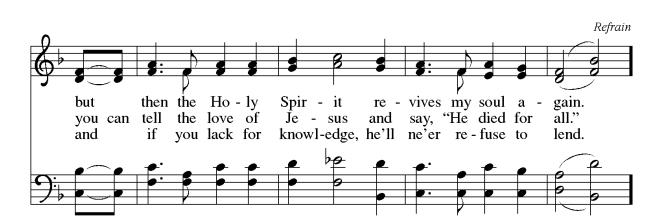




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*DISMISSAL

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A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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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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	September 29	October 6
Assisting Minister:	Deb Sowers	Gretchen Walter
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	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Michelle Johnson
Ushers:	Josh Baringer	Wayne Butler
	Steph Baringer	Suzanne Butler
Altar:	Becki Davis	Amy Feeser
	Norma Lucabaugh Janet Haack (Linens)	Suzanne Butler

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gretna Little by her daughter, Linda Snyder and family.

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS and THE ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Harry Dusman's 89th birthday on 9/30 by Ralph and Gay Dusman.

CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following worship on Sundays, October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 and as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes, will be held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us in the nursery, across from the lounge, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30 am.

This class will not be held on October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 so that everyone can attend the Congregation Conversations.

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CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AFTER COMMUNION (approximately 10:30 am) during the announcement time. From 10:30 - 10:50 will be music time with Ms. Gretchen. From 10:50 - 11:30 will be Faith Formation time with rotating teachers. All children are welcome!

FALL IS HERE and the Men in Mission's Used Book Sale will be held on Friday October 11th, 9am to 3pm, and Saturday, October 12th, 9am to 12pm. If you would like to donate any books, DVD's, or puzzles, please place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office for arrangements for someone to pick them up prior to the day of the sale.

Also on Saturday, October 12th we will be having a Pancake, scrambled eggs, and sausage breakfast along with a beverage from 7am-10am. A suggested donation of \$5.00 is requested.

All donations raised from these two events are used to support our Youth.

SISTERS IN FAITH - Our fall retreat is scheduled for **Oct. 11 - 13** at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Find more information in the September Evangel or on the bulletin board. All women are welcome.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING will be in support of Synod's Annual Generosity Appeal for the building and expansion of the Mbeya Hospital in the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. The Synod hopes to raise \$60,000 to complete building the Lutheran Hospital in Mbeya. This is a rural area that serves many people. Without this local hospital, residents would be forced to travel many hours to the capital to receive basic health care and medical procedures. We can help care for our neighbors across the globe by supporting the Church's efforts to complete the building of a vital medical facility in our companion diocese in Tanzania.

OCTOBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go toward 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 Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at <u>finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio-Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers-Oct. 6 (1 vase at \$20.00) & Oct. 27 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

SUN., SEPT. 29 Immediately following	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am ng Worship 10:50 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 19 th Sunday after Pentecost Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Coffee Hour – Lounge Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room – 1 st Floor Youth and Family Kick-off
MON., SEPT. 30	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 nd Floor Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge
WED, OCT. 2	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee – Conference Room Worship and Music Committee - Lounge
THUR., OCT. 3	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
FRI., OCT. 4	3:00 pm	P.A.L. Team 3 Grocery Ministry prep - Gym
SAT., OCT. 5	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Council Saturday Evening Service - Lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 6 Immediately following	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am ng Worship	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 20 th Sunday after Pentecost Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Coffee Hour – Lounge Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room – 1 st Floor Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary