

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 10, 2025 Holy Communion 9:15 AM Hymns from With One Voice (blue book)

PRELUDEJust a Closer Walk with TheeNorth American TraditionalOFFERINGJoshua Fought the Battle of JerichoAfrican American SpiritualPOSTLUDEDown By the RiversideTraditional Spiritual

ENTRANCE HYMN #718 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

COMMUNION HYMNS #699 Blessed Assurance

#696 I've Just Come from the Fountain

CLOSING HYMN #780 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PSALM PSALM 33:12-22

Sung unaccompanied Cantor/Congregation



12 Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!*

Happy the people he has chosen to | be his own!

13 The LORD looks | down from heaven,*

and beholds all the people | in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he | turns his gaze* on all who dwell | on the earth.

15 He fashions all the | hearts of them* and understands | all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a | mighty army;* a strong man is not delivered by | his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope | for deliverance;*

for all its strength it | cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon | those who fear him,*
on those who wait up- | on his love,

19 to pluck their | lives from death,*

and to feed them in | time of famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoic- es in him,*
for in his holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,*
as we have put our | trust in you.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon-Thurs 8:00 am-3:30 pm Fri 8:00-11:30 am

Sunday, August 10

Holy Eucharist—Live Stream

Jazz Ensemble

10:30 AM

9:15 AM

Summer Fellowship

6:30 PM

AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, August 11

6:00 PM

Finance Committee

Tuesday, August 12 Council Reports due to Secretary

9:30 AM Pantry

Sunday, August 17 Newsletter Deadline

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream

10:30 AM Summer Fellowship

10:30 AM Christian Ed Meeting

6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm



The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of Richard & Margaret Martin by Tom Martin.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	}	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Bread Bakers	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
8/10		Patty Snyder	Ephraim Lipp	Scott Herdson	Ru-	Scott & Justine Donaldson, Tris- tan & Jessica Ericson	Team 2L: Kem Vaught, Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Larry & Janet Moore

The Umbrella Stand at the Springettsbury Ave. entrance is overflowing! Please take a moment to see if you have left an umbrella to retrieve before they are donated. Thank you.

We are counting down to September 7 when we assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please bring some items with you next week and help us reach our goal. Currently we have enough to complete 2 dozen kits.

Please help with Sunday Fellowship by making a breakfast/brunch baked item or a vegetable or tray of fruit. There is a sign-up sheet on the stand by the office door in the Good Shepherd Room.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters: The St. Paul's Women's Group will be meeting for a time of fellowship and scarf making at the Panera in West York at 5:30 on Tuesday August 19. If you are interested in attending either of this gathering, please reach out to Alexis Heistand.

If you have sponsored altar flowers please remember to give the church secretary the sentiment you want printed in the bulletin by the Tuesday before the flower date.

St. Paul's Book Club meets August 21 at 3:00PM in the Good Shepherd Room.

With One Voice Hymnal for summer—The blue worship book With One Voice has been placed in the pew along with a service folder containing the liturgy, texts and music. The hymn numbers and readings for the week are printed in the weekly bulletin cover.

Thank you to the members of the Jazz Ensemble for making this morning's liturgy so lively!

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as

good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."