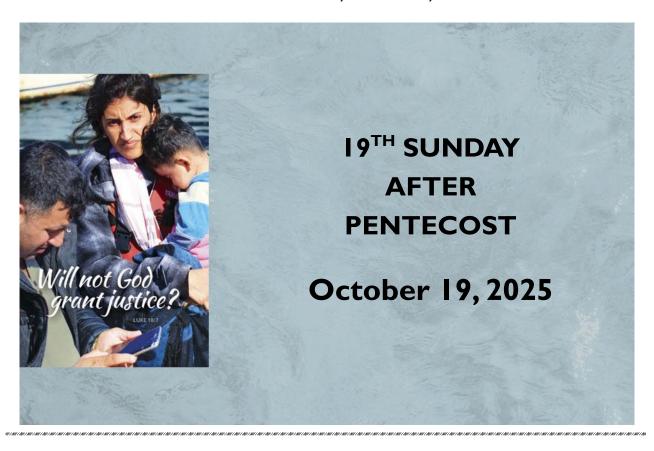
# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



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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.

# + 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + October 19, 2025

### INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

### THE GATHERING

# WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK Frank Hueske

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

## C Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

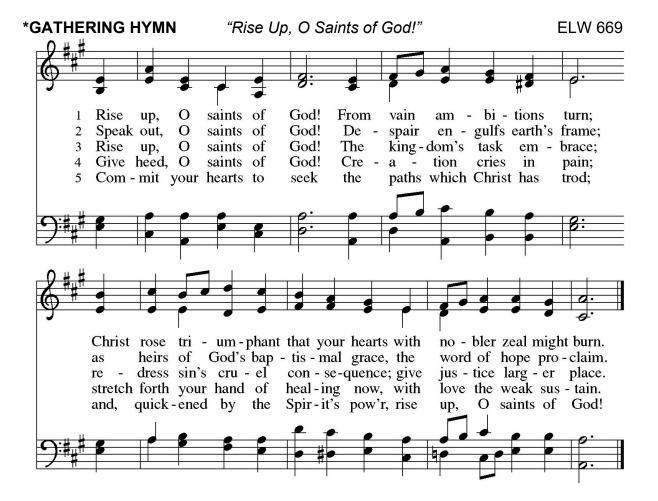
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

## Amen.

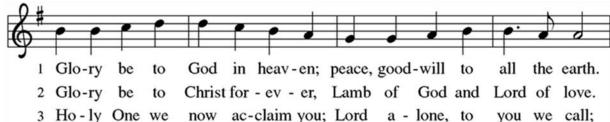
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.



## \*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





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, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

L The First Reading according to Genesis 32:22-31

22 The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent

them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 121 read responsively

- A <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- C <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
  - <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
  - <sup>4</sup> Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
  - <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
  - <sup>6</sup> the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
  - <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
  - <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

L The Second Reading according to 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.



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

\*GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but

later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

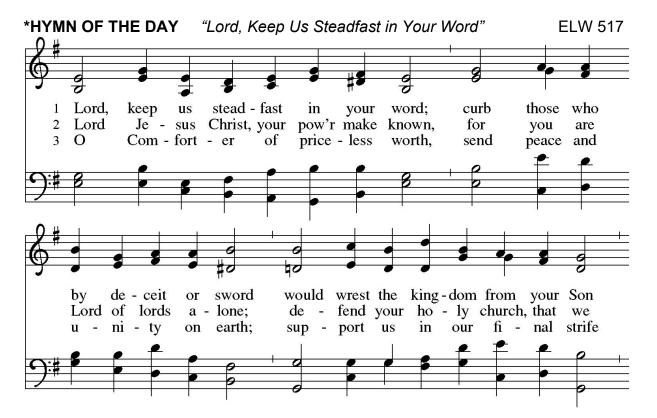
# C Praise to you, O Christ.

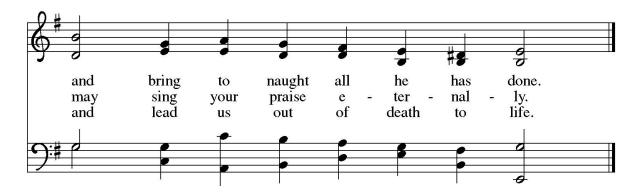
#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Offertory Anthem.

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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

We pray for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ANTHEM** 

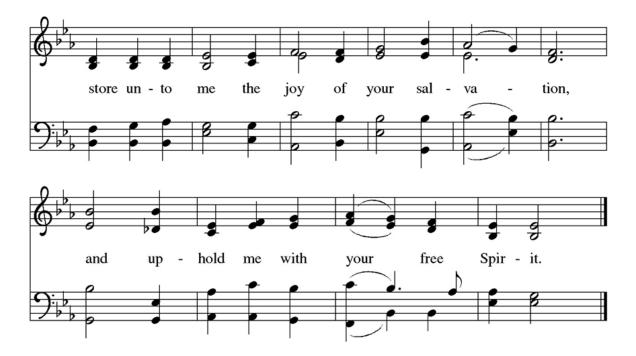
"I Need Thee Every Hour" Heritage Choir

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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 <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give</a> or scan the QR Code on the back page of this bulletin 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

A 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

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:

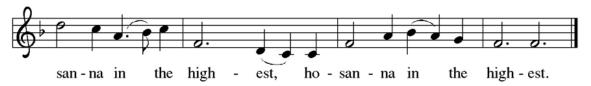
#### \*SANCTUS





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 glorv.

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.

#### \*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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome to commune.

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

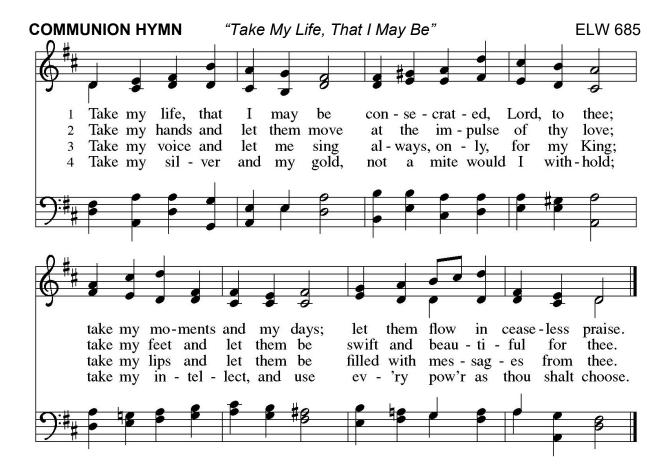
Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.





## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION





5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## \*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.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

#### \*BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.



#### \*DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

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	October 19	October 26
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers (10/18)	Russ Kaltreider (10/25)
Assisting Minister:	Deb Sowers	Donna Lehman
Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Nora Weible
Lay Reader:	Bill Sowers	Sherry Cracium-Bolin
Communion Distributors	Russ Kaltreider	Glenn Alwine
	Maureen Kaltreider	Sally Lovelace
Ushers:	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson
	Christopher Johnson	Christopher Johnson
Altar:	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (Linens)	Janet Haack (Linens)

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service.

**THANK YOU** to those who pitched in recently as Faith Formation teachers for our children! We are set till Advent. **BUT LOOKING AHEAD**, we are looking for preK help on Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. If we do not find leaders, we cannot provide a class for our littlest kids. Please contact Deb Sowers or the church office to volunteer.

PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

**OCTOBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to our sponsored Sister Congregation in Tanzania.

<sup>\*</sup> Stand if you are able

**INTERESTED IN MENTORING** our older youth (grades 6-12). We have a small team of youth who meet for Faith Formation each week. One Sunday a month is Confirmation ministry, but we're looking for adults who would serve on a team of rotating mentors the other 3 weeks. Our group will use "Faithlens", a publication of the ELCA, that focuses on a current news topic in a small group discussion format. We provide the materials for you and there is NO prep needed. You would select the weeks you could serve. Interested? Contact the church office or Deb Sowers to join our team!

CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS - Please note that St Paul's office hours are changing. The office will be open Tuesday - Thursday, 9AM - 4PM. The office will be open by appointment only on Mondays; however, phone calls, text messages, and emails will be answered and responded to by Carmen as appropriate. The office will be closed on Fridays. Only emergency phone messages and emails will be handled on Fridays. For access to the building during non-office hours, including Mondays and Fridays, you can request scheduled door access through Carmen by contacting her in a timely manner; or you can continue to use your swipe key. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have concerns or suggestions, please talk directly with Frank Hueske, Council President, or Peg Sennett, Lay Personnel Chair.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES** - It's that time of the year again to start filling boxes! Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes are available outside the pulpit entrance. Filled boxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, Nov. 9th. Any questions, please see Lori Rebling or any member of the Faith in Action Committee. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

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

Radio-Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Altar Flowers-Nov. 2, 9 & 30 (2 vases at \$20 each); Oct. 26, Nov. 16 & 23 (1 vase at \$20) Communion Bread and Wine-Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins- Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame-Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

LAST SUNDAY was a beautiful day for a walk! Our CROP walk team joined other walkers from the area walking around Codorus and raising money for world hunger. Our small but mighty team raised \$627 (double our goal!) and is still taking donations through this week. If you haven't yet contributed see Matthew or Leah Kaltreider, Jocelyn Fissel or Deb or Bill Sowers OR click on this QR code! Thanks!



HANOVER AGAINST HUNGER food packaging event is Nov. 1. Our St. Paul's team is looking for 8 more volunteers to join our team for the 11:30-1:30 shift. Sign up on the sheet outside of Pr. Dan's office. Wear your gold God's Work, Our Hands shirt or a Thrivent shirt if you have one!

**YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Scan the QR code to give online and support the mission and ministries of our church. Thank you for being a blessing!

SUN., OCT. 19 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ing Worship	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge Adult Choir II rehearsal
MON., OCT. 20	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
TUES., OCT. 21	10:30 am 7:00 pm	L.I.U. Class – Fellowship Hall "Anxious for Nothing" Book Study – Fellowship Hall
WED., OCT. 22	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
THUR., OCT. 23	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 om	Handbell Choir rehearsal Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth room and Gym Adult Choir 1 rehearsal
FRI., OCT. 24	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., OCT. 25	9:00 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Men in Mission – Perkins Restaurant Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed Saturday Evening Service Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 26 Immediately follow	8:30 am 9:30 am ing Worship	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Coffee Hour – lounge Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge Adult Choir II rehearsal