

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

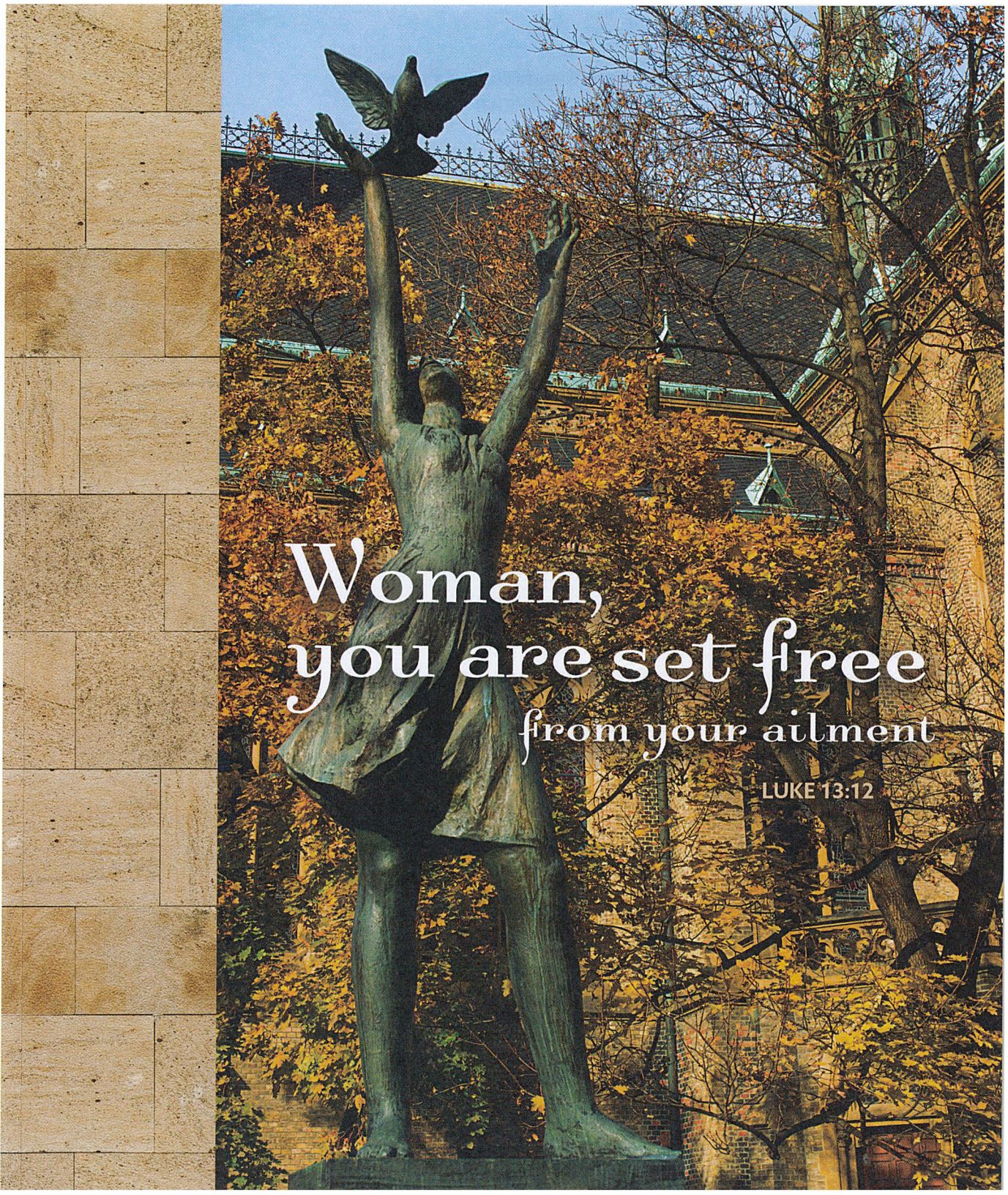
¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your
own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the
earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalms 103:1-8

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29
You have not come to something that can be
touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a
voice whose words made the hearers beg that not an-
other word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not
endure the order that was given, “If even an animal
touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”
²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said,
“I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount
Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly

Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gath-
ering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are
enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and
to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and
to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the
sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the
blood of Abel.
²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speak-
ing; for if they did not escape when they refused the
one who warned them on earth, how much less will
we escape if we reject the one who warns from heav-
en! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now
he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not
only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase,
“Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is
shaken—that is, created things—so that what can-
not be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are
receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us
give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable
worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our
God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17
Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues
on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a
woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eigh-
teen years. She was bent over and was quite un-
able to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he
called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free
from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on
her, immediately she stood up straight and began
praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue,
indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath,
kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on
which work ought to be done; come on those days
and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the
Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does
not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his
donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give
it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter
of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long
years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath
day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were
put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at
all the wonderful things that he was doing.



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 24, 2025
Holy Communion 9:15 AM
Hymns from With One Voice (blue book)

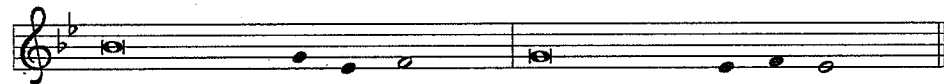
PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Seth Bingham
OFFERING *Now Thank thee All Our God* Robert Hobby
POSTLUDE *Toccata Giocosa* Gilbert Martin

ENTRANCE HYMN #742 *Come We That Love the Lord*
COMMUNION HYMNS #705 *As the Grains of Wheat*
CLOSING HYMN #624 *Now, Lord. You Let Your Servant Go in Peace*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

PSALM PSALM 103:1-8 Sung unaccompanied responsively Cantor/Congregation



- ¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.
- ² Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and forget not | all his benefits.
- ³ He forgives | all your sins*
and heals all | your infirmities;
- ⁴ he redeems your life | from the grave*
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;
- ⁵ he satisfies you | with good things,*
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD ex- | ecutes righteousness*
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made his ways | known to Moses*
and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ The LORD is full of compas- | sion and mercy,*
slow to anger and | of great kindness.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 am–3:30 pm, Fri Office closed

Sunday, August 24

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
10:30 AM Benevolence Committee—Christ Hall
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, August 25

9:00 AM Fellowship Committee Mtg.
7:00 PM Mutual Ministry

Tuesday, August 26

9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Property Committee—Christ Hall

Friday, August 29 Office Closed

Sunday, August 31 Last Combined Summer Service

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, September 1—Labor Day—Office Closed



*The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God
In loving memory of Gene R. Shue
by Norma Shue & Family*

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Bread Bakers	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
8/17	9:15 AM	Jennifer Ports	Harrison Palmer	Nancy Bennett	Norma Shue	Mike & Linda Hanson, Alexis & June Heistand	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Kathleen Lemke

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

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.

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.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall resumes on September 3rd.

The Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir resume Thursday rehearsals on September 4th.

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.