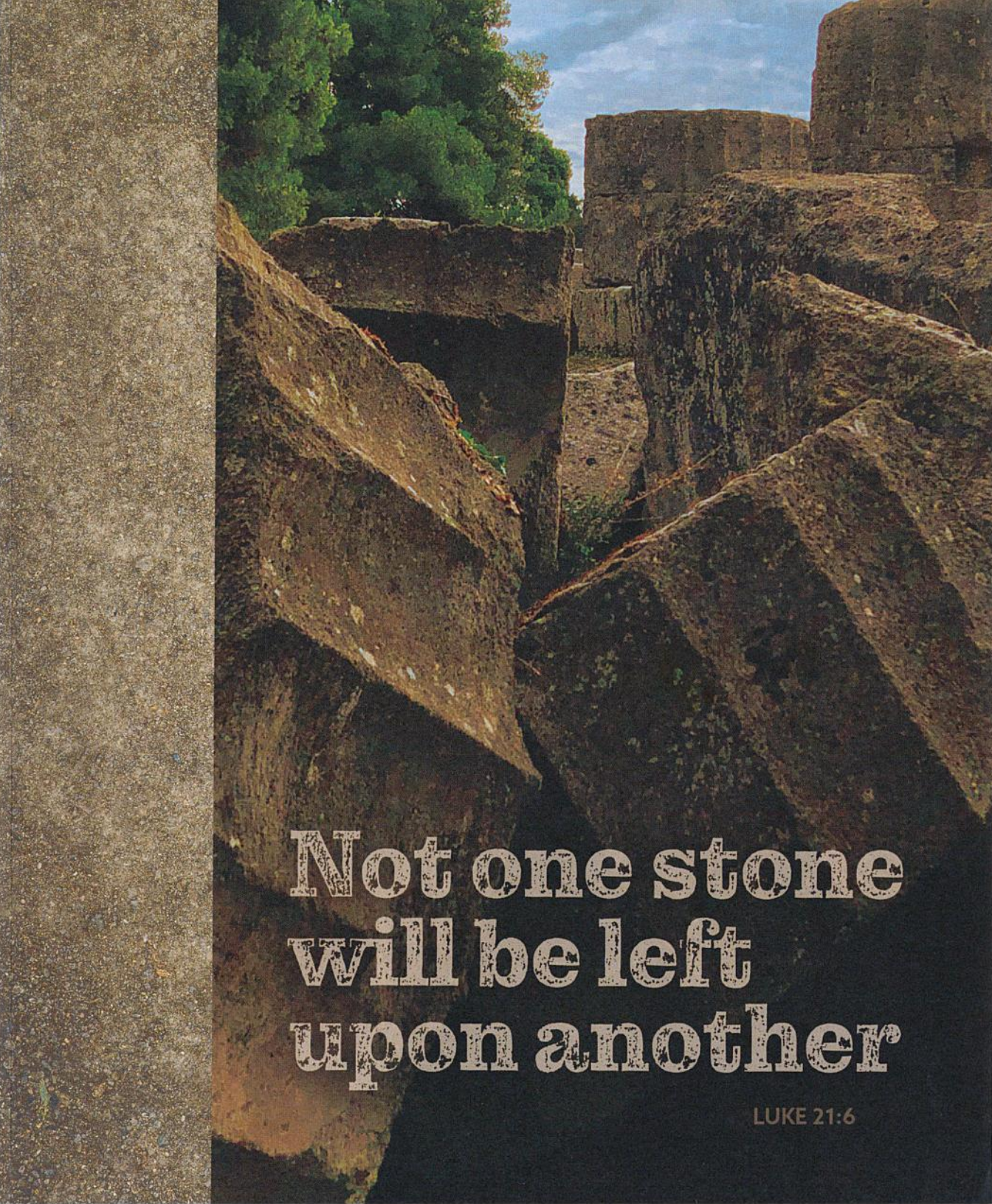




**Not one stone
will be left
upon another**

LUKE 21:6

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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.

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.



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*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
in memory of Andrew Glessner*

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship musical setting 3

PRELUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Richard Proulx

Stand turning to face the Baptismal 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

How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dress to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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.**

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

10:30 AM BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Bless us as we set apart these musical instruments to your praise and glory and in memory of Doris Riese, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

They sing to the tambourine and the lyre.
And rejoice to the sound of the of the pipes.
 Praise God with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise God with lyre and harp.

Let us pray. O Lord, before whose throne trumpets sound and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept these musical instruments for the worship of your house of prayer, that with the sound of instrument and voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10:30 AM **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** *Peace Like a River*

FIRST READING **Malachi 4:1-2a** *(back cover)*

PSALM Psalm 98 Sung Cantor/**Congregation** unaccompanied.



- 1 Sing to the LORD | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his | holy arm***
has he won for him- | self the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

- ⁶ **Sing to the LORD | with the harp,***
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
 shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁸ **Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,***
the lands and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 when he comes to | judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ **In righteousness shall he | judge the world***
and the peo- | ples with equity.

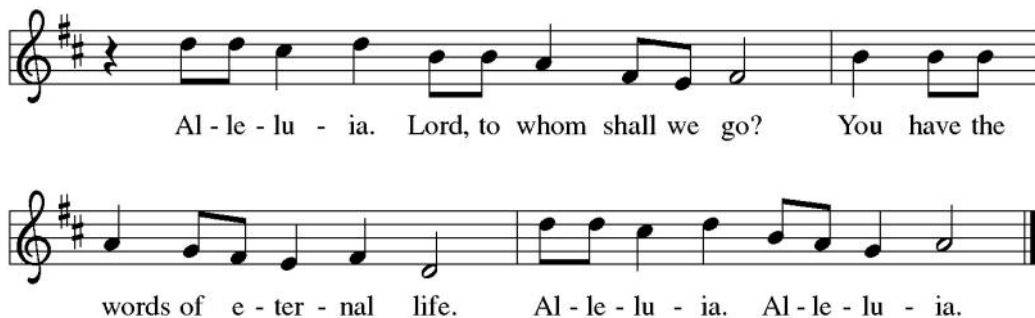
SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21: 5-19 (back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

The Reverend Stanley Reep

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Strengthen organizations who provide aid to those in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness (*especially*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, inspire us by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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 OF OUR GIFTS

8:00 AM

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

James Biery

10:30 AM

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Stand

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(ELW 182)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

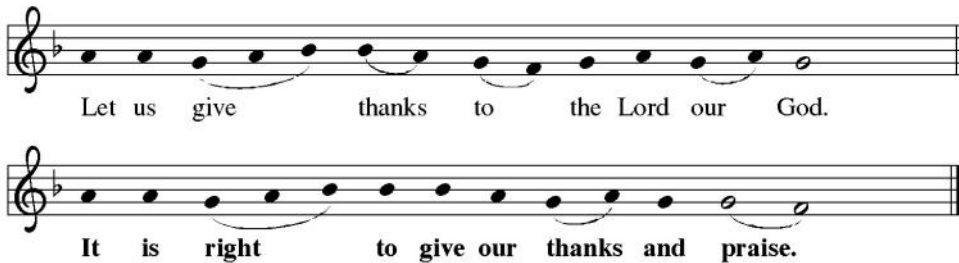
Let us pray. Blessed are you,

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

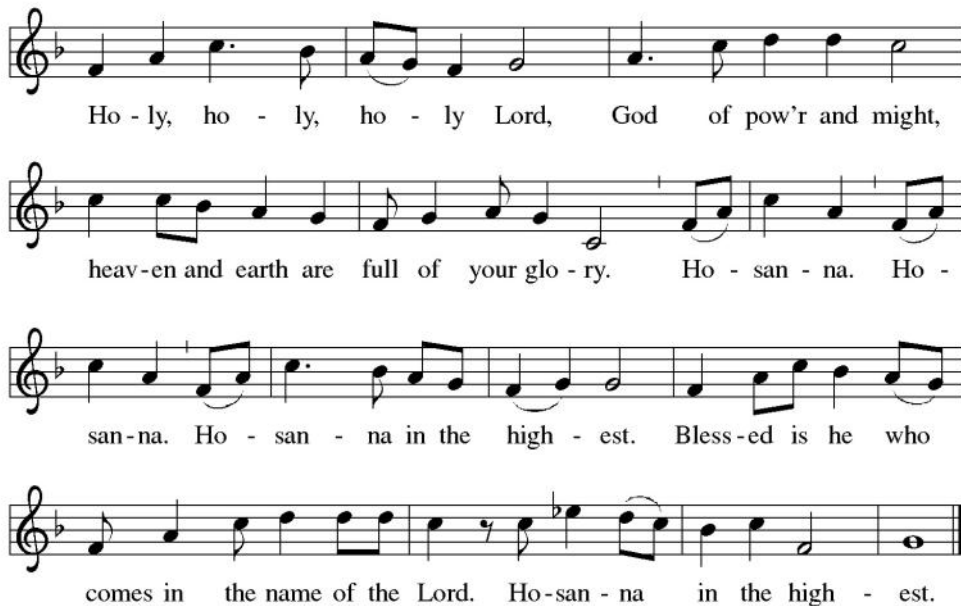
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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



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

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

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.

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 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: “I am with you; do not fear!”
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

O Day of Peace (ELW 711)



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de-vour the small;



guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

DISMISSAL

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

Sit

POSTLUDE

O Day of Peace

Mark Sedio

This Week at St. Paul's

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

Sunday, November 16 ANNUAL MEETING

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM Sunday School for all
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
 12 NOON Annual Meeting—Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM Confirmation Class
 6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Tuesday, November 18

9:30 AM Pantry
 6:00 PM Create—Preschool thru Grade 6
 6:00 PM NO Bible Study—Christ Hall

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
 10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall
 1:00 PM Witness Committee

Thursday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 23 Christ the King

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM Sunday School for all
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
 4:00 PM Piano Concert HyeSung Hwang
 6:00 PM Confirmation Class
 6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth Rm

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
11-16	8:00 AM	Jennifer Ports	Ken Hinkle	Harold Sargeant	Pat Scarborough, Lois Ann Schroeder	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Lois Ann Schroeder, Kathy Monk
	10:30 AM	George Fitch	Jaclyn Kinkella	Scott Herdson	Earline Jones, Keith & Christine Kates	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Sandy Dicken-sheets, Janet Fitch

Music concerts and programs Fall 2025

St. Paul's Church is pleased to host the following musical events. Please show your support with your attendance. All events are FREE and open to the public.

Sunday, November 23 HyeSung Hwang, piano

4:00pm

Dr. HyeSung Hwang is a piano instructor at York College and will play a recital featuring music of Robert Schumann and Modest Mussorgsky.

Sunday, December 7 York College Chorale and Orchestra

3:00pm

The York College Chorale under the direction of Dr. Erin Lippard and the York College Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Matthew Inkster will present a holiday concert featuring "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi plus other seasonal repertoire.

**Annual Meeting & Dinner TODAY
 Noon - Sunday November 16—Fellowship Hall**

ADDITIONAL DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED! You may schedule your photo session on December 29 & 30. Please do so ASAP. Please call the church office if you have any questions. 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 [pa1207](#)
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

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.

A Partnership Between Local Churches & LifePath Thrift Stores

Now is the time to clear out unwanted toys and donate them to LifePath BEFORE Christmas so families can purchase them to give to children at Christmas. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care. Look in your newsletter for more information.



**Reminder! Poinsettia orders are due next week.
Order forms are in your newsletter and by all the nave doors.**

The Children Need You in the New Year

Jackson Elementary School needs some adult volunteers for their kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. They're asking for an hour or two per week, more if desired in order to read to/with children and assist teachers. This need is a result of the former "grandparent" program losing its funding. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Nancy Bennett

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 donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.



Advent Wreath

Sign up on the designated clipboard sheet if your household plans to make an Advent Wreath on Sunday, November 30 at 9:15 AM. This will help us secure proper supplies and best location for the event.



Advent Mid-Week Suppers

Casseroles, Pot Luck, and Other Good Things is the theme for our Wednesday 6:00 PM suppers. Please sign up to make something to share. The clipboard is located by the church office door.

St. Nicholas Breakfast

Saturday December 6 from 8:00-9:00 AM enjoy breakfast, a visit from St. Nick, make a St. Nicholas ornament and take home some holiday memories!



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".

Weekly Bible Study—Tuesday Evenings 6:00 PM—Wednesday Morning 10:30 AM

Bible study helps prepare participants for Sunday morning through the study of the up-coming scripture readings. The group delves deeply into the text, historical information, theological aspects, and shares implications for everyday life as a child of God. The group meets in Christ

With an upgraded phone, the charging cord needed to be changed. I suppose it only needed to be changed if I wanted to access any of the music stored on my phone, or tunes streamed from Classic FM from the UK, or respond to incoming calls while driving along in the Fiat. Truthfully I didn't miss incoming calls while driving. But the lack of tunes, old familiar ones and new to me first time tunes, now that was something that I missed.

So it was my good fortune when Emily presented me with a new compatible phone charging cord for the Fiat. Most of the tech in the ten year old vehicle is a bit dated, but with the new cord I can stream again and listen to favorites from my collections. And with Advent and Christmas only weeks away, this change came just in time for a new tune.

The prophet Malachi reminds us, that as God's people, we need a new charging cord. We need one that is compatible with the law that God set forth for his beloved people. We need the cord so that we can access the tunes that bring life and salvation. After too much time disconnected from God, it is easy to start humming along to the tunes that others set forth. They may be catchy and enjoyable and while listening we may even start singing along. But, as the Prophet warns they move us farther and farther from God. So the Prophet says "change your tune" reconnect with God and hear again what God desires for you and for all people.

Malachi prophesied at a time when God's beloved people had been abandoning the rules for life in and under God's care. They don't think that God's rules matter much to them. God's rules and law apply to someone else. Will God care if they offer their cast offs, blemished animals in offerings? Will God mind if they don't pray as often? Will God care if they treat people differently than God desires? The answer is "yes" of course God does. Malachi proclaims that the day is coming when the Lord of hosts will come and put the arrogant and evildoers in their place. The arrogant and evildoers are the ones who don't think that the rules and ways of God matter. Malachi says that day is surely coming so "change your tune! Get reconnected to God! You want to be found living fully and faithfully in God's household.

In response to that reading we hear the Psalmist who calls upon God's people to "sing a new song to the Lord." The Psalmist knows that we all need a new way to express our praise and gratitude to God. So we are called upon to sing a new song to the Lord. Not the old songs where we whine and complain, offering lyrics of discontent over too much work and too little reward, over too much prayer, and God's desire for choice offerings. This new tune focuses on what God has done, what God is doing and what God promises yet to do for those who love the Lord. Changing tunes according to the Psalmist needs to happen so that God's people bear witness to what it means to be in the household of God.

Singing a new song isn't easy. For one thing we often like the old songs or the ones that are popular. Singing a new song takes practice, dedication, commitment, concentration, willingness to make mistakes, and figuring out how the new tune fits into the household. Malachi lived at a time when God's people had drifted so far off of the path, that they couldn't remember what it looked like, or in what direction they were headed. Because they were disconnected from God, they couldn't rely on GPS even if it was available because they chose to be disconnected, they liked it that way. In a similar way I suppose to me not wanting to receive incoming calls while driving along in the Fiat. It can complicate things. So Malachi clarified what it meant to be a

child of God, what it meant to be neighbor, what it meant to give of first fruits, what it meant to be part of God's household. Malachi's message was greeted with mixed review. During those days the people weren't so sure that they needed to change their tune, or sing a new one. But for those who did Malachi sang out "for you who revere the name of the Lord, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." Those words of Malachi are echoed each year in the 3rd stanza of the carol "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!

Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise each child of earth,

Born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

Glory to the new-born king!

Jesus, the new-born king, longs for us to get reconnected so that the tune we sing bears witness to his life and work bringing salvation to all. He is tired of the rich taking advantage of the poor, the religious neglecting the needy, the outsider not welcomed into the household. Jesus is aware that things aren't the way he would like them to be. And for the people who do indeed change their tune, he is aware that persecution, suffering and even death await them.

We are given the greatest connection ever in the Word and water of Holy baptism. We don't need to upgrade that gift, but we may need to remember the connections made with God and with the community of faith and with our neighbor though that baptismal gift. So what song do we sing? What tunes need to be changed? What lyric will Christ Jesus give us to replace the ones we like best or that are most popular but lead us away from the sun of righteousness and the healing that is in his wings?

The songs of God most likely, given the biblical witness, and the good news of Easter, will be songs about walking in God's ways, remembering to prayer, that God offers a new day, that hosanna in the highest is proclaimed, and the blessed one comes. Christ comes. He comes as the child of Bethlehem, the healer of the nations, the one who welcomes, and restores, who suffers, dies, is raised up, and who pours forth his Spirit creating a household of faith. In this household he comes. He comes to us in words and water and bread and wine. He comes to you and to me. He comes bringing us righteousness and healing. He comes to make all things new.

Get reconnected preached Malachi. Sing a new song wrote the Psalmist. God changed the tune in Jesus, offering a melodic line of forgiveness and healing, offering harmonies of grace and mercy. So we sing a new song. Our tune has been changed. Our song is sung together with words of hope and expectation; the lyric of God's love for humanity joyfully rolling off of our tongues. Amen.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."