



Consider the
Lilies of
the field,
how they grow!
If that is how
God clothes the
grass of the field
how much more
will He clothe you?

Matthew 6:28

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2024
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Musical Setting #4 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

Prelude

Gabriel Pierne'

Stand

CONFESSION

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

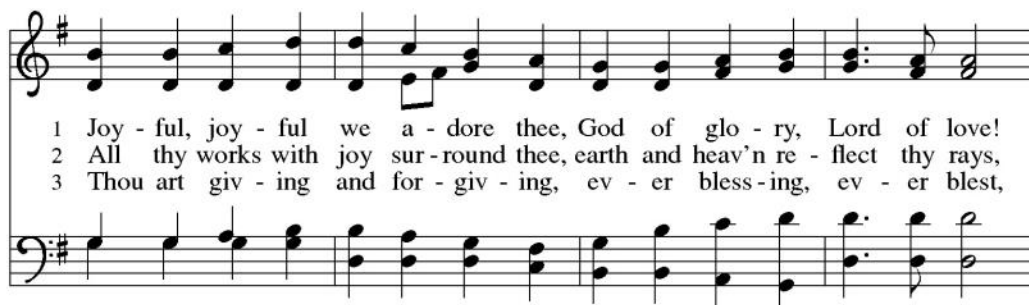
Amen.

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.

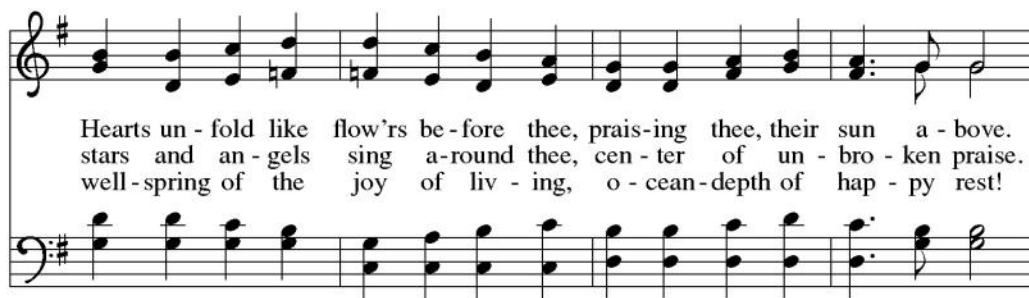
Amen.

Please turn to face the processional cross.

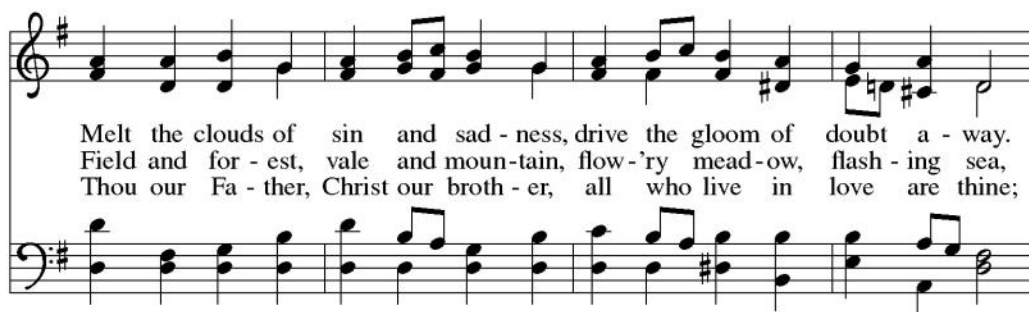
HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (ELW 836)


1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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

Let us pray. . . Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Bawao Wethu

arr. Nichols

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-3, 8-12

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁸Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! ⁹You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you! ¹⁰Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

PSALM Psalm 119:105-112 *sung unaccompanied Cantor/congregation*



- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern | to my feet*
and a light up- | on my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and | am determined***
to keep your | righteous judgments.
- ¹⁰⁷ I am | deeply troubled;*
- preserve my life, O LORD, according | to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute | of my lips,***
and teach | me your judgments.
- ¹⁰⁹ My life is always | in my hand,*
- yet I do not for- | get your law.
- ¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a | trap for me,***
but I have not strayed from | your commandments.
- ¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inherit- | ance forever;*
- truly, they are the joy | of my heart.
- ¹¹² **I have applied my heart to ful- | fill your statutes***
forever and | to the end.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Stand
VERSE

Sung by all



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:19-21, 25-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Richard Jorgensen

Stand

APOSTLES' 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 in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

We pray for the Church; for bishops, pastors, deacons and all who lead your people in the way of hope and salvation. Give them energy and compassion in their life's work. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of nations and peoples. Make them mindful of your ways of justice and peace. Endow leaders with hearts for compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Ease pain, and renew life for all who call upon you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. Through your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Help us to become joyful givers sharing abundantly from your bounty. Use us to extend and proclaim your love for all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet (*especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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 OF OUR GIFTS

8:00 AM

Aria

Flor Peeters

10:30 AM Chancel Choir *Fill Your Hearts with Joy and Gladness*

Sarah Quartel

Stand

OFFERTORY

The people come forward while singing the hymn placing their offerings and commitment cards in the large basket.

We Plow the Fields and Scatter (ELW 681)



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land.
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain.
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

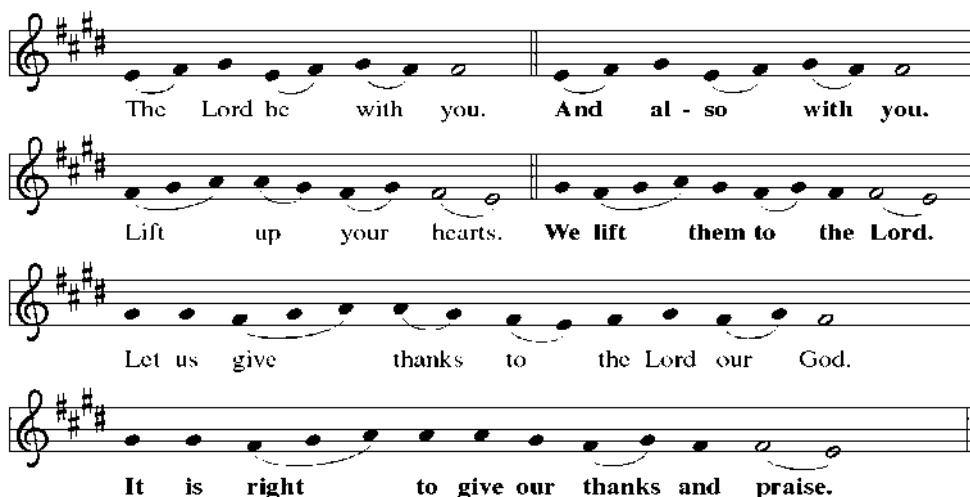


We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
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 *Sung by Pastor and congregation*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

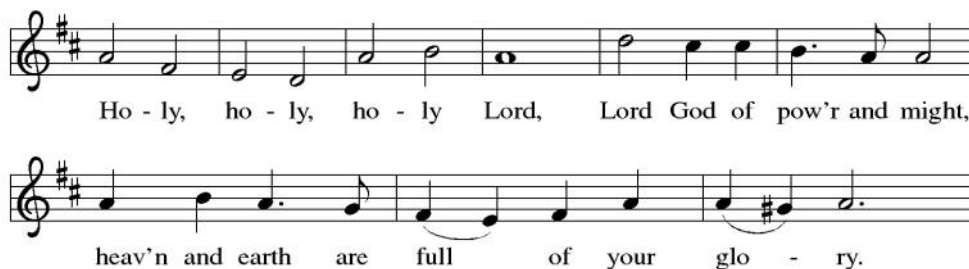
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Sung by all.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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 glory and honor 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*

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

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. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
3. Take your place along the chancel step.
4. The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.
5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
6. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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**

HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)


1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

Hermann Schroeder

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The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
In memory of my father, Floyd W. Egger, Sr. on his birthday by
Teresa Rohrbaugh and Family
And in loving memory of our fathers by Mike & Becky Bingham.

The Flower sign up sheet is now open for 2025.

Please sign up on the sheet on the Springettsbury entrance bulletin board
and fill out the sentiment sheet. One vase is \$35.00

Harvest Dinner

Saturday October 19, 2024

Make your reservations through the church office.

October 19th is the Harvest Dinner and Auction to benefit the ongoing work and needs of the Food Pantry. The cost of the dinner is \$125 per person. This includes the wine and beer pairings, a delicious gourmet meal, dessert, and the entertaining interactions as members and friends try to outbid one another for the original artwork and hand crafted items. And please remember there over 30 fabulous silent auction items!



For families within the congregation there is a parallel track available that evening providing childcare, dinner (a kid friendly menu) and activities for your child or children age 3 and up. Their part of the evening will be held on the upper level in the Youth Room. Advise the church office if you desire this for your child when you make your reservations. There is no charge for your child. The hope is that more of our St. Paul's families with younger children will be able to participate in the event and support the work of the Food Pantry.

The Harvest Dinner Committee has assembled a delightful array of items for the **Silent Auction to benefit St. Paul's Pantry**. All Items with descriptions can be found at the following link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kj5RvNC61sMqAwXK9>

Music and Create—Age 3 through Grade 6—Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

Welcome back to Music and Create! Please come and enjoy making art and music with your friends. We are looking forward to this opportunity for our families with young children to engage in music and art while also having the opportunity to connect with other families. The program is designed for children ages 3 through grade 6. We divide the children into two age groups, age 3 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 6.

St. Paul's Dinner Groups- A time for fellowship, food, and fun—Dinner Groups will be gathering in January and February. They are comprised of about 6-8 people who gather at the homes of church members and share appetizers, main course, and dessert. The focus is getting better acquainted with people of St. Paul's. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Springettsbury lobby bulletin board. Last day of sign-up is November 17th.

We thank Pastor Richard Jorgenson for Preaching for our 2024 Commitment Sunday.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Live stream	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Acolyte
10/6	8:00 AM	Ken Hinkle	Harrison Palmer	Jennifer Ports		Jim Mummert, Norma Shue	Team 3E: Sammy Barnes, Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder, Ken Hinkle	
	10:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Jaclyn Kinkella	Aaron Jacobs	Christian Barnes	Peggy & Carol Jacobs	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Pat Rudicille, Jerry Briggs	

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, October 6

Commitment Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Christ Hall

Monday, October 7

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Harvest Dinner Meeting
6:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Create—Preschool thru Grade 6

Wednesday, October 9

10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave
10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall
7:00 PM Mpuguso Mtg—Christ Hall

Thursday, October 10

10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave
6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Nave
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Choir Room

Sunday, October 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Jesse Tree Ornament for Children—Youth Room
9:15 AM Men's Group—Community Rm
9:15 AM Women's Group—Christ Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream
11:45 AM 2nd Sunday Sandwiches
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Christ Hall

Food Pantry News—We need **PEANUT BUTTER!** Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. **FOOD DONATIONS ONLY, PLEASE!** We are always in need of 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 also needed. Contact Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.

R&K Sub Fundraiser for St. Paul's Preschool

Order subs and pretzel sandwiches to help support the preschool! The money raised will be used for additional programs, updating materials and supplies for our students. Order forms are in today's bulletin. Please make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Preschool or provide cash in exact change. Turn in orders to the church office by October 25th. All sandwiches may be picked up on Tuesday, November 12th from 11:30-12 noon or 6-30 PM in the Good Shepard room.