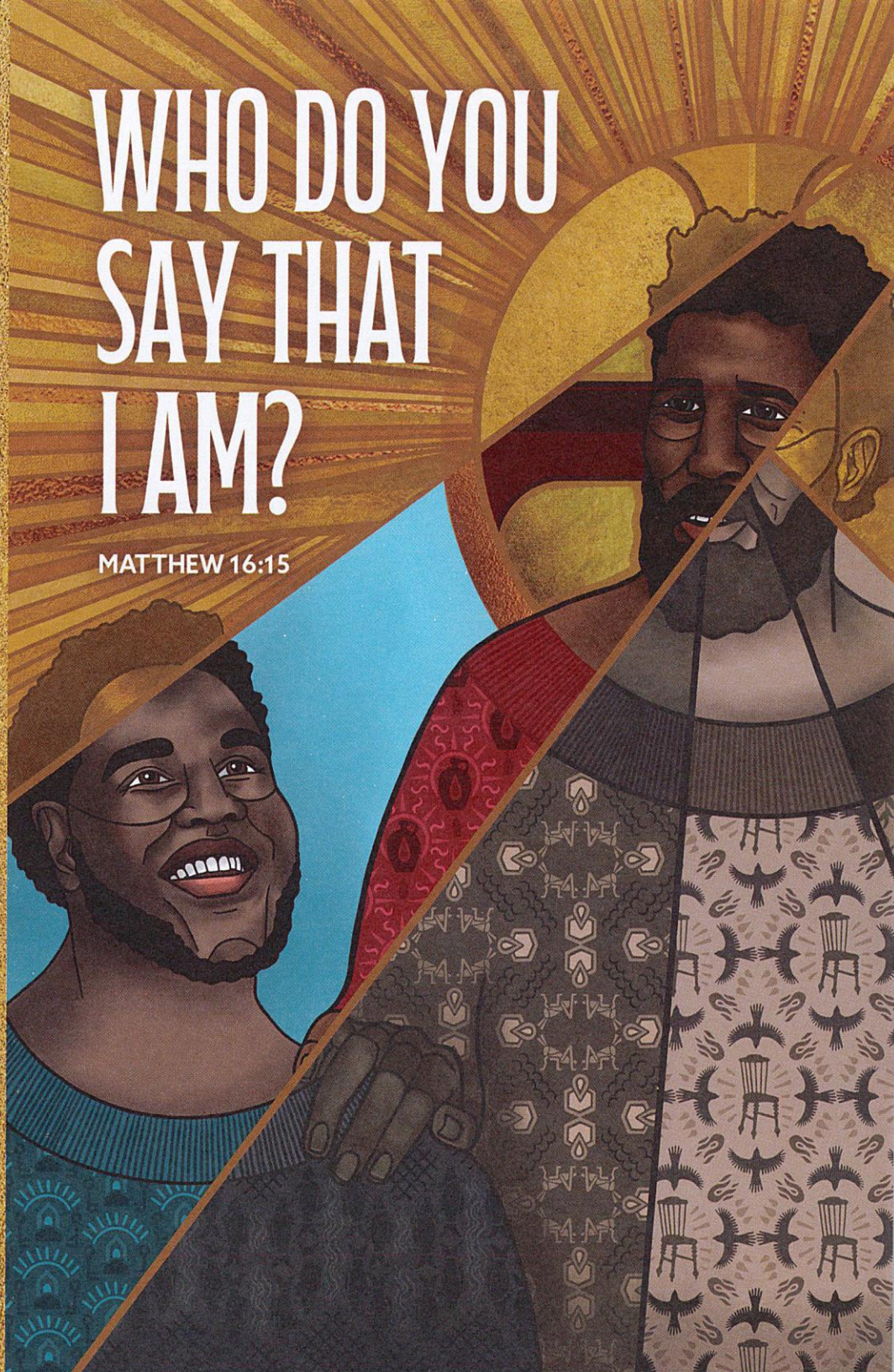


WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MATTHEW 16:15



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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 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.

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

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

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.

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.



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Musical Setting 5 With One Voice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

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

The Church's One Foundation (LBW 369)

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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 51:1-6

back cover

PSALM

Psalm 138 sung unaccompanied cantor/congregation

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,***
because of your | love and faithfulness;

³ for you have glori- | fied your name*
and your word a- | bove all things.

⁴ **When I called, you | answered me;***
you increased my | strength within me.

⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁶ **They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,***
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;***
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

⁹ The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;* O LORD, your love endures
forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

SECOND LESSON **Romans 12:1-8**

back cover

Stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

(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 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.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people so that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster (*especially*). Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship so that we may proclaim your generous goodness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet.

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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Charles Callahan

Stand

OFFERTORY

Musical score for Offertory, featuring two systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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*

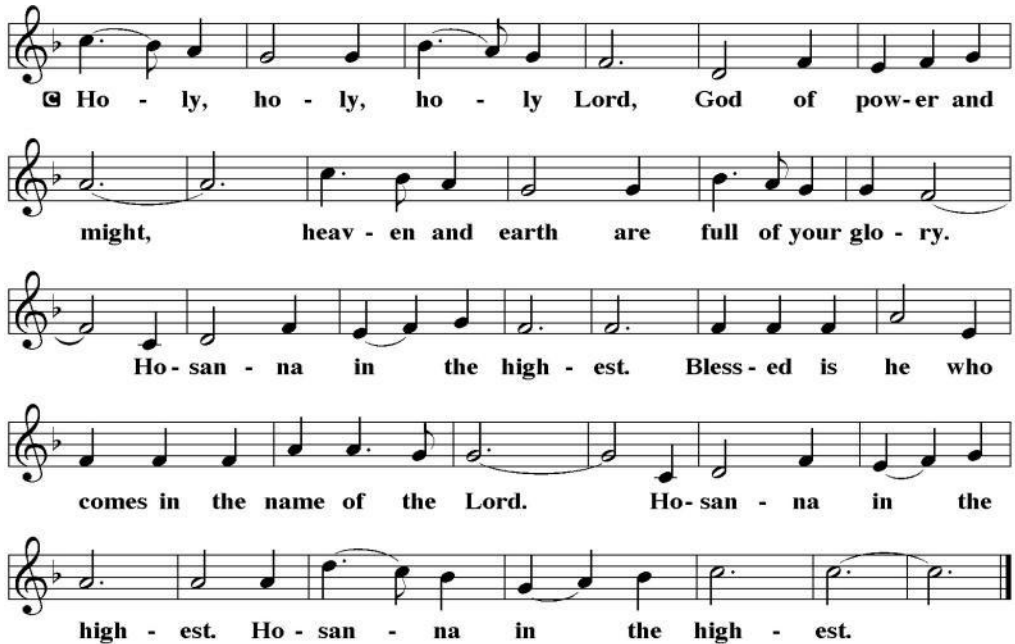
Musical score for Dialogue, featuring four systems of music. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

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

As the Grains of Wheat (WOV 705)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with 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 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (LBW 293) next page*

DISMISSAL

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

Sit

POSTLUDE *Toccata* David Cherwien
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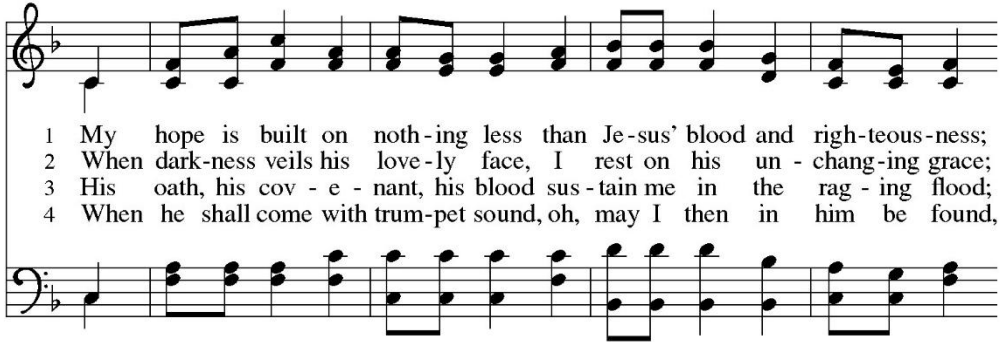
Serving schedule for August

DATE	TIME	Asst Min	Crucifer	Lector	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild	Bread
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 Dicken-sheets	Kat Lemke
8/30	9:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Ken Hinkle	Chris Wad-dail	Mike & Becky Bingham, Scott & Justine Donaldson	Team 3E: Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Pat Scar-borough, Kat Lemke	Jessica Ericson

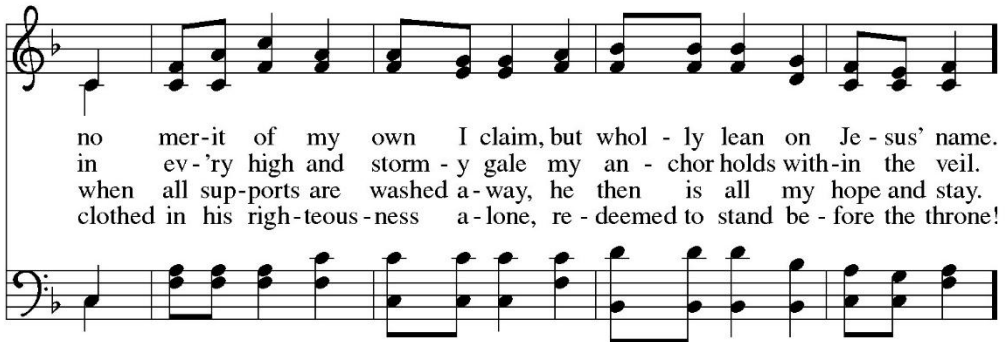
This Week at St. Paul's
Church office open Mon–Thurs 8:00 AM—3:30 PM, Friday **Closed**

Sunday, August 23 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Live Stream 10:30 AM Summer Fellowship 10:50 AM Sunday School Teacher Mtg 6:30 PM AA Mtg. Community Rm Monday, August 24 6:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg – Youth Rm 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	Tuesday, August 25 9:30 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Property Committee – Christ Hall Sunday, August 30 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Live Stream 10:30 AM Summer Fellowship 6:30 PM AA Meeting-Community Rm Monday, August 31 Office closed
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

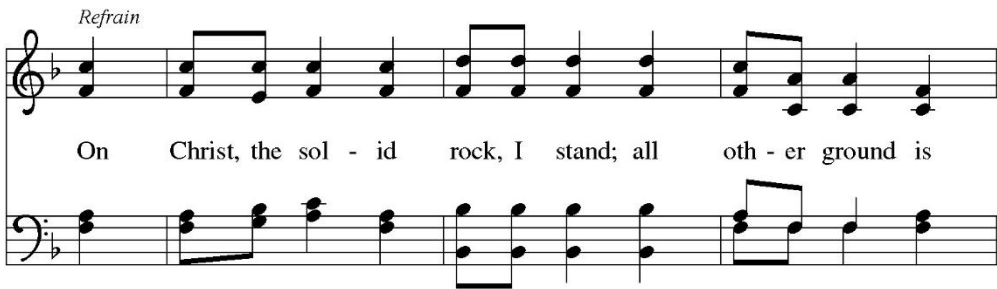


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

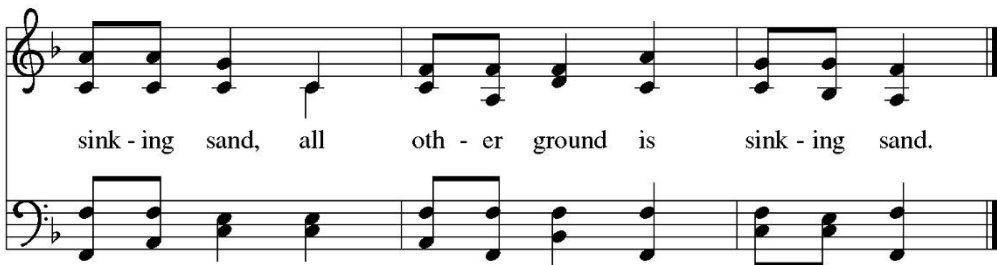


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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 Witness of God's Love

Just *one* more week of our August hygiene and household cleaning supplies collection for York City's Bearcat Cyber Academy. Giving students a "hand up" is an investment in the future and a response to our Lord's persistent plea to "Feed My sheep." Designated boxes in the Good Shepherd Room are ready for your gifts of feminine hygiene products, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues, dish soap, paper towels, sponges/cleaning cloths, and trash bags. Other suggestions are in the August Newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



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.



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 needed. 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 and providing Temple Talks. 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! This year the Blessing of the Scarves will be held on Sunday, November 8, prior to the distribution on November 10.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,
on the basis of God's mercy, to present your
bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable
to God, which is your reasonable act of wor-
ship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be

transformed by the renewing of the mind, so
that you may discern what is the will of God—
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to every-
one among you not to think of yourself more
highly than you ought to think but to think
with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For
as in one body we have many members and
not all the members have the same function,
⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of an-
other. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to
the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion
to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher,
in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encourage-
ment; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in dili-
gence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but
others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one
of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who
do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood
has not revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly or-
dered the disciples not to tell anyone that he
was the Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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