

WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

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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 190 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.



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Parents, please accompany your child 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 honor of our anniversary, Dan & Kathryn Garber*

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Musical Setting 5 With One Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fanfare on “In Christ there is no East or West” Charles Callahan*

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

In Christ There Is No East or West (LBW 359)



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8** *back cover*

PSALM **Psalm 67** sung unaccompanied cantor/congregation

- ¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.
- ² **Let your ways be known | upon earth,***
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,***
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought | forth her increase;***
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.
- ⁷ May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

SECOND LESSON **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** *back cover*

Stand
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 15:21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(back cover)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

Pastor 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 is kept.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all may be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the saints who came before us and whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to give shape to our Christian lives Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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. Merciful God,
receive 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

How Firm a Foundation

Jeffrey Blersch

Stand
OFFERTORY

Musical score for Offertory, featuring two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system continues the melody and harmony, with lyrics: "Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

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

Musical score for Dialogue, consisting of four staves of music. The melody is simple and repetitive, using a single note (G) for each syllable. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

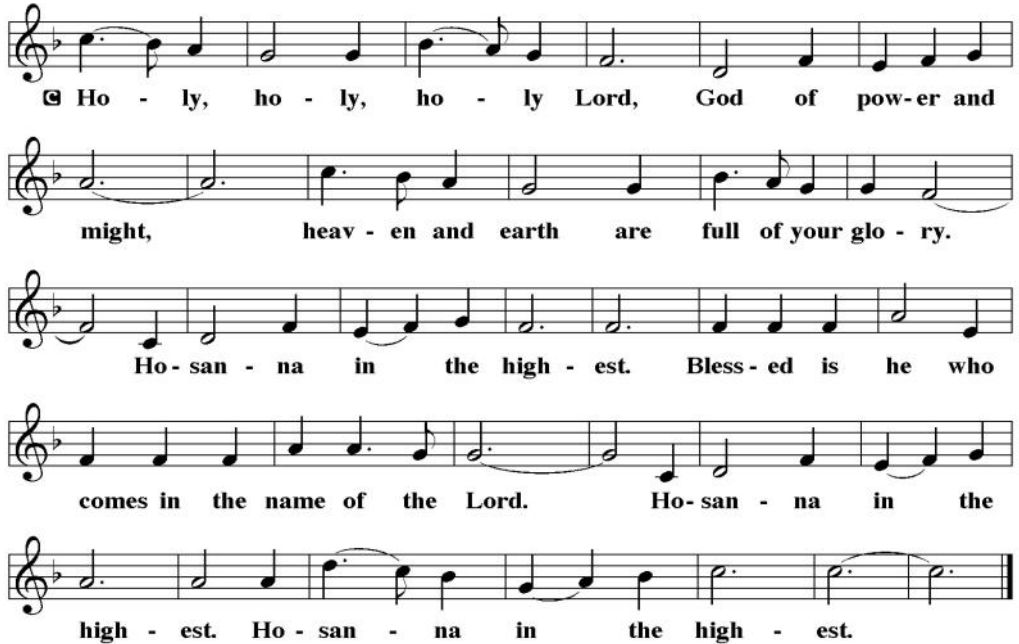
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

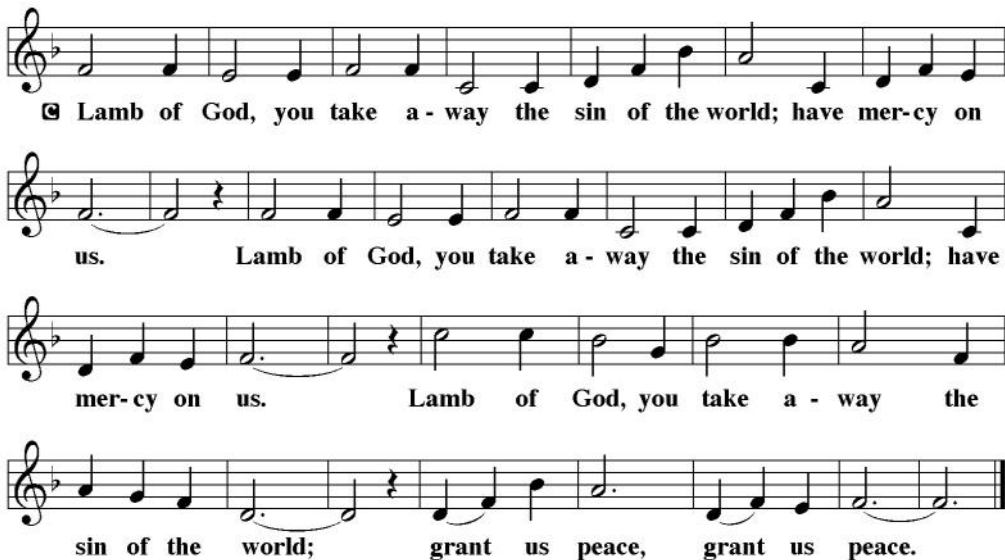
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, 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. We receive communion by common loaf and pouring chalice.

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

One Bread, One Body (WOV 710)

Refrain



The musical notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The first three staves contain the main melody of the refrain. The fourth staff contains three verses of the hymn. The fifth staff contains the final line of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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 end-less life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

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

HYMN***Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing******(LBW 559)***

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.***Sit*****POSTLUDE*****Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*****David Cherwien**

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Proper 15 A, 2026 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

It takes a certain quantity of crumbs to make meatloaf. The same is true for the topping on coffee cake, muffins and apple pie. There are other applications for crumbs that may be less desirable, like the kitchen floor or the seat of the car. Crumbs just happen to be the talking point between a Canaanite woman and Jesus. She is not after them to make a meatloaf, or top off a coffee cake, muffin or pie. She is after healing for her daughter. She is focused on nothing more than her daughter being made well. She is on a mission on behalf of another. She can't stand the sight of her daughter being tormented. And so, in an unusual interplay between Jesus and a foreigner, a Canaanite woman, an interplay that was perplexing enough for the disciples to want her to be sent away, she asks for crumbs!

Kneeling before Jesus, she asks for crumbs. Moments before in a posture we may assume was standing upright, she called out for the Lord, the Son of David, to have mercy. She even stated why she cried out for such mercy. "Yes Lord, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." "Throw me a crumb" she pleads. "Drop a little grace my way" she infers as she cries out for the welfare of her daughter who is tormented.

Most of us won't settle for crumbs. Most of us want the whole crumb top pie. Most of us aren't willing to name publicly why we need God's mercy in our life; afraid to disclose how sick we really are. Most of us aren't willing to make a scene in public because we certainly don't want to be numbered with people who are sent away, dismissed, thought to be an unwelcome intrusion. Most of us are even uncomfortable moving out in mission on behalf of a family member let alone some we do not know.

For what mercy are you pleading in your own life? "Lord have mercy."

For what mercy are you pleading for the sake of another? "Christ have mercy."

For what mercy are you pleading for the sake of the world? "Lord have mercy."

Society currently falls neatly into two groups; those with the whole crumb top pie and those seeking a few crumbs. We don't have enough time to trace the history of how we arrived at such a place. We are among the richest nations on the planet and yet there are more people seeking a few crumbs than at any time in my recent memory. This should be perplexing for us as Christian people. Perplexing enough to drive us to action. Perplexing enough to speak boldly on behalf of those scraping to get by.

The Canaanite woman knew to whom she could turn. She obviously had heard of Jesus of Nazareth and how he was restoring and making people whole; he had fed those who were hungry (the five thousand besides women and children), he had healed the sick in Gennesaret (a little lake side town not far from Capernaum and Bethsaida. And after a request by a foreign woman on behalf of her daughter, we will hear of Jesus curing; the lame, the maimed, the blind, the speechless, and many others.

Crumbs. It is appealing to want to have the whole crumb top pie. This morning the request is simply for crumbs, for some mercy, come grace, to fall from the Master's table. In our life together we cry out to the Lord, Son of David, for mercy and grace; not just for ourselves but for the person next to us, the people in our neighborhood, pantry shoppers, preschool families, students preparing for school and the faculty members who will teach them to see the entirety of the world in which we live, for our sister congregation in Tanzania, and for those who have no one to pray for them. The Canaanite woman could not stand by and permit her daughter, the one whom she loved, be tormented any longer. She was perplexed by the situation at hand. She knelt at Jesus' feet. Not requesting the bounty from the table, simply some crumbs.

That day, the Lord Jesus responded to her request. He didn't throw her some crumbs hoping that she would go away. He acknowledged her faith. Jesus acknowledged the greatness of her faith. Greatness because she acted on behalf of another. The Canaanite woman's daughter was healed, (salvo) salvation, made whole. Her request for crumbs was met with the Lord's abundance. She was made whole.

We gather at the table of the Lord this morning. Not certain if we are seeking an entire pie or simply crumbs. In Christ Jesus we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. We are given a morsel of bread containing the abundance of life, forgiveness, grace, mercy, and love, so that we are made whole. Healed. Saved. Not crumbs, but the bounty of the one Lord who gives himself for the life of the world on Calvary's cross. This is the one who was willing to die for us, for all of humanity, the people that we know and love and the people that we don't know and for whom it is difficult for us to love. His concern is for all people everywhere. This, the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, she knew. It was to the Lord Jesus that she made her request known.

"Alleluia, Lord to who shall we go? You Lord, you Son of David, you have the words of eternal life." As the baptized children of God, we know to whom we turn amid the current situation in our household, state, nation and world. We know of the crummy situations that are plaguing our communities and our lives. Hatred, bigotry, greed are three crummy aspects of daily life. But there are plenty of others that get voiced in racist speech, attitudes and actions. These are not consistent with the loving embrace of God. In the spirit of the Canaanite woman, we come in faith into the presence of the Lord Jesus requesting on behalf of all who are tormented. We beg for crumbs, for mercy, for grace, to be made known so that there is real and lasting healing. We come in faith, requesting that the Lord God change hearts and minds and attitudes and sets things right.

Crumbs are often swept up and thrown away. Today we hear of great faith made known through the very thing that is kneaded into meatloaf and pressed onto the top of coffee cake, muffins or pie. Jesus answered her "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the crumbs for which she begged brought abundant healing and life. Amen.

This Week at St. Paul's

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

Sunday, August 16 Newsletter Deadline

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

Monday, August 17

6:30 PM Council Mtg—Christ Hall

Tuesday, August 18

9:30 AM Pantry

Sunday, August 23

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Summer Fellowship
10:50 AM Sunday School Teacher Mtg
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!

A Congregational Project to Engage our Children

The Bearcat Cyber Academy collection project is an opportunity for children to help children. While on that family shopping trip, St. Paul's children may like to select items from the suggested list to donate to other children and their families. Their choices may include toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap or bodywash, shampoo/conditioner, or deodorant. Additional suggestions can be found in the August Newsletter. Throughout August your donations will be collected in designated boxes located in the Good Shepherd Room. Thank you in advance for sharing your bounty.

A Partnership Between Local Churches & LifePath Thrift Stores

Please remember to donate your no longer needed items to LifePath Thrift Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to our church to help those directly in our care. Donate at three locations: 2414 Eastern Boulevard, 283 West Market Street, and in the South York Plaza. Give them the name and address of our church. Donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to LifePath Thrift Stores.



Summer Fellowship Time—Thank you to everyone who signed up to help and especially to the Fellowship Committee for their coordination all summer.





The council took up old business regarding the worship schedule for St. Paul's and the feedback following the trial period held in the spring and the 9:30 AM summer worship schedule. The council approved that beginning on 13 September we will extend the 9:30 AM Sunday Worship time followed

by Education (Sunday school) at 10:45 AM through the end to the calendar year. During this extended time the Christian Education Committee will be asked to monitor participation in Sunday school, the Worship & Arts Committee will be asked to monitor worship and participation by the faith community. Additionally, ways to identify parking, especially for guests, families and elderly will be sought out to ease that aspect of accessing St. Paul's.

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 August

DATE	TIME	Asst Min	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild	Bread
8/16	9:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Allison Lehr	Rev William Snyder	Cliff & Jjanine Beck, Deb & Larry Becker	Team 2E: Ron Riese, Kathy Monk, Ken Hinkle, Alex Bastian	Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Abby Jacobs
8/23	9:30 AM	Patty Snyder	Denise Rider	Jessica Ericson	Jim & Nancy Bennett, Mike & Carrie Berkey	Team 2L: Kem Vaught, Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Gail Kerchner, Sandy Dickensheets	Kat Lemke
8/30	9:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Ken Hinkle	Chris Waddail	Mike & Becky Bingham, Scott & Justine Donaldson	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Pat Scarborough, Kat Lemke	Jessica Ericson

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves
to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name
of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.