

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



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Rev. Jason Northridge, Senior Pastor
srpastor@stpaulsyorkst.org
717-467-1644

Rev. Dr. Daniel Yeiser, Visitation Pastor
pdyeiser06@gmail.com
717-634-4025

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus
Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries
Lori Rebling, Director of Hand Bells
Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music
Ministers: The Members of St. Paul's
Church Office: 717-637-5941
Email: assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org
Website: www.stpaulsyorkst.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulsyorkst

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.

Welcome to worship! Please be aware that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. As a result, your image or likeness may appear in the live broadcast or in recordings that are available online.

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.

+ 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST +
October 4, 2026

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

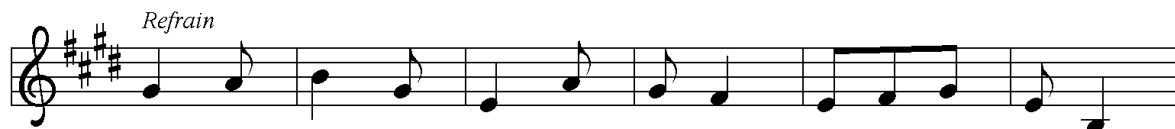
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

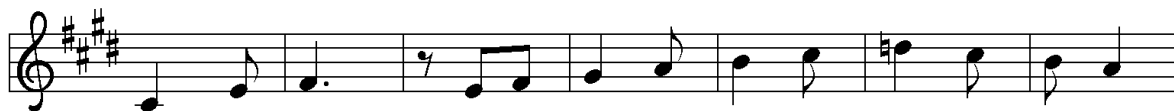
***GREETING**

- 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



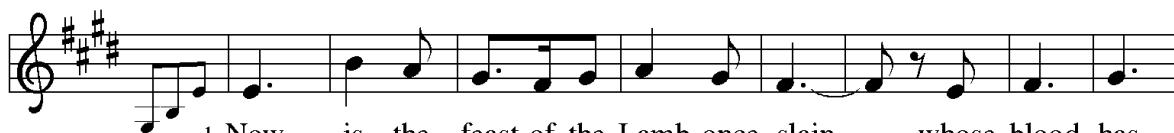
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Nora Weible

L Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

L The First Reading according to Isaiah, the 5th chapter.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;
he expected justice but saw bloodshed;
righteousness but heard a cry!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C ⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

A ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

C ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

A ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

C ¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

A ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C ¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

A ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

A Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

L The Second Reading according to Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

Following the Children’s Sermon, Children and Children’s Choir leaders are dismissed to Children’s Choir rehearsal and will return for the Offering.

SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away;
 a murderer they save,
 the prince of life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
 that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE

P These people have been appointed by the Congregation Council to serve on the Call Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

P St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all" (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

You have been appointed to a position of trust in this congregation. It will be your duty, in consultation with the bishop's office, to seek out an appropriate candidate for the position of Rostered Minister for Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. You must be faithful in your efforts, always respecting the concerns of the congregation while, at the same time, maintaining the integrity of the process. Above all else, you must be diligent in prayer so that God's will is done and it is God who is glorified by your efforts.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of this appointment?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these members of the Call Committee? Will you remember them in your prayers and respect their responsibilities and honor their efforts?

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Lord, bless this committee, its work, and its decisions, that through them we might all be strengthened to serve you. Bless each member of the committee, that he or she might have the compassion, wisdom, and energy to fulfill this responsibility. Keep us strong in faith and resolute in proclaiming the gospel to all people. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P I now declare you installed as the Call Committee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

C **Amen.**

***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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C 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

"Psalm 139"
Adult Choir

Pote

"Psalm 139" by Allen Pote

© 1992 Choristers Guild All Rights Reserved

Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under One License #A-707280.

All rights reserved.

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> or scan this QR Code 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 give.



*OFFERING RESPONSE

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Let us pray,
God of creation,
- C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



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

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C **We praise you, O God.**

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C **We bless you, O God.**

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C **We thank you, O God.**

P In the night in which he was handed over, 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C 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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C We hear his invitation and come to this table to receive his grace.

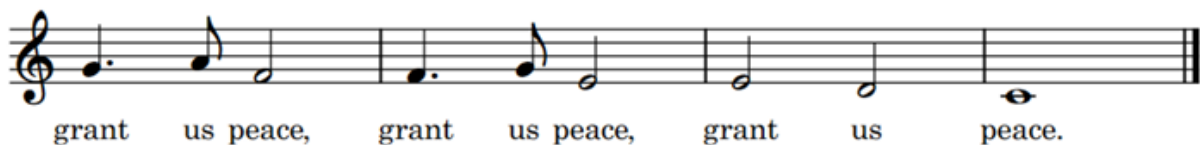
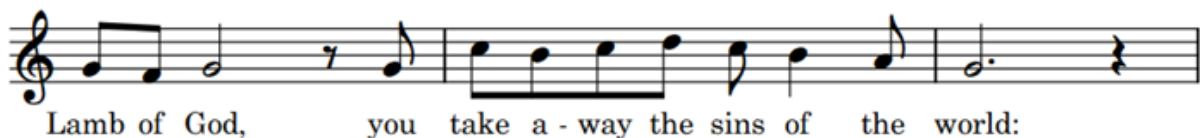
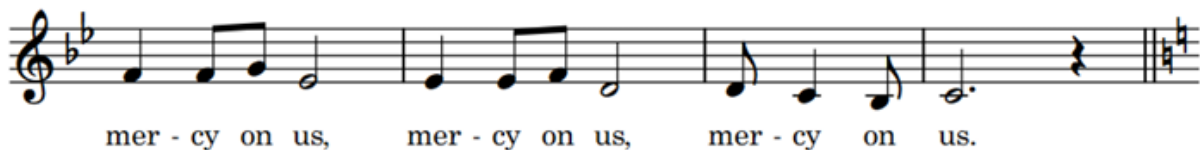
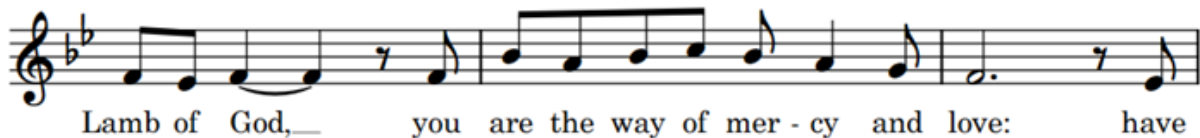
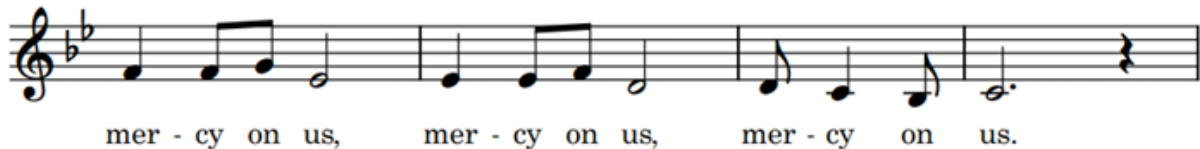
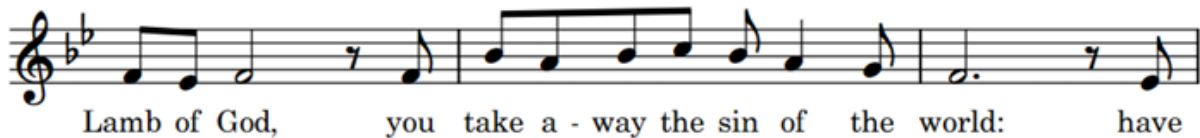
All are welcome to commune.

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

If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.

Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.

AGNUS DEI

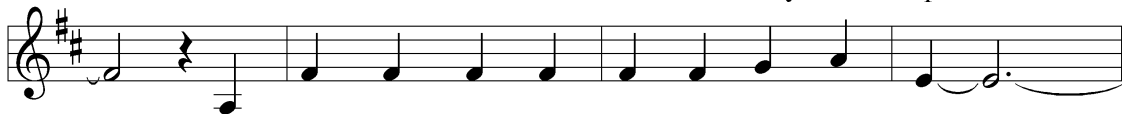


DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



Last time to coda 

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

Coda

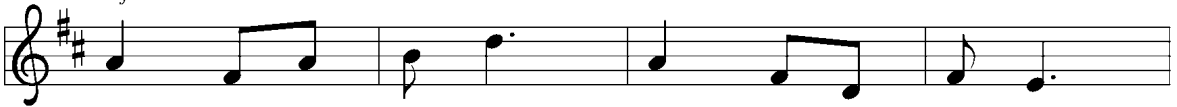
ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Thy Word"

CHORUS



Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un - to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un - to my path.

VERSE



1. When I feel — a - fraid, and I think I've lost — my way, still You're there right be -
2. I will not — for - get Your — love for me, — and yet my heart for - ev - er is



-side — me. Noth - ing will — I fear as — long as You — are near.
wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be — my guide and — hold me to — Your side;



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

***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.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



- sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



- bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



- lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.**
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are comfortable

Portions from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103665 "Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream some or all of the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-707280. All rights reserved."
"Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream some or all of the music in this service obtained from CCLI with license #A-779220. All rights reserve

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Pastor Jason Northridge (10/3)	Linda Zellers (10/10)
Lay Worship Leader		Frank Hueske
Assisting Minister	Bill Sowers	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Matthew Kaltreider	Nora Weible
Prayer Leader	Nora Weible	Dierks Wiles
Lay Reader	Christopher Johnson	Donna Lehman
Communion Distributors	Cindy Schmidt	Janet Haack
	Lucille Farrington	Suzanne Butler
Ushers	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson
	Christopher Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of John and Mary Reitz’s 60th Wedding Anniversary by children and grandchildren.

SISTERS IN FAITH RETREAT is gathering this weekend at Mar-Lu-Ridge for fellowship, study, and worship. Their theme is "I am Worthy" from the Women of the ELCA Summer Bible Study. We pray for them as they study God’s Word.

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

The **CHILDREN’S CHOIR** has resumed practices during worship and will be singing this month! If you are interested, please see Gretchen Walter for more information.

The **ADULT CHOIR** has begun rehearsing on Thursday evenings and continues to lead the congregation in music. If you are interested, please see Steven Ruppright for more information.

The **BELL CHOIR** has begun rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the balcony of the sanctuary. If you are interested, please see Lori Rebling for more information.

The **HERITAGE CHOIR** will be having their first rehearsal on October 17. If you are interested, please see Steven Ruppright for more information.

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

Radio-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Oct. 11, Nov. 1, 15, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each);

Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 8 (1 vase at \$20)

Communion Bread and Wine-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)

MEN IN MISSION BOOK SALE - The time is here to donate those used books on your shelf to the Men in Mission Used Book Sale. All donations may be placed in our Fellowship Hall next to the stage. If assistance is needed, please call the church office. The sale will be held on **Friday, October 16th 9am – 3pm and Saturday, October 17th 9am – 12 pm**. All books, DVD's, CD's, and puzzles with no missing pieces and in good condition, are accepted. Please no magazines or reference books. All funds collected are used to support our youth and other projects.

Join us as we celebrate **HARVEST HOME during our worship service** on October 18. We will give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received this year and share those blessings with others in our community. As part of our celebration, we invite you to bring food for the Grocery Ministry's Christmas Meal. We are especially looking for **boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, packets of brown gravy, yams or sweet potatoes, and green beans**. Donations can be brought to worship and placed up front by the altar. Your generosity will help provide a special Christmas meal for families in our community. Together, we give thanks for what God has given us by sharing our blessings with others.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has worked on the church directory. We look forward to seeing the photos of our congregation!

COME JOIN US ON OCTOBER 18TH in Fellowship Hall immediately following faith formation classes to bring in the season of Oktoberfest. Everyone can “Prost” using a mug of their favorite beer (root beer of course). There will be music, German food, contests and games for all ages. Feel free to dress the part as well. We ask that each family attending to bring a German themed dessert. This event will have a free-will offering to help offset the cost. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason’s office.

The **FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE** would like to thank all those who came to the God’s Work Our Hands Fair and helped us fill the 108 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. You did an amazing job in a short period of time. Thanks to those who filled the bags, those who monitored the filling of the bags and those who packed the bags in the boxes for shipping. Thanks also to all who donated items and money for this project. The boxes were delivered by Lori Rebling and Diana Leppo to Mechanicburg PA where the new collection site for Lutheran World Relief is now located. Without all your help none of this would have been accomplished. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS! - OUR LIVE NATIVITY returns on December 13th. We still have a few roles left to cast. Available speaking parts are **King Herod**, the **High Priest**, and the **Scribe. Wiseman #3**, a non-speaking part, is also available. We also need several extras to play shepherds, townspeople, and the angelic choir. Please speak to Lucille F., Bob C., or Russ K. if interested.

STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP - This workshop will be hosted by the Synod on October 17. This is for a variety of leaders from across our synod to participate in practical workshops in three areas of congregational life: Children, Youth & Family Ministry, Stewardship, and Governance. Choose the workshops that are most helpful for your ministry context and leave with ideas, resources, and tools you can use in your congregation.

There is no cost to attend; however, registration is requested. When you register, we’ll also ask you to indicate which workshops you’re most interested in attending. This will help us plan the morning and shape the workshop offerings around the interests of those joining us. Part of the LSS Growing Together Workshop Series, these gatherings are designed to grow and equip you for leadership in Christ’s church. Registration coming soon!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. PAUL’S, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason’s office. A new member class will be offered during Sunday school following worship on November 1.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, October 12 at 2:00 PM in the upstairs conference room with the representative from United Church Directories for the purpose of laying out the directory for publication.

NOTE: Any members or groups that still have photographs to turn in to be included in the directory must do so by **Wednesday, October 7, 2027, at 4:00 PM**. NO pictures will be accepted after that time. They should be sent to Jon Shaw at shawjw2024@gmail.com.

October's **DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to our sponsored church in Tanzania. Funds that we send to our sponsored church will greatly help them in establishing a building where they can worship along with other necessities for their use. In building a relationship with our sponsored church, we can help spread the word and love of our God, not only to the members of our community, but to people in another part of the world.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES - Our committee will once again be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Empty boxes can be found on the table outside of the pulpit entrance. Instructions for filling can be found inside each box. Please return your filled boxes on or before Sunday November 9th. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026** at 12:45pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing **The Collected Regrets of Clover** by Mikki Brammer. Kirkus Reveiws says" *This is a beautiful tale of a vulnerable, compassionate woman who finds that, in order to care for others, she must also let herself be cared for. Even that cliché feels moving, rather than saccharine, in Brammer's capable hands.*" In the book Clover becomes a death doula in New York City. Lorraine Mason, our discussion leader for this book, will be bringing Lori Brenizer, a death doula here in Hanover, to our meeting to help us understand just what a death doula's job is. You won't want to miss this book or this meeting. Remember to bring your brown bag lunch and a drink, Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

SUN., OCT. 4	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 19 th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
MON., OCT. 5	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor and Youth room
TUES., OCT 6	7:00 pm	“Traveling Light” Book Study – Fellowship Hall
WED., OCT. 7	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	5:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
THUR., OCT. 8	6:00 pm	Bell choir Rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Troop 102 – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
FRI., OCT. 9		PAL Team 2
	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – gym
SAT., OCT. 10	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – Boy Scout Troop 102
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service –
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 11	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 20 th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
		Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge