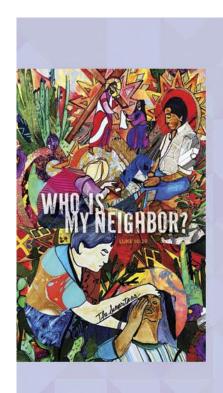
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

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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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

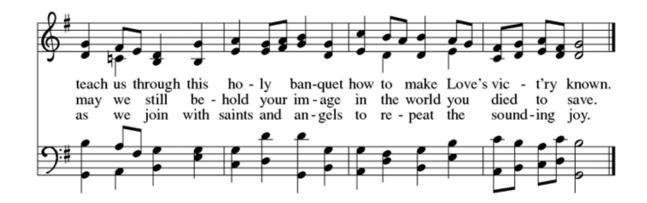
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \oplus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.





*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



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

L The First Reading according to Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe..

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 25:1-10 read responsively

A ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

- ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

- L The Second Reading according to Colossians 1:1-14
 - ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

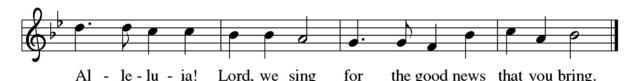
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



*GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three,

do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

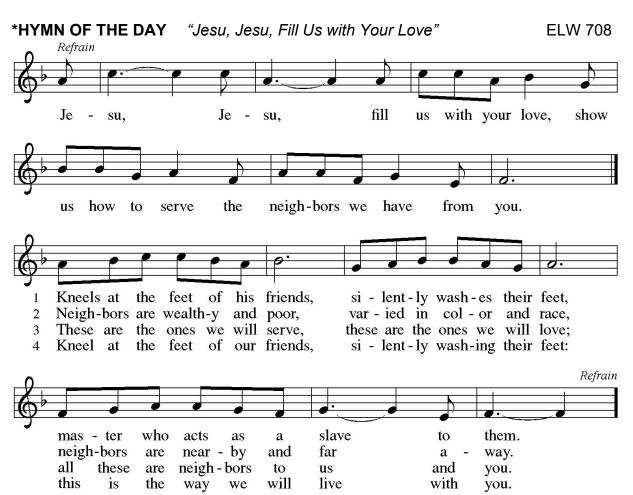
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Church leaders are dismissed to Children's Church and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON Pastor Dan Yeiser



*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 In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

OFFERING

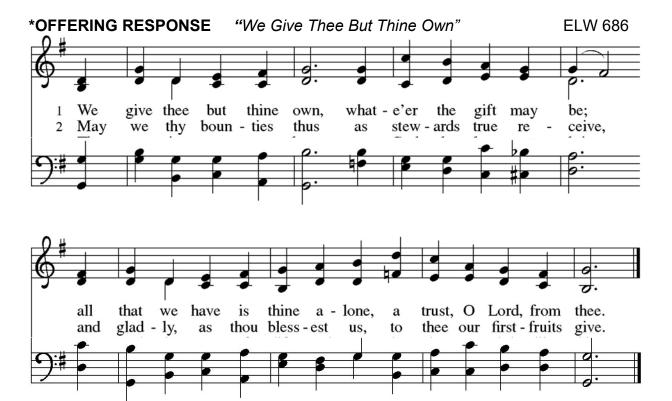
OFFERTORY SONG

"It Is Well With My Soul"
Flute Ensemble

Bliss

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 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.



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray,
 - Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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

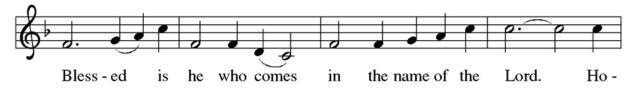
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

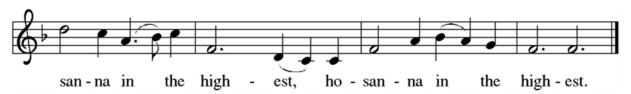






heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C 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.

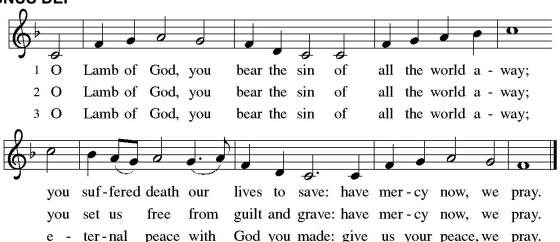
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

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

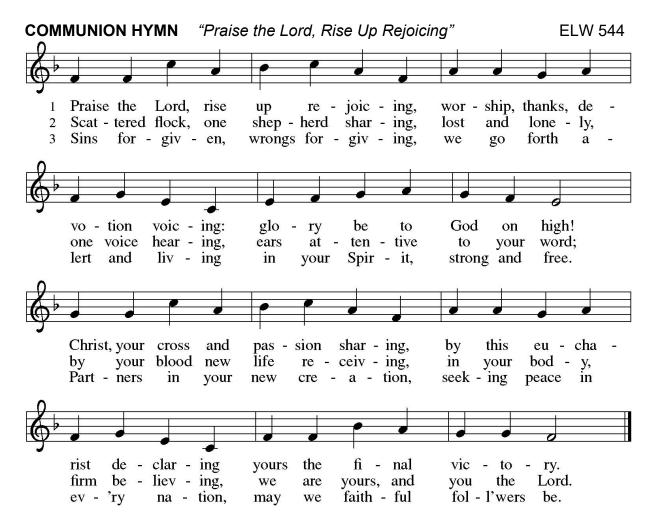


DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Sweet Hour"
Flute Ensemble

Bradbury



*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

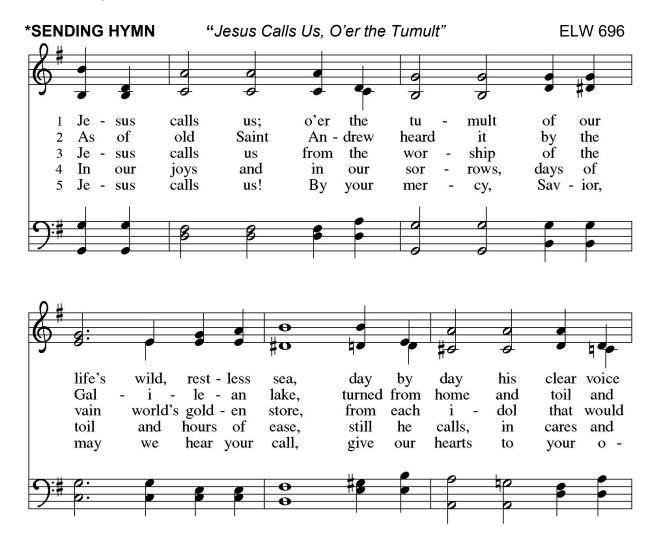
A Let us pray.

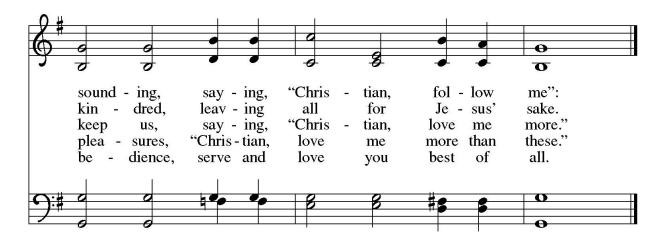
Parenting God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

*BLESSING

- P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior + Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
- C Amen.





*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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	July 13	July 20
Saturday night Worship	Russ Kaltreider (7/12)	Linda Zellers (7/19)
Substitute Organist	Becky Ellis	Becky Ellis
Assisting Minister:	Gretchen Walter	Frank Hueske
Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Leah Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Betty Sheets	Bill Sowers
Communion Distributors	Russ Kaltreider	Bill Sowers
	Maureen Kaltreider	Deb Sowers
Ushers:	Michael Kelly	Michael Kelly
	Sharon Kelly	Sharon Kelly
Altar:	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

THE RADIO BROADCAST, THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE AND THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of my father's, Ray Brown, birthday by Monna Brown Hormel.

^{*} Stand if you are able

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Beth Fissel's birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zellers, Jennifer, Bill and Jocelyn.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request). Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

JULY'S DESIGNATED GIVING - THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA - St. Paul's Members and Friends....this month our designated giving targets The Lutheran Camping Corp. of Central PA (Lutheran Camping.org). The Lutheran Camping Corp. includes both Nawakwa in Arendtsville, PA and Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA. We have the opportunity to support the Lutheran Camping Corp. with our Special Designated Giving this July. Please assist these wonderful camps with prayers and generous giving!

PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE OUTDOOR AREAS around the church building. We have bright red geraniums, donated for Pentecost, in boxes in the alcove on the front side of the church that would look lovely planted in the border beds. The beds themselves are also in need of weeding, and the shrubbery need a good trim. If you would be interested in volunteering to take on one (or all) of these tasks, please let the church office or someone on the property committee know. Thank you!

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

Radio–July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers- July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – Carmen Buckley, our Administrative Assistant, has Physical Therapy appointments on Tuesday mornings at 8 am for the next several weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

NO MORE SHOE BOXES NEEDED. Thank you for your overwhelming response.

Just a reminder that the Faith In Action Committee will again be **collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief in July and August**. We hope to fill 100 backpacks again this year. Keep you eyes open for sales to help with this event. Items needed are:

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks *" X10 1/2 " of wide-or college-lined paper
- 30 centimeter rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt Scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 16 or 24 boxed crayons
- 2 1/2 " erasers.

Boxes for items will be put out in the Hallway in July and August. Watch the bulletin and Evangels for more information on this event. St. Paul's always is so generous for this event. The Committee appreciates your effort. The Committee will again apply for a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of the backpacks and some supplies.

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB is having local author Buffy Andrews from York, PA come and speak to the group on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:30pm at the home of Cindy Selby. Buffy will talk about her book <u>Then Came Hope</u> and her newest published book. The group will meet at Church at 6:00 and car pool to Cindy's house. If you are interested in attending this or have any questions, please contact Janet Haack. We will meet again on **Wednesday**, **August 27**, **2025** at 12:45 in the Conference Room to discuss <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader

SUN., JULY 13	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
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TUES., JULY 15	5:30 pm	Lay Personnel and Property Committees - Lounge
WED., JULY 16	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
THUR., JULY 17	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym
FRI., JULY 18	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., JULY 19	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Book Club
07111,002110	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge
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	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., JULY 20	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
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Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
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	11:00 am	Private Function – Fellowship Hall

SISTERS IN FAITH...mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

