

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY
September 7, 2025**

INTRODUCTION

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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.**

***GATHERING HYMN** “*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*”

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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

***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.
Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

L The First Reading according to Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

read responsively

A ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

L The Second Reading according to Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to

the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

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

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

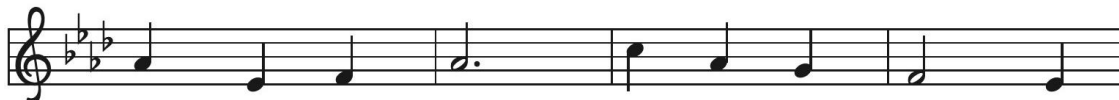
Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Church leaders are dismissed to Children's Church and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

*HYMN OF THE DAY

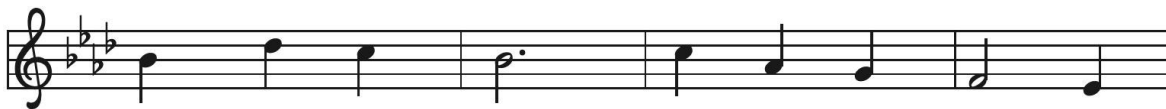
"God's Work, Our Hands"



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



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



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



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



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



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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*APOSTLES' CREED

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

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

A brief silence.

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

C **open our hands in love.**

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

open our hands in love.

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

open our hands in love.

God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness. Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions. God, we pray,

open our hands in love.

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

open our hands in love.

Here other intercessions may be offered

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

open our hands in love.

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

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Nanuma"

African Worship Song

Children's Choir

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.

*OFFERING RESPONSE

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Kirk Dearman

♩ = 108 D Em11 D/F# D7 G D/F# Em7 A7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;

The image shows a musical score for a song. It is written for a piano, with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 108. The chords indicated above the staff are D, Em11, D/F#, D7, G, D/F#, Em7, and A7. The lyrics are written below the staff.

5 D Em11 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 Gmaj7/A A7 D C/D D7

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we

9 G F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D Em7 D/F# D7 G Em7

of - fer up to You the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; And we of - fer up to

14 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 G/A A7 D

You the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

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*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.

INSTALLATION OF FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMATION BIBLES

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P 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...

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 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

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- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



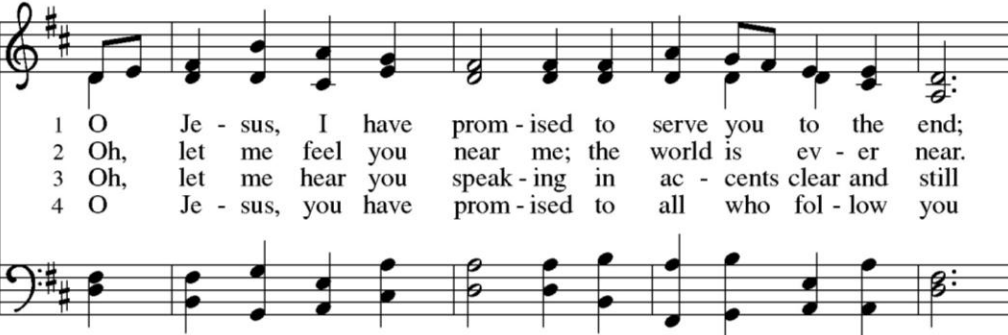
who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



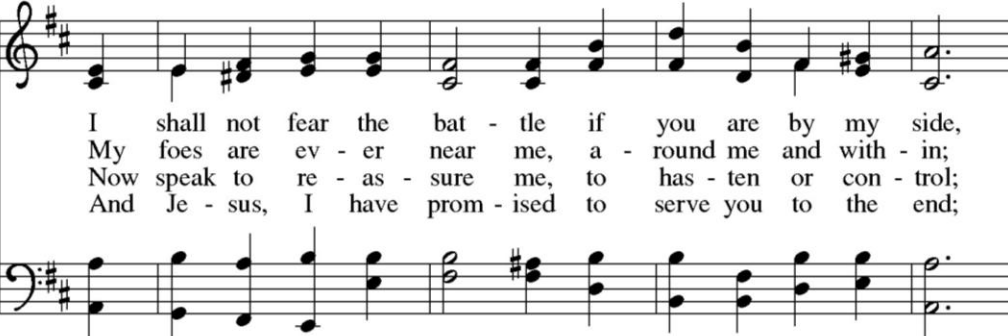
con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.



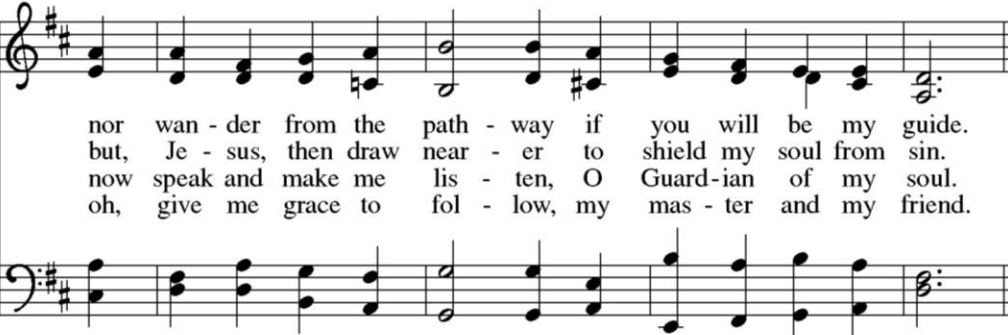
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

***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.

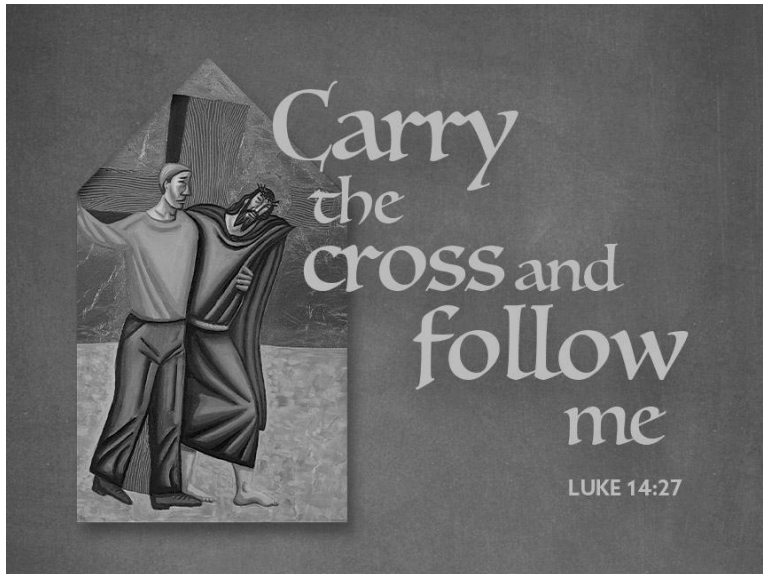
Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

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

C Amen.





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



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



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



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



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



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

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. You are God’s hands at work in the world!
C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able
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	<u>September 7</u>	<u>September 14</u>
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers (9/6)	Russ Kaltreider (9/13)
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Donna Lehman
Acolyte:	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader:	Christopher Johnson	Michelle Johnson
Communion Distributors	Suzanne Butler	Bill Sowers
	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Deb Sowers
Ushers:	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman
	Cindy Schmidt	Cindy Schmidt
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Ed and Eileen Myers by the family.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Matthew Kaltreider's 11th birthday on September 5 by his family.

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Leroy Zellers’ birthday on September 10th by Linda, Jen, Beth, Bill and Jocelyn.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Mary Kaltreider's 85th birthday on September 10.

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

THE PASTORAL CANDIDATE'S BIO HAS BEEN INSERTED IN THIS BULLETIN

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been moved up to Sunday, September 28, immediately following the worship service. The sole agenda item is to vote on the Pastoral candidate.

There will be a Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 27 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. We will **NOT** have a Saturday night service on Saturday, September 27, since we want everyone to attend the Sunday service to hear the candidate preach and preside at the service and stay for the voting.

HOMEBOUND VISITATION PROGRAM - I know that in the past some of you served as visitors to St. Paul's homebound members. We currently have about eighteen homebound members that I know would appreciate visits from their fellow disciples/members at St. Paul's. The current listing is on the bulletin board across from my office. Whether you are one of the recent visitors or would like to take part in this visitation ministry, please express your interest to Pastor Dan and/or Carmen in the office. Participants will visit one to three homebound members monthly and distribute communion to them. This program does not replace my pastoral visits but does supplement them. There will be a training session for all who would like to serve as visitors.

- Pastor Dan Yeiser

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.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THE CHURCH OFFICE will be on the following schedule: Mon. - 8 am – 12 pm, Tues., Wed., Thur. and Fri. - 9 am – 4 pm. **The church office will be closed for Carmen's vacation from Mon., Sept. 15th through Mon., Sept. 22nd.**

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING IS FOR LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – Texas Flooding

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

Radio—Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine—Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins— Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame— Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$10 each date)

2025 ANNUAL REPORTS are due in the church office no later than September 15th. Reports should reflect activity through August 31, 2025.

WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS? On **Saturday, September 20th**, 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.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025** at 12:45pm in the Conference Room on the second floor. We will be discussing The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhorn. This story takes place in Maine in 1789. Martha Ballard is a midwife and healer and is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell, Maine. Martha is summoned to examine a body that has been taken from the frozen Kennebec River and to determine the cause of death. Thus begins the story of the mysterious death of this person. Hope to see you at the meeting to discuss this wonderful historical novel.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE - Our annual book sale will be held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th. **We are now collecting books, DVD's and puzzles and they can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall.** 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.

OCTOBER BOOK STUDY - Do you feel weighed down with worry? Could you use some calm? Join us for a **Tuesday Evening Book Study** of ***Anxious for Nothing; Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*** by Max Lucado beginning October 7 at 7 PM in the conference room. This book will help us learn how to invite God to reframe the way we face our fears based on Philippians 4:6-7. Gay Dickson will facilitate the book study. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 21 so we may order your book.

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: September 7, 8, 21, or 22 and October 5, 6, 19 or 20

SISTERS IN FAITH - Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12. It's not too late to sign up. See Deb Sowers or call the church office at 717-637-5941.

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). There is a sign-up sheet on the board opposite the Pastor's Office. All ages are welcome! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office for more information.

SUN., SEPT. 7	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 13 th Sunday after Pentecost
		God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
		Installation of Faith Formation Teachers and Leaders
Immediately following Worship		Fellowship Meal and Service Projects-Fellowship Hall
MON., SEPT. 8	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 nd floor
TUES., SEPT. 9	10:30 am	L.I.U. Class – Fellowship Hall
WED., SEPT. 10	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting - lounge
THUR., SEPT. 11	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102
	7:00 om	Adult Choir 1 rehearsal
FRI., SEPT. 12	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., SEPT. 13	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – Boy Scout Troop 102
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., SEPT. 14	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 14 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
		Adult Choir II rehearsal

Church office will be closed Sept. 15 – 19 & 22 for Carmen's vacation

Please fill out the following 2-page survey, tear it out of this booklet and return it to St. Paul's. There is a box on the counter, outside the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, to drop the survey into or you can take a photo of both pages with your phone and email it to assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org. Extra copies are available on our website at www.stpaulsyorkst.org. Thank you for taking a few moments of your time to complete the survey.

Evangelism Survey

Evangelism means "sharing the Gospel." Do you believe that Jesus commands us to share the Gospel?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

How important do you think evangelism is for the Church (not just St. Paul's)?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

The next set of questions is about current evangelism ministries at St. Paul's.

How well does St. Paul's share the Gospel with the Hanover area community?

not well ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ very well

How important is St. Paul's radio ministry in sharing the Gospel?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

How important is Live Streaming the worship service in sharing the Gospel?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

How important is St. Paul's Facebook page (***NOT including Live Streaming***) in sharing the Gospel?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

How important is St. Paul's website (<https://stpaulsyorkst.org/>) in sharing the Gospel?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

How important is it for St. Paul's to expand evangelism efforts nationally and/or globally?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ the most important

The next set of questions is about evangelism programs from the past.

How effective was the Live Nativity in sharing the Gospel with the community?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ very effective

Would you like to see the Live Nativity return in the future?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

How effective was Dinner Church in sharing the Gospel with the community?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ very effective

Would you like to see Dinner Church return in the future?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

How effective was having a booth at Dutch Days/Snack Town Street Fair in sharing the Gospel?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ very effective

Would you like to see having a booth at Snack Town Street Fair return in the future?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Evangelism Survey

Do you have ideas or suggestions for Evangelism you would like to see St. Paul's pursue in the future? Please print.

The next set of questions is about your experiences.

How comfortable are you sharing your faith with others?

not at all ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ very comfortable

How could St. Paul's support you and/or help you become more comfortable sharing your faith?

Would you be interested in serving on the Evangelism Committee and/or willing to help with specific projects?

- ☐ Yes, I would like to serve on the committee.
- ☐ Yes, I would be interested in helping with specific projects. (no long-term commitment)
- ☐ Not at this time

* If you selected YES, please include your contact information below.

Contact Information *(optional)*

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

**Thank you for
your participation!**

