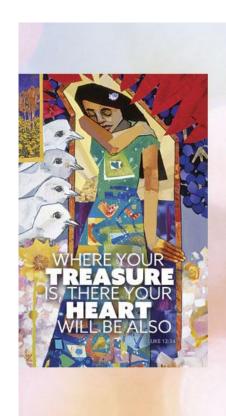
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 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

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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,

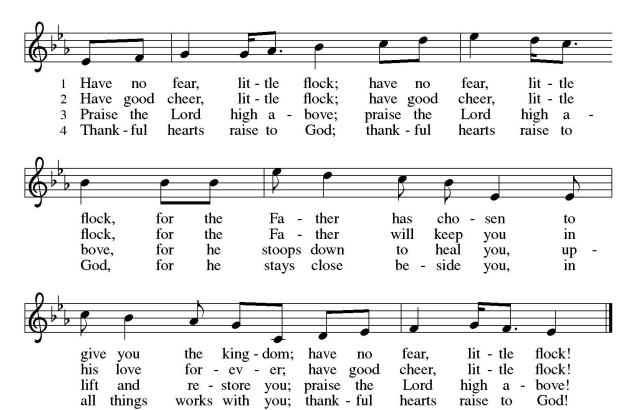
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. 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 + 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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

L The First Reading according to Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no

offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 33:12-22 read responsively

- A ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- C 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
 - ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
 - ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
 - ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
 - ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
 - ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
 - ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
 - ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
 - ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
 - ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God..

L The Second Reading according to Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

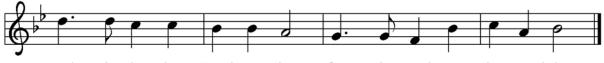




Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL** Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-40

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

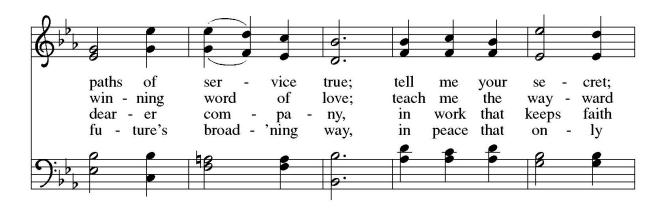
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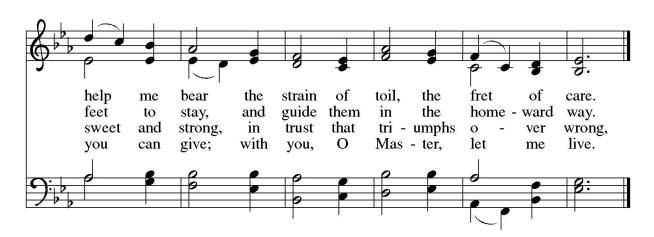
Pastor Dan Yeiser

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

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A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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.

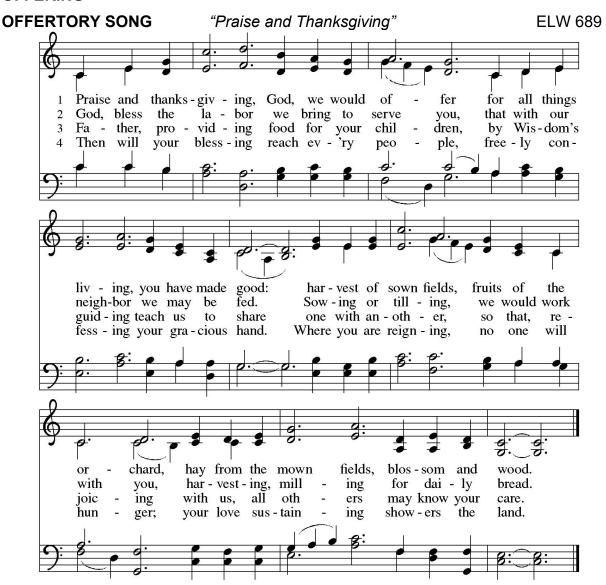
SHARING OF THE PEACE

- 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



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.





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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray, Merciful Father,

 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

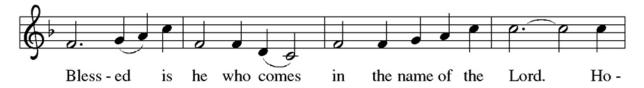
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.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

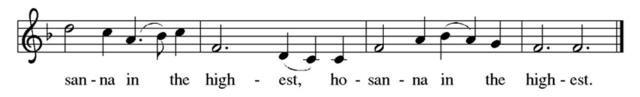
*SANCTUS





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.

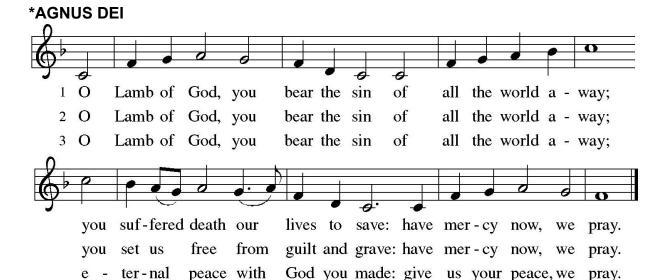
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

All are welcome to commune.

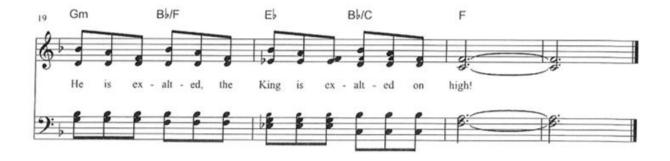
If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



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*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.



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

*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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	August 10	August 17
Saturday night Worship	Russ Kaltreider (8/9)	Pastor Dan Yeiser (8/16)
Assisting Minister:	Deb Sowers	Bill Sowers
Acolyte:	Leah Kaltreider	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Janet Haack	Dan Fuhrman
Communion Distributors	Mary Yohe	Glenn Alwine
	Suzanne Butler	Dan Fuhrman
Ushers:	Bob Colehouse	Bob Colehouse
	Dan Fuhrman	Dan Fuhrman
Altar:	Linda Knapp	Linda Knapp
	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace

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!

DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE CHURCH OFFICE will be on a flexible schedule for Monday and Friday so please call before you come in. In person hours will be kept on Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

^{*} Stand if you are able

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.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION – We have received everything we need to fill 108 backpacks this year. We will be packing the School Kits on September 7, 2025 at God's Work Our Hands Event after church. Hope to see you all there to help with this packing. Thank you for your constant support.

WE HAVE CHANGED INTERNET PROVIDERS so please use the following:

Carmen Buckley – Administrative Assistant
Use <u>assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>
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THANK YOU!

AUGUST'S DESIGNATED GIVING is for New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Wed.**, **Aug. 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. Any reader is invited to attend out meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

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

Radio-Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (2 vases at \$20 each) Communion Bread and Wine-Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 21 & 28 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins-Aug. 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame-Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS? On Saturday, September 20th (change of date from last week), a representative from York County's Office for the Aging will be at St. Paul's talking about the programs they have for seniors in York County. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 10:30am. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. This is a perfect time to learn more about programs that are available and to ask any questions you may have about them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office to help us with seating and handouts.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE - Our annual book sale will be held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th. **We will begin collecting books September 1st and can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall.** Books, DVD's, and Puzzles are accepted. This is our annual fundraiser and funds are used in support of our Youth. Our thanks to everyone for their past support and look forward to another successful year.

HANOVER AGAINST HUNGER - Mark your calendars! We are looking for 20 volunteers to participate in the Hanover Against Hunger food packaging event on Nov. 1 (afternoon shift). Look for more details and how to register in the September Evangel and in fall worship bulletins.

HANOVER TEXAS ROADHOUSE IS HELPING HANOVER AGAINST HUNGER

Have a great meal and help to feed others. Tell your server at Texas Road House in Hanover that you are there in support of Hanover Against Hunger. When you do, 10% of all designated Hanover Texas Roadhouse food / beverage (including alcohol) purchases, 10% of carry-out, and 10% of gift card purchases made in conjunction with your visit on:

- August 17 or 18
- September 7, 8, 21, or 22
- October 5. 6. 19 or 20

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, September 7. There will be a special worship service, followed by volunteer activities, ministry fair, and fellowship meal. Please sign up for the meal on the sheet located by the pastor's office OR call/email Carmen to let us know you plan to attend! We want to be sure to have enough for everyone!

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

	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Pentecost
ing Worship	
12:15 pm 6:00 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge Christian Ed. Committee – Conference Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym
3:00 pm	P.A.L. Team #3 Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Book Club Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
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God's work. Our hands. September 7, 2025

Special Worship
Service Projects & Ministry Fair
Faith Formation Kick-off
Fellowship Meal

