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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.

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.

+ GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY +
September 13, 2026

INTRODUCTION

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,
C **we confess to you all our sins.**
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
C **Amen.**



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



- 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.

*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 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dierks Wiles

L Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in wide love for a wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

L The First Reading according to Genesis, the 50th chapter.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- A ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- C ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all God's benefits—**
- A ³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases;
- C ⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- A ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- C ⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
 and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- A ⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
 and your works to the children of Israel.
- C ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- A ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
 nor will you keep your anger forever.
- C ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- A ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- C ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
 so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- A ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
 so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.
- A Holy wisdom, holy word.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 14th chapter.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L 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**

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 Offertory Anthem.

SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

***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 Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer
for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships
among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful
listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in
need. God of grace, we pray,

C hear us when we call.

A For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected
by climate change, ecological devastation and natural disasters. Prosper the
work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and
hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth. God of life, we
pray

C hear us when we call.

- A For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve. God of righteousness, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**
- A For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers. We pray for all, including those we name aloud or silently in our hearts... (*A brief silence.*) God of restoration, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**
- A For your work in our neighborhoods, towns and cities, we give thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may be left out or underserved. God of wisdom, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**
- A For your work in this worshiping community, we give thanks. Bless the service project of this day and our ministries throughout the year. Foster deeper connections among those who serve and a spirit of accompaniment as we work alongside those in our community. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. God of love, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**
- A For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands. Hold us in your presence now and always. God of heaven and earth, we pray,
C **hear us when we call.**
- A Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 SONG

"O Worship the King"
Lori Rebling/Steven Ruppright

arr. Martin

*"O Worship the King" arranged by Gilbert Martin
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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 <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** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* ELW 884

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system of music covers the lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;'. The second system covers 'praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray,
 Holy God,

C **giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and
the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life
and love in the world. 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 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 Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.

Seeing the lonely creature of earth, you created a partner that we would know the joy of community. Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but brought us into community with one another and with you, and guided us through your prophets. With endless patience and love, you called to us time and again to return to life with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

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.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world. Again, we beg:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, 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 Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*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**

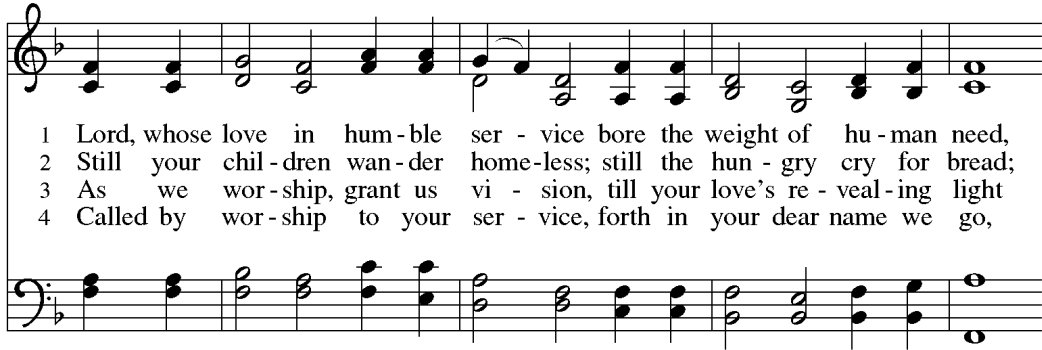


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

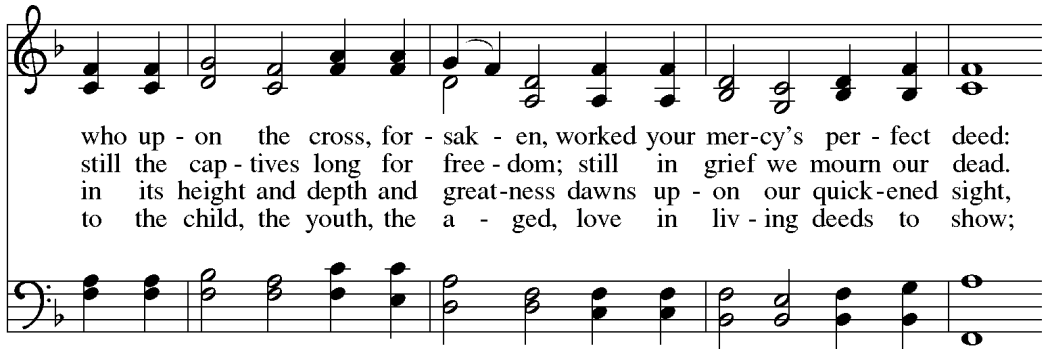


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

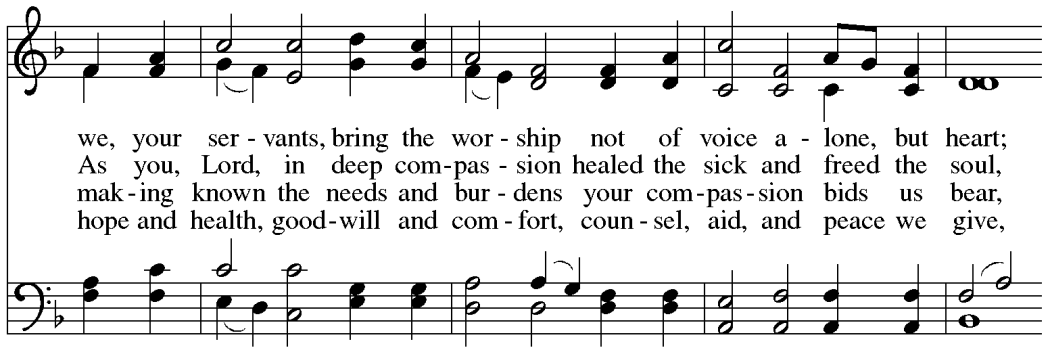
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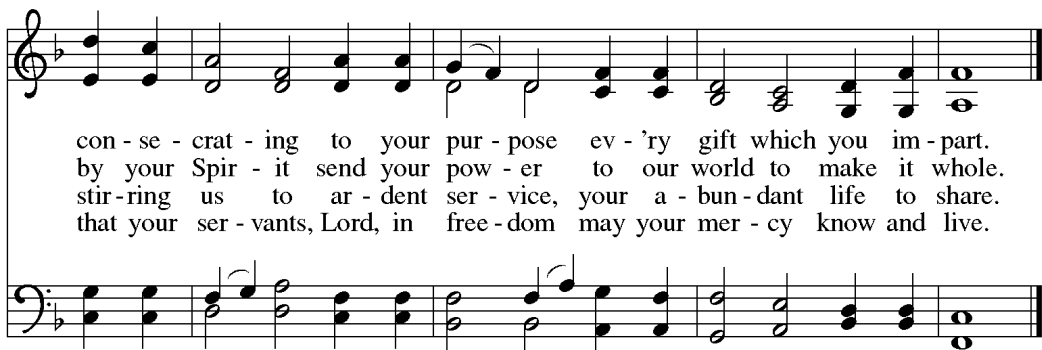
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



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 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 full - ness, 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 - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

***DISMISSAL**

A Heaven has come near. 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

*Please stand as you are comfortable

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	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 20</u>
Saturday Night Worship	Russ Kaltreider (9/12)	Linda Zellers (9/19)
Assisting Minister	Deb Sowers	Frank Hueske
Acolyte	Nora Weible	Dilynn Long
Prayer Leader	Dierkes Wiles	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader	Jon Shaw	Frank Hueske
Communion Distributors	Bill Sowers	Dan Fuhrman
	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Gretchen Walter
Ushers	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman
	Cindy Schmidt	Cindy Schmidt
Altar Committee	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (Linens)	Janet Haack (Linens)

THE RADIO BROADCAST, BOTH ALTAR VASES, COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE, WORSHIP BULLETINS and ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles McConville's birthday on September 14th by Pat McConville and family.

PENTECOST PRAYERS: The candle and pinwheel displays in the front of the sanctuary represent where members of our congregation see **LIGHT** in our world and **PRAYERS** that we lift to heaven, asking the Spirit to intercede for us. Thanks be to God!

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAYS. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge. **Wednesday, September 16th Devotions will be in the sanctuary.**

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY MINISTRY FAIR. Committees will have tables showing what they do and we will fill 108 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to all who filled out **TIME AND TALENT SHEETS**. If you missed God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday last week, you can still volunteer for the ministries of St. Paul's. There are extra Time and Talent Sheets on the welcome tables. Please return them to Pastor Jason as soon as possible. Thank you!

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** will be having their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 17. 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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS are happening this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure to arrive for your appointment!

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY! Next Sunday we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a welcome back to our Faith Formation year. Join us in food and fellowship as we learn about all that we have to offer for the fall and beyond. There is something for all ages!

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING - What began in 2012 as a congregational mission project initiated by a young man at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. has blossomed into a biennial community-wide service event. Residents of the great Hanover area from local businesses, service organizations, churches and neighborhoods join together to help feed school-age children with a food packaging event coordinated through "Rise Against Hunger". This is an event we held several times here at St. Paul's (although through "Harvest Pack")! The meals packed at St Matthew's have helped to feed children in Haiti, Columbia, Malawi, Liberia, Burundi, Zambia, and most recently Ukraine and Poland.

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

Radio-Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Sept. 27, Oct. 4 & 11 (2 vases at \$20 each);

Sept. 20 & Oct. 18 & 25 (1 vase at \$20)

Communion Bread and Wine-Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 11, 18 & 25 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$10 each date)

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Wed., **September 30, 2026** in the Conference Room at 12:45, right after the Wednesday Midweek service. The book we will be discussing is **The Change** by Kristin Miller. Peg Sennett will be the discussion leader for this book. Remember to bring a bag lunch and a drink. Hope to see everyone for a good discussion and good fellowship.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE A WEARY TRAVELER? Are you overburdened by the weight of carrying too many overpacked bags as you travel through life? Join us for a six-week Tuesday Evening Book Study facilitated by Gay Dickson beginning October 6 at 7 PM. We will read and discuss ***Traveling Light-Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*** by Max Lucado. The verses of Psalm 23 will help us to identify the burdens we carry and remind us to release them to God. **Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 20** so we may order your book.

SISTERS IN FAITH RETREAT is coming in a few weeks! On **Oct. 2-4** we will gather for a weekend at Mar-Lu-Ridge for fellowship, study, and worship. Our theme is "I am Worthy" from the Women of the ELCA Summer Bible Study. Cost is \$100 which includes lodging and food (scholarships are available). Friends are welcome! Contact Deb Sowers or the church office to register.

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.

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 LIVE NATIVITY NEEDS ANIMALS! The Evangelism Committee is searching for sheep, a donkey, and perhaps a calf for the Live Nativity on December 13. If you know someone who would have any of these animals available, please contact Lucille Farrington, Carmen, or Pastor Jason. Thank you! (Note: We are not looking for alpacas or llamas.)

I am pleased to announce that Church Council has elected the following members to serve on the Call Committee for the Youth, Family and Christian Education Rostered Minister:

Doug Riley (Council Liaison)

Lynne Thompson

Amanda (Louey) Wiles

Beth Fissel

Bill Sowers

Christopher Johnson

Thank you to everyone who reached out to us with an interest in serving on this committee. Let us all pray for and support this Committee.

Thank you and God’s blessings to all.

Frank Hueske - Council President

SUN., SEPT. 13	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 16 th Sunday after Pentecost God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
Immediately following worship		Assemble Backpacks and Ministry Fair – F.H. Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall
The church office will be closed for Carmen's vacation from Mon., Sept. 14th through Mon., Sept. 21st.		
MON., SEPT. 14	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor and Youth room
WED., SEPT. 16	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Sanctuary
	2:00 pm	Pictorial Directory Photos – Lounge and Nursery
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting – Conference Room, 2 nd floor
THUR., SEPT. 17	2:00 pm	Pictorial Directory Photos – Lounge and Nursery
	6:00 pm	Bellchoir Rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Troop 102 – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room and Gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
FRI., SEPT. 18		P.A.L. Team 1
	2:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep - gym
SAT., SEPT. 19	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry Distribution – St. Paul's Book Club
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service – Linda Zellers
	6:45 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., SEPT. 20	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM RALLY DAY
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Installation of Teachers
Immediately following worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge Faith Formation – Children and Youth - 2 nd floor Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge Confirmation Class – Youth Room

ST. PAUL'S USED BOOK SALE



Friday, Oct. 16

9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, Oct. 17th

9 AM – 12 PM

Proceeds benefit Youth Programs

We will begin collecting books September 1st and can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall. Books, DVD's, and Puzzles are accepted.