

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



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

September 8, 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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**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

**September 8, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

**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*

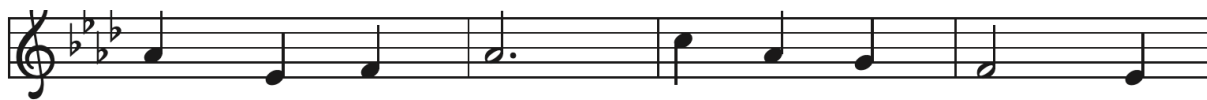
Gracious God,

**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.

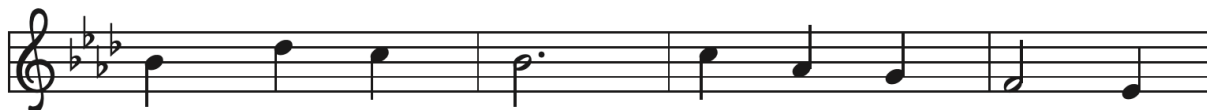
**Amen.**



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,  
3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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**\*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**



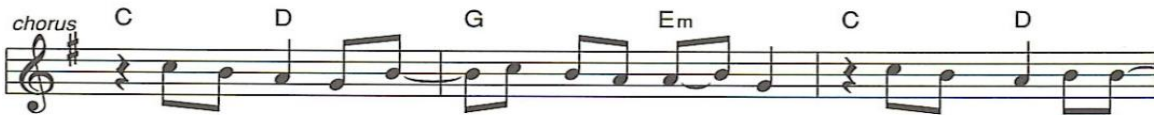
We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved  
 We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(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.

Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

L The First Reading according to Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 146

read responsively

A <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C **<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

L The Second Reading according to James 2:1-10, 14-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D DM7

Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G

O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A

Give us the strength to live your word each day

## \*GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:24-37

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then



Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.””

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

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

## SERMON



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## \*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 Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

*A brief silence.*

God of love, send us out filled with your love and life. Be known in our daily living, that your love may be known through our proclamation. God, we pray,

**C open our hands in love.**

God of creation, remind us to be good stewards of your diverse and beautiful world. God, we pray,

**open our hands in love.**

God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace. God, we pray,

**open our hands in love.**

God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now (*names and needs added as desired*).

Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions. God, we pray,

**open our hands in love.**

God of service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors. God, we pray,

**open our hands in love.**

Everlasting God, support us in this life. As we remember those who have gone before as examples of faithful living and honor those whose faith was known only to you, inspire us to follow their example of baptismal life until we join with them in worship. God, we pray,

**open our hands in love.**

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one Jesus.

**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

*“Thanks Be to God”*  
Children’s Choir

Concordia Publishing House

*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,  
Holy God,

C **giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. 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 Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.

Seeing the lonely creature of earth, you created a partner that we would know the joy of community. Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but brought us into community with one another and with you, and guided us through your prophets. With endless patience and love, you called to us time and again to return to life with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love, 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.

In the same way 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world. Again, we beg:

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, now and forever.

**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 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 *"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and





grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in.

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"Here Is Bread"

ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

## THE SENDING

### \*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 Jesus,  
in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

C Amen.

### \*CELEBRATION OF VOCATION AND BLESSING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY

P We are called to proclaim the good news:

C **God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**God is at work in the world still today!**

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

**God is at work in us!**

In our service today and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

**God is at work through our hands!**

***Make the sign of a cross on the back of your hand  
(or your neighbors), as the pastor says:***

God bless your hands and your work,

***Signing a cross on the palms of the hands:***

that through you God's love may be known.

**Amen.**

### \*BLESSING

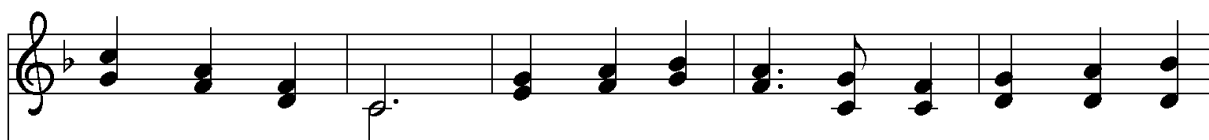
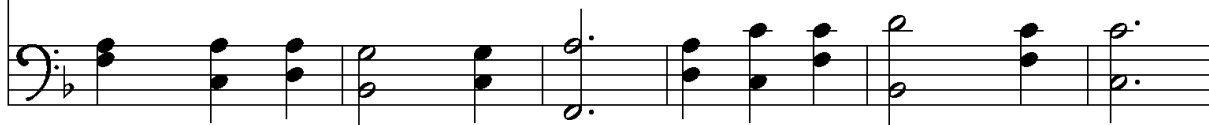
P God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

C Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



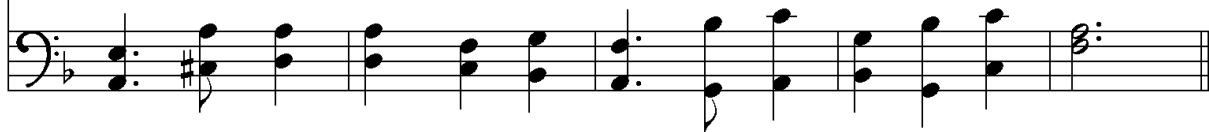
1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

**C** We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

\* Stand if you are able

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	<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 15</u>
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<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Frank Hueske	Christopher Johnson
<b>Communion Distributors</b>	Bill Sowers Deb Sowers	Russ Kaltreider Maureen Kaltreider
<b>Ushers:</b>	Josh Baringer Steph Baringer	Josh Baringer Steph Baringer
<b>Altar:</b>	Becki Davis Norma Lucabaugh Janet Haack (Linens)	Becki Davis Norma Lucabaugh Janet Haack (Linens)

**ONE ALTAR VASE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of, what would have been, Lois and my 68th wedding anniversary by Fred Brandt.

**ONE ALTAR VASE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Grocery Ministry and Faith in Action Committee's work to bless our neighbors.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Pete Lehigh's 91st birthday on September 9th by Hazel.

**THE WORSHIP BULLETINS** are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Leroy Zeller's birthday on September 10th by Linda, Jen, Beth, Bill and Jocelyn.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Matthew Kaltreider's 10th birthday on September 5 and Mary Kaltreider's 84th birthday on September 10th.

**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. 22, 29, 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. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

**SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY** - All are welcome to join us Monday evenings beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. Starting Monday September 9th, you can begin bringing 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 October 12th. Further details and times will be announced later. This is our annual fundraiser to help support youth programs.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS** are due in the church office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports should reflect activity through August 31, 2024.

**STARTING SEPT 15TH**, 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 SEPT. 15<sup>TH</sup> - 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.

**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. This book is about Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd who travels through northern Texas, giving readings from newspapers to paying audience hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered \$50 gold pieces to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Their 400 mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Arriving in San Antonio, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become, in the eyes of the law, a kidnapper himself. 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. All women are welcome.

**SUN., SEPT. 8**

8:30 am  
 9:30 am  
 Immediately following

**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
 Worship Service – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**God’s Work, Our Hands** Ministry Fair and Luncheon  
 In Fellowship Hall

**MON., SEPT. 9**

6:30 pm  
 7:00 pm

Girl Scout groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Somethings Brewing Bible Study - lounge

**TUES., SEPT. 10**

6:00 pm

Music and Motion Fall classes begin  
 Finance Committee – lounge

**WED., SEPT. 11**

5:00 pm

Property Committee – Conference Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**THUR., SEPT. 12**

6:00 pm  
 6:30 pm  
 7:00 pm

Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
 Boy Scout Troop 102-Youth Room & Gym  
 Adult Choir rehearsal – choir loft in Sanctuary

**FRI., SEPT. 13**

3:00 pm

Grocery Ministry prep - Gym

**SAT., SEPT. 14**

9:00 am  
 5:00 pm  
 6:15 pm

Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102  
 Saturday Evening Service - Lounge  
 Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

**SUN., SEPT. 15**

8:30 am  
 9:30 am  
 10:30 am  
 Immediately following Worship

2024 Annual Report & Oct. Evangel deadline  
 Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
 Worship Service – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Children’s Choir rehearsal  
 Coffee Hour – lounge  
 Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room  
 Youth Choir rehearsal – choir loft in Sanctuary  
 Faith Formation – K – grade 6

**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>**