

## 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 189 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 or use the QR Code provided.

**Restrooms** are located 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. The restrooms are independent units. Please remember to latch the door.

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



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**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.

We ask parents to accompany their children to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.



## The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God In loving memory of my husband Don and our son Allan by Norma Fay Ely Spencer and in loving memory of Ivy Jo Jacobs by her family Carl, Peggy, Leah, Aaron and Pearl Jacobs

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## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 19, 2025 Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship musical setting 3

**PRELUDE** Let Streams of Living Justice Flow Lyle Neff

**TEMPLE TALK** "Servants of Christ" Keith Kates, Council President

# Stand turning to face the font CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Beloved of the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins.

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,

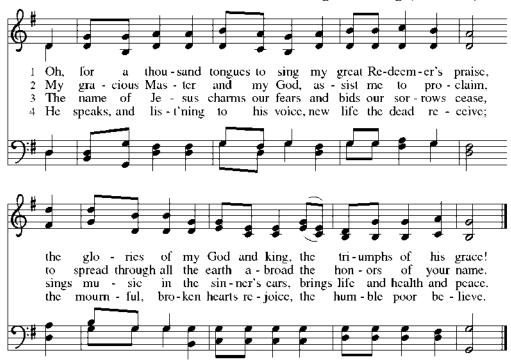
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

## Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

### 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. . . 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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** This Is What I Seek (Psalm 27:4)

All Things Bright and Beautiful ed. Katie Houts

FIRST READING Genesis 32:22-31 (back cover)

## **PSALM Psalm 121**

Sung Cantor/Congregation unaccompanied.



<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;\*

from where is my | help to come?

My help comes | from the LORD,\*

the maker of heav- | en and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your | foot be moved\*

and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel\* shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

5 the LORD himself watches | over you;\*
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,

6 so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,\*
nor the | moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;\* it is he who shall | keep you safe.

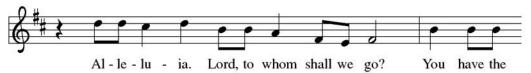
<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,\* from this time forth for- | evermore.

## **SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3:14 —4:5

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## Stand VERSE





#### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8 (back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing denominations and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We pray for the church universal. Bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. Grant our elected officials President Trump and Governor Shapiro humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (especially). God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation. Encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, and help us advocate for those who have need. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. We thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ (especially). 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.

#### **BLESSING OF WINTER SCARVES**

## PEACE

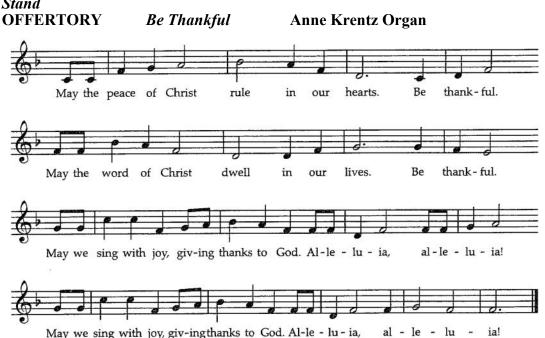
The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Sit

#### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Thomas Keesecker 8:00 AM Piano Chancel Choir Teach Me O Lord Thomas Atwood 10:30 AM

## Stand



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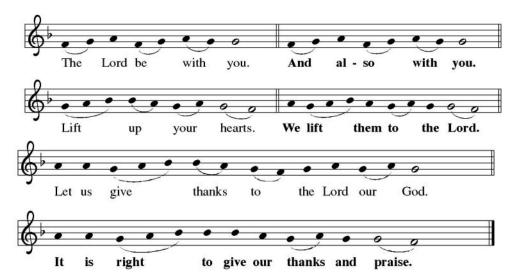
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#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **DIALOGUE** Sung by Pastor and congregation



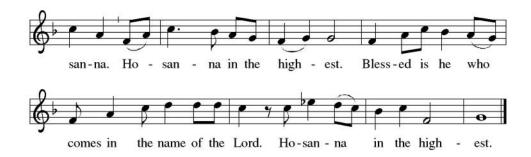
## **PREFACE** The preface appropriate to the day is sung.

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:

### **SANCTUS**



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### THANKSGIVING

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. 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. **Amen.** 

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

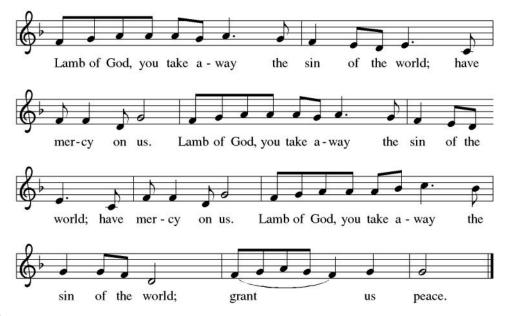
#### FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



# Sit COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion 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 bread 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 Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)





#### 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



#### **DISMISSAL**

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

Sit

**POSTLUDE** Toccata

Samuel Ducommun

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

Church office open Tues-Thurs 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, O	Sunday, October 19		Thursday, October 23		
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM	Preschool with Pastor		
9:15 AM	Sunday School for all	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir		
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist—Live Stream	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir		
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm		Saturday, October 25			
Monday, O	ctober 20	10:00 AM	Preschool Fall Festival		
6:30 PM Council Mtg—Christ Hall		Sunday, October 26 Reformation Sunday			
Tuesday, C	October 21	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist		
9:30 AM Pantry		9:15 AM	Sunday School for all		
6:00 PM	Create—Preschool thru Grade 6	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist—Live Stream		
6:00 PM	Bible Study—Christ Hall	11:45 AM	Stewardship Dinner—Fellowship Hall		
Wednesda	y, October 22	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class		
10:00 AM	Preschool with Pastor	6:30 PM	AA Meeting—Community Rm		
10:30 AM	Bible Study—Christ Hall		-		

## Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
10-19		Harrison Palmer	Lois Ann Schroeder		Team 2E: Ron Riese, Kathy Monk, Ken Hinkle, Alex Bastian	Pat Scarborough, Kathleen Lemke
	George Fitch	-		Alexis Heistand	Team 2L: Kem Vaught, Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dicken- sheets	Larry & Janet Moore



Food Pantry Needs: 2 pound bags of Rice, Pinto Beans in cans, Peanut Butter. Monetary donations can be placed in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

**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 in the Good Shepherd room. Last day of sign-up in November 16th.

Appointments are limited so sign up ASAP. For families who may want a Christmas Card, you can order them when you review your photos. And remember that the 8 X 10 family portrait is free!



# ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY

- 1. Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- 2. Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- 3. Enter your church code pal207
- 4. Enter your church password photos
- 5. Click on the Enter button
- 6. Click on the desired photography date
- 7. Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- 8. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- 9. Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- 10. If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- 11. Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- 12. Contact your church's online scheduling administrator to change or cancel your photography appointment
- 13. If for some reason you cannot be photographed on November 3rd or 4th please let the church office know so that we can arrange for another option. Thank you.

**Tuesday night Bible Study** 6-7 PM in Christ Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 AM in Christ Hall has resumed.

Confirmation Class Sundays, 6:00 PM

**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.

**Consecration Sunday, October 26,** dinner reservation cards will be provided by the ushers. Please complete one per household and return to the offering plate. Thank you.

## **Blessing of Scarves for Pantry Shoppers**

## Today, October 19th

Over the summer months knitters from our congregation have been busy creating beautiful winter scarves for distribution to our Pantry Shoppers. It is a delight to see so many beautiful creations being dropped off at the church office. We celebrate the time and



talent given to make these scarves. On Sunday 19 October we will have special prayers; for those who are in need, for the generosity of those who knit and crochet, for the tangible sign of reaching out in love to our neighbors. Join us in worship as we give thanks to God and prepare to give away handmade winter scarves for pantry shoppers.

**St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry** and your help is requested. 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. If you have large do



are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help. If you have large donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.



## **R&K Sub Fundraiser 2025**

St. Paul's Preschool

## Pick up an Order form at Nave doors

Fall is here and so are busy sports schedules and outdoor activities. Tired of trying to make dinner in between the hustle and bustle? Have no fear, our R&K Sandwich fundraiser is near! The preschool will be selling R&K Subs and Pretzel sandwiches to help raise money for new gym equipment. The preschool will make close to 50% profit on each sub or sandwich purchased *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 Friday, October 31st. All sandwiches will need to be picked up Tuesday, November 11th between 11:30 am - 12:00 pm or 6:00-6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Allison at 717-515-2398.

## FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

## Psalm 121

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from child-hood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God

may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." 6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 *OR* **20th Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 or Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

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