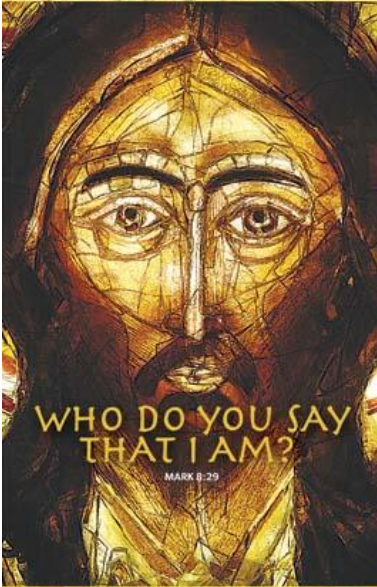


ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## September 15, 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.***

# + 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +

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## INTRODUCTION

*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

## THE GATHERING

### 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.

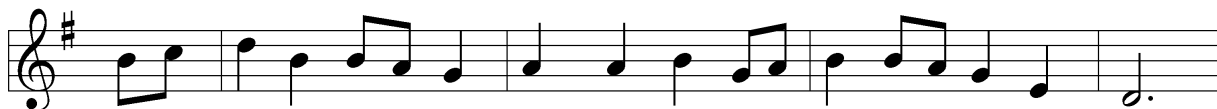
**Amen.**



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,  
2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.  
who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark - ness of the womb.  
whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin - dling for the pyre.  
cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,  
Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,  
Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,  
Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

**\*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.**

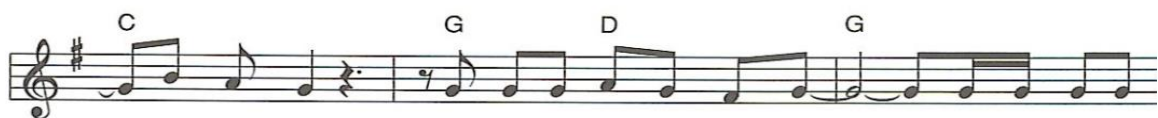
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved  
We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole  
(God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls — and we're singing  
(to give praise) The love of God will not change — and we're singing



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh — Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

L The First Reading according to Isaiah 50:4-9a  
4The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9aIt is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9

read responsively

A 1I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
C 2**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
3The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.  
4**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**  
5Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.  
6**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
7Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt well with you.  
8**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**  
9I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

L The Second Reading according to James 3:1-12

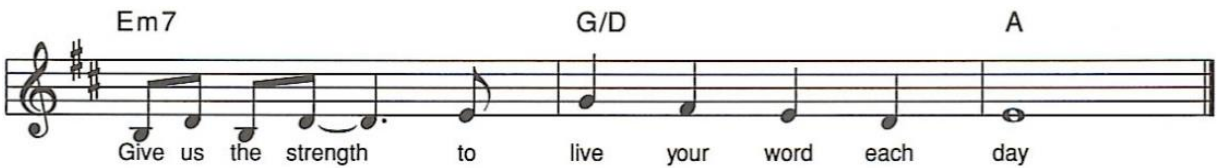
<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the chord 'D' is indicated above the first measure and 'DM7' above the second measure. The lyrics 'Help us O Lord to hear your word' are written below the staff. The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Above the staff, the chord 'D7' is indicated above the first measure and 'G' above the second measure. The lyrics 'O - pen our hearts to feel your word' are written below the staff.



**\*GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-38

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**





1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## \*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 church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. 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

*"By Invitation Only"*

Dengler

Adult Choir

*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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.**

**\*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.*

**\*AGNUS DEI**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

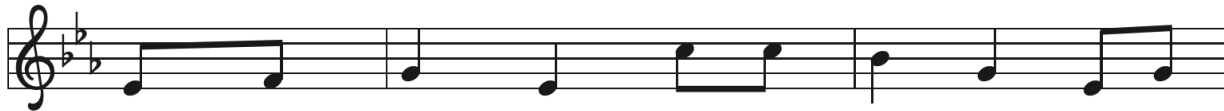


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

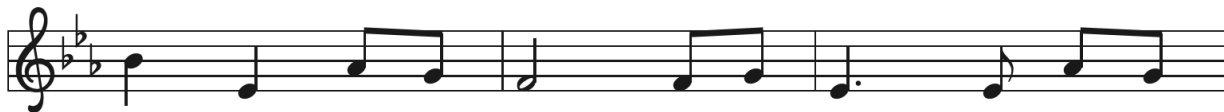
# DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

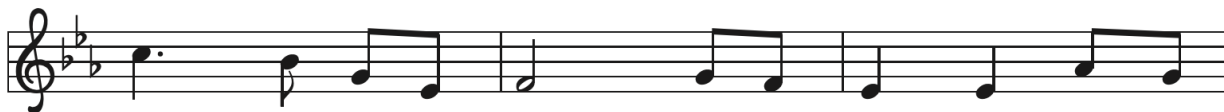


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: “I am with you; do not fear!”  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

### *Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

"In This Feast of Love"

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

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

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

### \*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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

### \*BLESSING

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

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

ELW 774

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is "1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;". The second verse is "2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;". The third verse is "3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;".





what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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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**ONE ALTAR VASE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hoke by Gary and family.

**BEGINNING TODAY**, 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!

**ALSO BEGINNING TODAY - 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.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS** are due in the church office no later than TODAY. Reports should reflect activity through August 31, 2024.

**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.

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)**

Radio—Sept. 229, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 27 (2 vases at \$20 each)

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

Worship Bulletins- Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

**SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY** - All are welcome to join us Monday evenings at 7 pm in the church lounge. We will be using “Honoring Our Neighbors Faith, A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America” by Robert Buckley Farlee. Hundreds of Christian denominations and dozens of non-Christian traditions have followers in the United States. How do we view this wide variety of beliefs and practices? How does the Lutheran tradition compare with others? Join us!

**SEPTEMBER IS UPON US AND THAT MEANS THE MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL BOOK SALE** is one month away. It will be held on October 11 & 12. Bring your books, DVDs, and puzzles to the church and placing them in the fellowship hall on the stage. Please, no encyclopedias and reference books. If you need help in getting the books to church, please call Carmen or Bob Colehouse to make arrangements.

We also plan to have a breakfast on the morning of Oct. 12th. Further details and times will be announced later. This is our annual fundraiser to help support youth programs.

**OCTOBER EVANGEL ARTICLES** are due in the church office **no later than Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wednesday, September 25, 2024** at 12:30 in the Church Lounge. We will be reading **The News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. Please come for good discussion and fellowship. Bring a lunch or snack with you.

**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.

**SUN., SEPT. 15** 2024 Annual Report deadline – 1/1/24-8/31/2024  
 8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
 9:30 am Worship Service – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 am Children’s Choir rehearsal – Children’s Music Room  
 Immediately following Worship Coffee Hour – Lounge  
 Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room-main floor  
 Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary  
 10:50 am Faith Formation – K – Grade 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 The Church Office will re-open on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**MON., SEPT. 16** Call Committee deadline  
 6:30 pm Girl Scout groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 7:00 pm Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge

**TUES., SEPT. 17** 7:00 pm Faith in Action Committee – Lounge

**WED., SEPT. 18** 7:00 pm Council meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

**THUR., SEPT. 19** 6:00 pm Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 102-Youth Room & Gym  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary

**FRI., SEPT. 20** 3:00 pm Grocery Ministry prep - Gym

**SAT., SEPT. 21** 9:00 am Grocery Ministry – St. Paul’s Book Club  
 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Service - Lounge  
 6:15 pm Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

**SUN., SEPT. 22** Oct. Evangel deadline  
 8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
 9:30 am Worship Service – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 am Children’s Choir rehearsal – Children’s Music Room  
 Immediately following Worship Coffee Hour – Lounge  
 Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room-main floor  
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