

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 187 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Offerings** Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

**Postlude** It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

**Restrooms** are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

**An AED/Defibrillator** unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

**The Nursery** is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

**Please be aware** that there is a rise in individuals loitering at church buildings and asking for money. This is panhandling and it is illegal. Please do not give money. Simply direct them to contact the Pastor at a time other than during worship. Thank you.

**Parents,** please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.

Today we would like to extend a special greeting to the Rev. Beth Martini, Assistant to the Bishop and our guest preacher for this Commitment Sunday.

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# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 22, 2023 Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM

TEMPLE TALK

Stewardship Committee

**PRELUDE** 

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

Stand

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands turning to face the Baptismal Font. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

# You Servants of God (ELW 825)



#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Sit

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 45:1-7 (back cover)

**PSALM** 10:30 AM Children's Choir *Psalm 96* Clayton/Fyock

CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 1:10 (back cover)

Stand

VERSE Sung by all





Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

(back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospei of the Lord.

Pastor Beth Martini

Sit SERMON

### Stand

#### APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

### A brief silence.

Faithful God, you bind us into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. We especially pray for the people in Israel and Palestine. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

We remember all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, or suffering (especially)...Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead us astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church leaders, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them in your unending kingdom. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Sit

**OFFERING** 8:00 AM How Marvelous God's Greatness Gerhard Krapf 10:30 AM Chancel Choir This is the Day Which the Lord Has Made Kent A. Newbury

### Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN Come to the Table (ELW 481)



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The gifts of bread and wine and monetary gifts are presented at the altar.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God,

as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

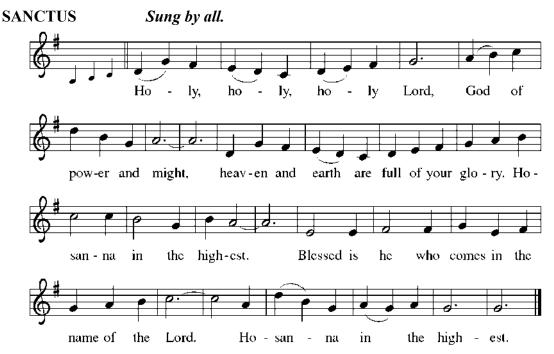
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE** The preface appropriate to the day is said.

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:



#### THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest

until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;

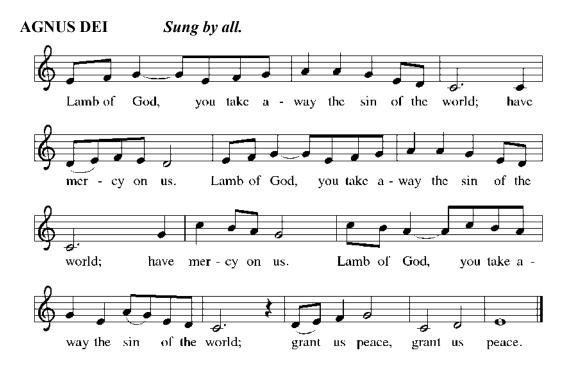
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

**FRACTION RITE** A brief silence is kept



*Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.* 

#### COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

# Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.
- 6. Consume the communion host.
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.
- 8. Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
- 10.Return to your pew using the side aisle.

### COMMUNION HYMN By Your Hand (ELW 469)



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun gry, lost, be reaved.



For these gifts we did not Ho-ly word and ho-ly wis-dom sat-is - fy our deep-est needs. In our liv - ing and our dy-ing, we be-come what we re-ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

#### Stand

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. Amen.

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





Aligning with our current lectionary scriptures using the gospel of Matthew, our Sunday Adult Christian Education class will begin with a five-week study of the book of Matthew. Several scriptures will be featured throughout the gospel narrative, and we will use a Book of Faith Series publication from Augsburg Fortress. Please join us for this deeper look into Matthew! Tristan Ericson will facilitate and the class will meet in Christ Hall located on the main level.

### Food Pantry—Fall

Food Pantry t

Items needed: Canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna & Peanut Butter. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry". Volunteers are needed Tuesday mornings to help our

nirector,

neighbors shop. Call Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.

#### Save the Dates November 12 & 19!

### Witness Committee is providing for a new photo directory, one where you do not sit through the sales pitch! Gretchen Nevin, local photographer, will be at St. Paul's on November 12 (7:30

a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and November 19 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) to take photographs. The photographs/directory will be different than ever before: photos will be taken Sunday morning when you are at the church for services, each photo session will be approximately 5 minutes, there will be no salesperson to try to sell you photographs, and the photo's will be sent to you as downloadable images. Arrangements will be made for those who don't have a computer. Patee will receive downloadable images as well for our new directory which will be printed in house. Convenient, painless, and no cost to you except for a few minutes of your time. All we need is your smiling face. You will be able to reserve a time slot on line on signupgenius.com. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAEAC2AAAF49-45117049-stpauls#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4BAEAC2AAAF49-45117049-stpauls#/</a> (St. Paul's Directory Photos). If you don't have a computer or have problems using signup genius, contact Earline Jones at 717-880-5208 and she will help to get you scheduled. It would be wonderful if we could get everyone to sign up.

Thanks,

Earline Jones, Witness Committee Chairperson

# Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE		Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	 Altar Set-up & Clean-up
10/22	8:00 AM	Ken Hinkle		Bob Reed			Kathleen Lemke, Ann Anstadt
		Aaron Jacobs	Tonya Cave	Jacklyn Kinkella		Steve & Sue Heistand, Alexis & June Heistand	Deb Becker, Isa- belle Lehr

#### This Week at St. Paul's

Church Office hours Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm

Sunday, October 22	Wednesday, October 25			
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave			
9:15 AM Brunch—Christ Hall	10:30 AM Bible Study– Christ Hall			
9:15 AM Sunday School for All	7:00 PM Mpuguso Trip—Christ Hall			
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream	Thursday, October 26			
Children's Choir	10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave			
11:30 AM Luncheon—Fellowship Room	6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Christ Hall			
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm	7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Music Room			
Monday, October 23	Saturday, October 28			
7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	10:00 AM Preschool Fall Festival			
Tuesday, October 24	Sunday, October 29 Reformation Sunday			
9:30 AM Food Pantry	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist			
12:30 PM Christian Ed—ZOOM	9:15 AM Sunday School for All			
6:00 PM Property Committee	10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream			
6:00 PM CREATE—Preschool thru Grade 6	6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm			

Please be sure to check with the church secretary *before* you schedule your meetings at the church.



St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry. Union collects 'gently used' clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it free of charge to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union's volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help.

Mission Trip to Tanzania—Our delegation has been assembled. We are blessed to have a group of 13 households comprised of 26 persons representing St. Paul's as we travel to our sister congregation next June. If you would like to help defray the cost of our delegation please use a special envelope located in the pew rack and mark it "Tanzania Trip Donation". Please remember that this is not a vacation, it is a mission trip. We do need help defraying the cost for participants.



### From bread and wine to bountiful giving: Sharing your time and talents with others

As part of this year's stewardship campaign, we are highlighting the work of church committees and ministries in hopes of recruiting new committee members willing to provide leadership for our communal life and mission.

Included with the bulletin is a Time & Ability Form and a Commitment Card. Please fill them out and deposit them in the offering bas-

kets along with your regular envelope or offering. Our hope is that you will be able to increase your financial support and join the fuller life of the congregation by serving in a particular area. We have highlighted: Altar Guild, Worship & Arts, Christian Education, Fellowship, Food Pantry and Mpuguso (Tanzania Mission).

Please do join us for fellowship following either the 8:00AM or 10:30AM liturgy. Brunch is served in Christ Hall (this level) after the 8:00AM service and lunch is served in the Fellowship Hall (Fellowship Hall lower level) after the 10:30AM service.

We extend our deep appreciation to Kirsten Barnes and Nicki Herdson for their leadership with our Stewardship emphasis. Know that you many talk with them at any time regarding Stewardship and the important role it has in our lives.

There are umbrellas left in the stand at the Springettsbury Ave. doors. Please check to see if one may belong to you!

Have you left some Tupperware or other serving trays after one of our events? Please look in the kitchen for your lost container.

**Victor Fields** will be the guest organist with the Central Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra in concert on Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm to be held in the sanctuary at First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford St. in Carlisle. Tickets can be purchased on the Symphony website.



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ruth N. Rhoads & Ervin R. Rhoads by their daughter; and in celebration of the birthday of my brother, Ronald E. Rhoads by Chloe R. Eichelberger

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me.

I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

### Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of

faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 or Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46.

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