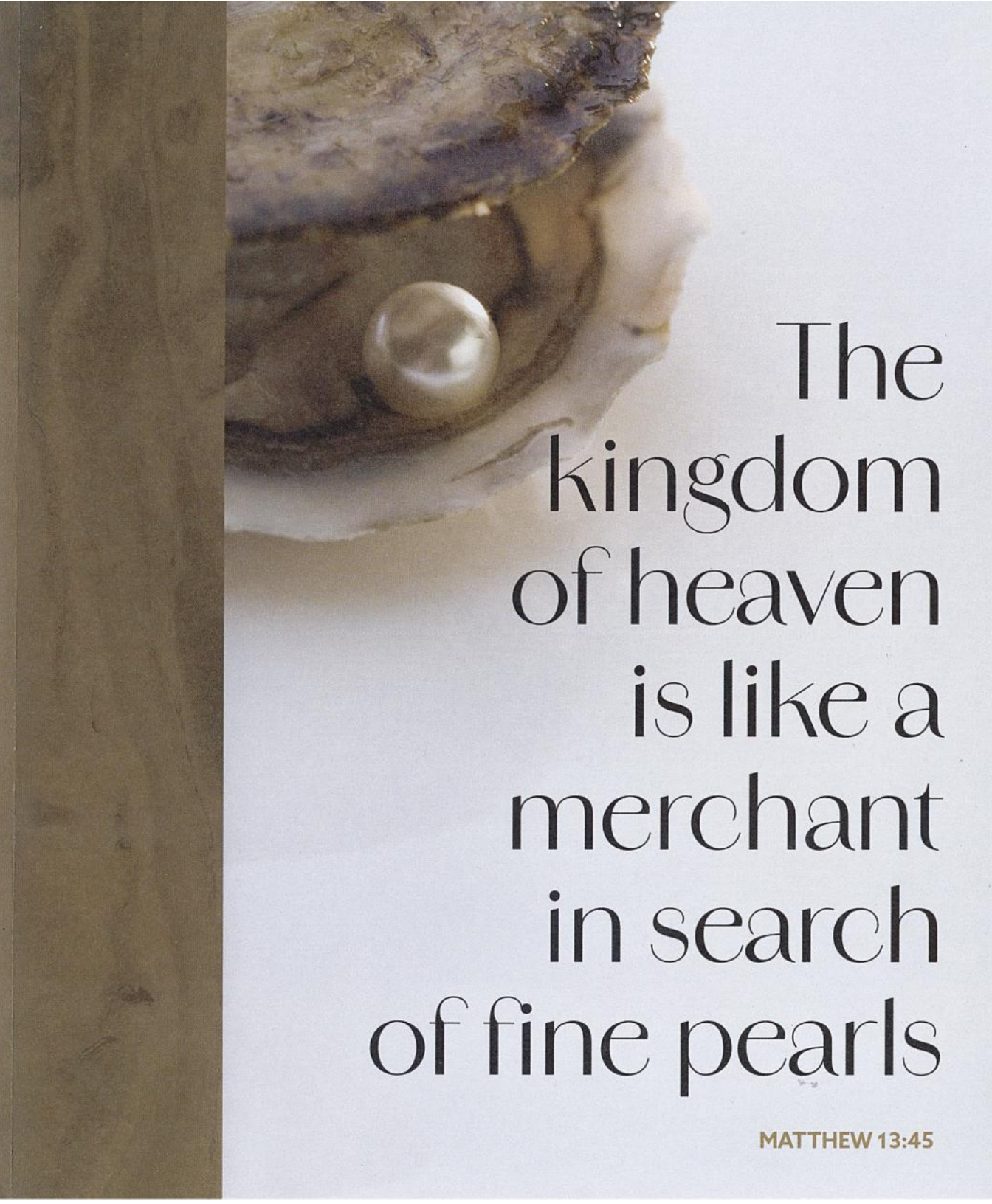


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The
kingdom
of heaven
is like a
merchant
in search
of fine pearls

MATTHEW 13:45

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Musical Setting 5 With One Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fuge in D Major

Buxtehude

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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

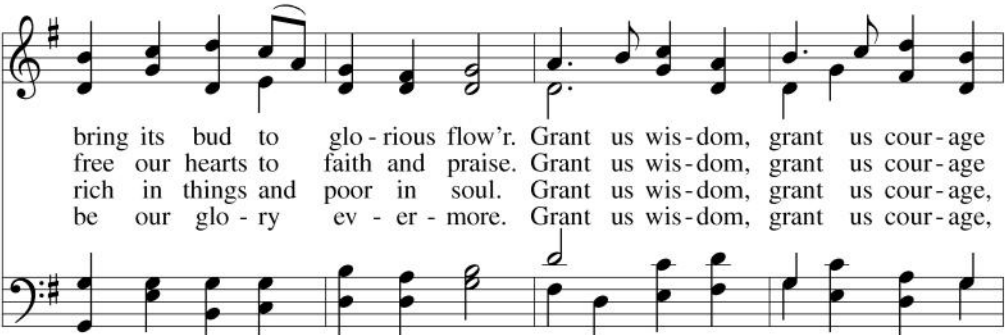
God of Grace and God of Glory (LBW 415)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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. . . O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON **1 Kings 3:5-12** *back cover*

PSALM **Psalm 119:129-136** sung unaccompanied cantor/**congregation**

¹²⁹ Your de- | crees are wonderful;*
 therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
¹³⁰ **When your word goes forth | it gives light;***
 it gives understanding | to the simple.
¹³¹ I open my | mouth and pant;*
 I long for | your commandments.
¹³² **Turn to | me in mercy,***
 as you always do to those who | love your name.
¹³³ Steady my footsteps | in your word;*
 let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those | who oppress me,***
 and I will keep | your commandments.
¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine up- | on your servant*
 and teach | me your statutes.
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed | streams of tears,***
 because people do not | keep your law.

SECOND LESSON **Romans 8:26-39** *back cover*

Stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

(back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Robin Mountenay

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 is kept.

Almighty God, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give civic leaders an ear to hear their peoples' stories. Guide them in the way of compassion and grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Dismantle barriers so that those living with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and sickness may receive the care and treatment needed for health and wholeness.

(We pray especially for . . .) God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Bless those who serve their country in the armed forces. Direct them with your truth as they do their difficult work and be their companion when they must engage in battle. Bless also our enemies and hasten the day when humanity shall lay down their arms forever. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through your Son, 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

Pastorale in F Major

Bach

Stand

OFFERTORY

The musical score is written for two parts, Treble and Bass, in F Major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the lyrics: "Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system contains the lyrics: "Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men." The music consists of simple chords and single notes, with some measures featuring a fermata over a whole note.

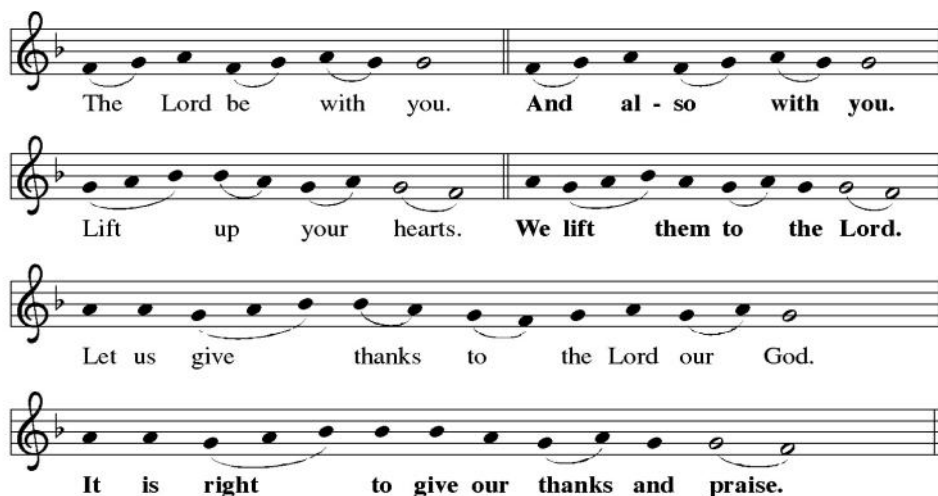
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

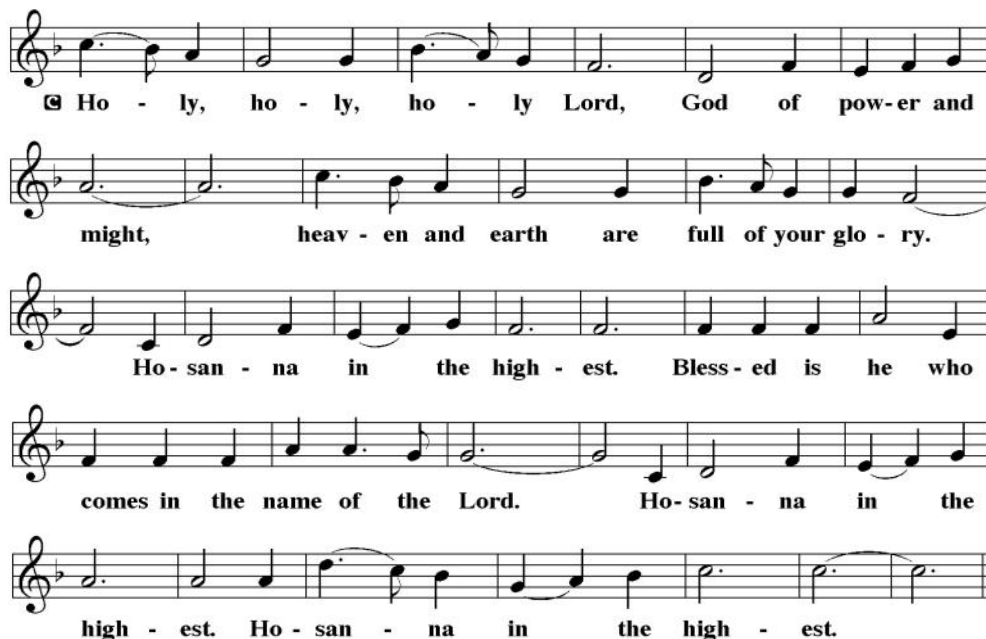
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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

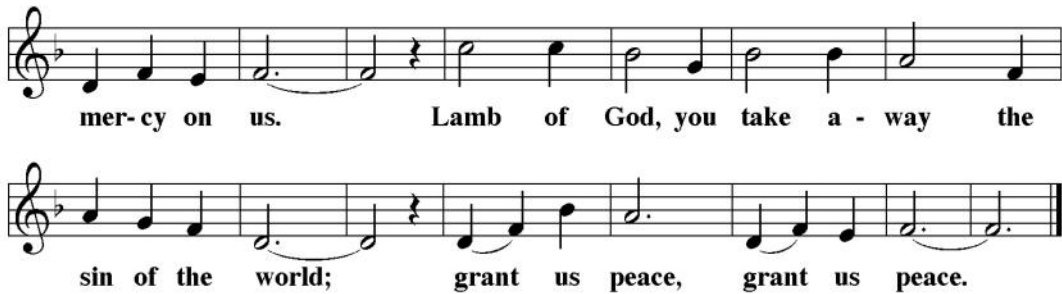


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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

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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. We receive communion by common loaf and pouring chalice today.

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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (LBW 224)*



- 1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
- 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won-der
- 4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing;



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

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. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision (WOV 776) next page*

DISMISSAL

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

Sit

POSTLUDE

Offertorio

Zipoli

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*We extend our appreciation and thanks to The Reverend Robin Mountenay
for preaching and presiding this morning and to Christine Kates for serving
as organist.*

Be Thou My Vision

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 by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, 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.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 AM—3:30 PM, Fri. 8-11:30 AM

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

6:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg—Youth Rm
7:00 PM Mutual Ministry

Tuesday, July 28

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

Sunday, August 2

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

St Paul's collects 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.



St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you to all who help!

Summer Fellowship Time

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help. There remain a few slots open where items or help is needed. Know that you may bring something to augment the assigned theme. Thank you!

Date

Help needed

August 9 *Sandwiches.* We need one person to make a dozen sandwiches and cut them diagonally in half.
August 16 1 Helper is needed.
August 30 1 Helper is needed.
September 6 *Brownies.* 1 Helper/Host is needed and 1 person to bring brownies

The sign-up sheet remains on the stand in the Good Shepherd Room.



We are delighted to add to our ministry staff The Rev. Daniel Yeiser. Pastor Yeiser will be providing pastoral care through visitation. The current arrangement has Pastor Yeiser working part-time on Wednesdays. We thank the Mutual Ministry Committee for their work in preparing for additional staffing hours, to the Congregation Council for their final approval, and to the congregation for recognizing this need and acting during the 2025 Annual Meeting last November. Please extend your greeting and welcome to Pastor Yeiser when next you see him during worship, coffee hour or at other congregation events.

Called for Service, Peace, Instruction & Renewal

the theme for the 2026/27 stewardship emphasis highlights four aspects of our baptismal life. Work is underway now in preparation for our fall events. Helpers are always needed and welcome as we prepare. If you would like to aid in this important work, please notify the church office. There are many aspects to the campaign; preparing print materials, writing skits, actors for the skits, coordinating a “Thank You” dinner, cooking, setting up, cleaning up, providing Temple Talks, and leading discussions during the Sunday education time. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts for the building up of the faith community.



Calling all crocheters and knitters. Last November we gave out over 200 scarves to our pantry shoppers. It’s time to start making scarves again for November 2026. The only suggestion is that scarves are about 4 ½ - 5 feet long and about 6 inches wide. When you finish a few scarves, put them in the pantry shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room with your name on the bag. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who provided the amazing scarves. Let’s see if we can surpass last year’s number!



Serving schedule for July and August

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean -up	Bread Bakers
7/26	9:30 AM	Patty Snyder	Larry Becker	Connie Reed	Dan & Christy Yeiser, Barb Young, Sharon Diazcum	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Pat Rudacille
8/2	9:30 AM	Harrison Palmer	Jaclyn Kinkella	Emily Reep	Bob & Judy Hoover, Matt & Betsy Herrington	Team 1E: Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian, Claudia Deitrich	Tim & Melissa Yakim	Johanna Patter-
8/9	9:30 AM	James Palmer	Tim Yakim	Patty Snyder	Ann Anstadt, Alex & Erin Bastian	Team 1L: Dave Kopp, Scott Donaldson, Darren Smith, Kass Keleta	Tim & Melissa Yakim	Nancy Bennett
8/16	9:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Allison Lehr	Rev William Snyder	Cliff & Janine Beck, Deb & Larry Becker	Team 2E: Ron Riese, Kathy Monk, Ken Hinkle, Alex Bastian	Janet Fitch, Sandy Dickensheets	Abby Jacobs
8/23	9:30 AM	Janet Fitch	Denise Rider	Rev. George Fitch	Jim & Nancy Bennett, Mike & Carrie Berkey	Team 2L: Kern Vaught, Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Janet Fitch, Sandy Dickensheets	Kat Lemke
8/30	9:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Ken Hinkle	Chris Waddall	Mike & Becky Bingham, Scott & Justine Donaldson	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Pat Scarborough, Kat Lemke	Jessica Ericson

August Congregational Giving Project

The Bearcat Cyber Academy's social worker has asked St. Paul's for personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies. The Social Ministries' School Team has designated August for the collection drive. Please consider donating any of the following items: toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap & body wash, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues, disinfecting wipes, all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, sponges/cleaning cloths, and trash bags. You'll find designated boxes in the Good Shepherd Room. Thank you.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today."⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.⁹Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalms 119:129-136

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he

not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

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