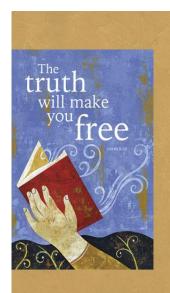
# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 26, 2025

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#### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

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

## **Our Purpose:**

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

# **Guiding Principles:**

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

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

# **Important Worship Notes**

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

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

P: Pastor C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

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

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### THE GATHERING

#### **WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK** 

Sherry Cracium-Bolin

#### \*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,

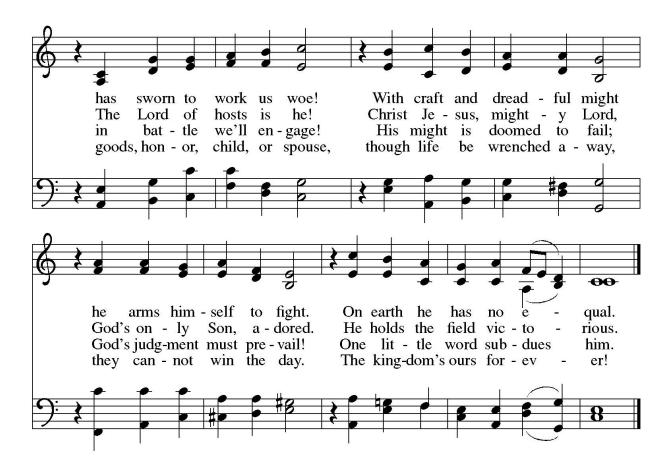
we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

#### 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.

## C Amen.





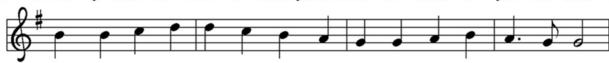
#### \*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love. 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

# P Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

#### THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

- L The First Reading according to Jeremiah 31:31-34
  - <sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 46 read responsively

- A God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
  - <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
  - <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
  - <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
  - <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
  - <sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
  - <sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
  - <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
  - <sup>10</sup> "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
  - <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

L The Second Reading according to Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

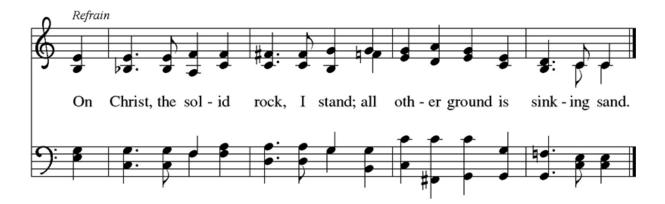
Pastor Dan Yeiser

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







#### \*NICENE CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. 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

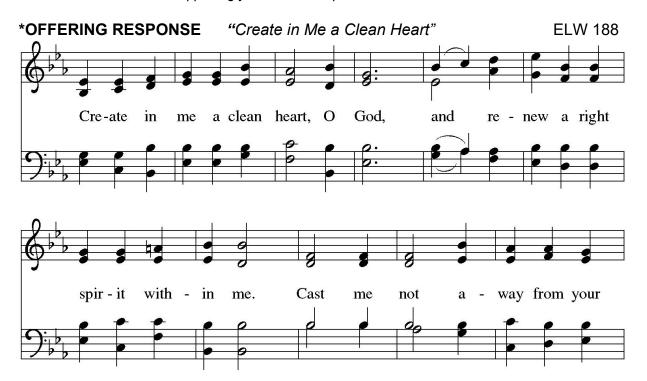
# "I Will Trust You, Lord" Children's Choir

Williams/Mayo

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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.

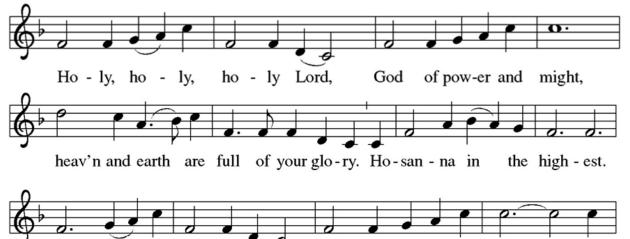
  We lift them to the Lord.

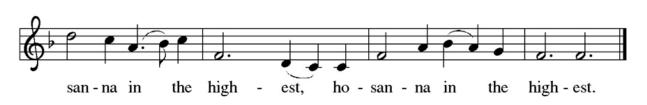
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

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:







in

the name of the

Lord.

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# \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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Bless - ed

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.

he who comes

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

  Amen.

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P 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.

## \*AGNUS DEI





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 ANTHEM** "Jesus Is the Living Stone" Adult Choir

McDonald

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#### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

#### \*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.
- C Amen.







## \*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 26	November 2
Saturday night Worship	Russ Kaltreider (10/25)	Pastor Dan Yeiser (11/1)
Assisting Minister:	Donna Lehman	Bill Sowers
Acolyte:	Nora Weible	Matthew Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Deb Sowers
Communion Distributors	Glenn Alwine	Frank Hueske
	Sally Lovelace	Deb Sowers
Ushers:	Russ Kaltreider	Sally Lovelace
	Frank Hueske	Karen Mummert
Altar:	Becki Davis	Amy Feeser
	Norma Lucabaugh Janet Haack (Linens)	Suzanne Butler

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron Witman on the first anniversary of his death by Joan and his family.

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST, ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS, THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE, THE WORSHIP BULLETINS and THE ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Markle by her husband, John and family.

**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.

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

**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!

**NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to ELCA World Hunger. As it has become a tradition here at St. Paul's, November is the month we emphasize our need to feed the hungry throughout the world. This is a daily problem for hundreds of millions of people all over the world. It does not have to be. There are many worthy organizations who are dedicated to feeding and educating those who have had little hope in the past. One of those is ELCA World Hunger. Yes, there will always be poor people in the world. Jesus said they will always be with us. But, he never said there will always be hungry people. There is a difference. It is our obligation as a Christian community to do whatever we are able to nourish those with the greatest needs. The basics we never even have to consider, food and clean water. As we prepare to enjoy our festive holidays, it is the prayer of St. Paul's Council that you will give, and that you will pray for those who receive our gifts.

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.

**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 12:45 in the Conference Room on the second floor. All are welcomed to attend the Book Club meeting for good discussion and fellowship. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink to enjoy while we talk. Hope to see you there.

**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!

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.

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

Radio–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); Nov. 16 & 23 (1 vase at \$20) Communion Bread and Wine-Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins-Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date) Eternal Flame-Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

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!

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

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
MON., OCT. 27	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
TUES., OCT. 28		L.I.U. Class – Fellowship Hall "Anxious for Nothing" Book Study – Fellowship Hall
WED., OCT. 29	12:15 pm 12:45 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge St. Paul's Book Club – Conference Room – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
THUR., OCT. 30		NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
FRI., OCT. 31	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
FRI., OCT. 31 SAT., NOV. 1	3:00 pm 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym  Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed Saturday Evening Service Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT