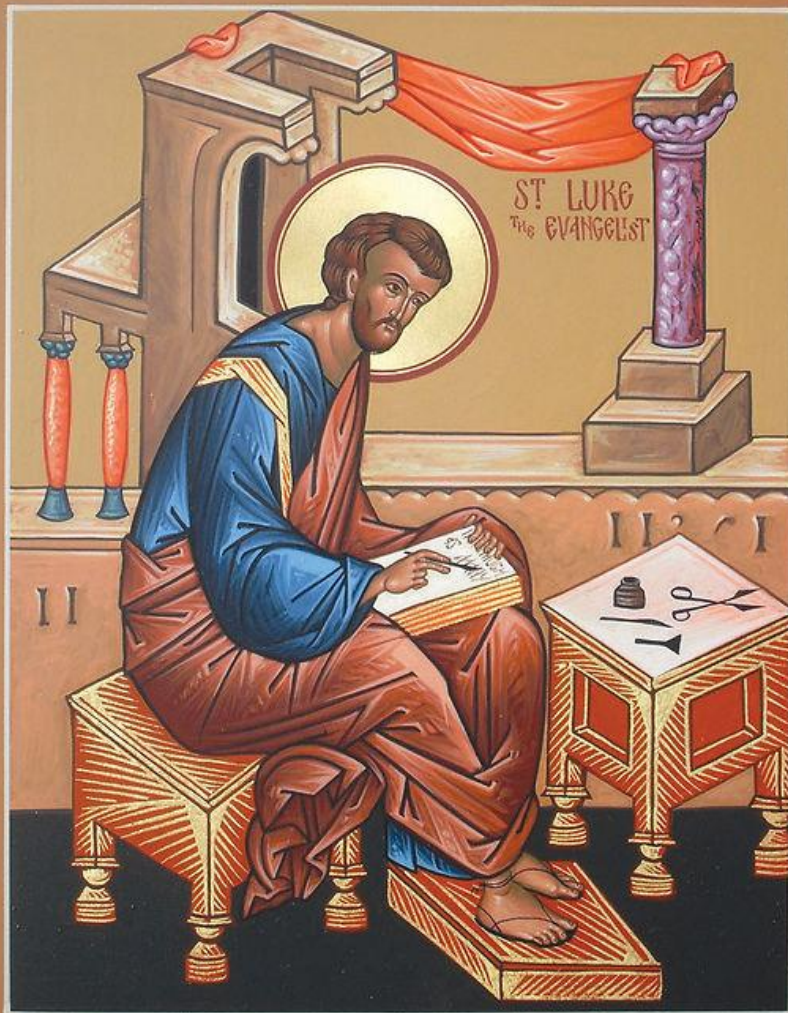


St. Luke, Evangelist



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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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The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ivy Jo Jacobs by her family Carl, Peggy, Leah, Aaron and Pearl and in honor of Gail Kerchner for all her work regulating and polishing our handbells this summer.

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Holy Communion 9:30 AM
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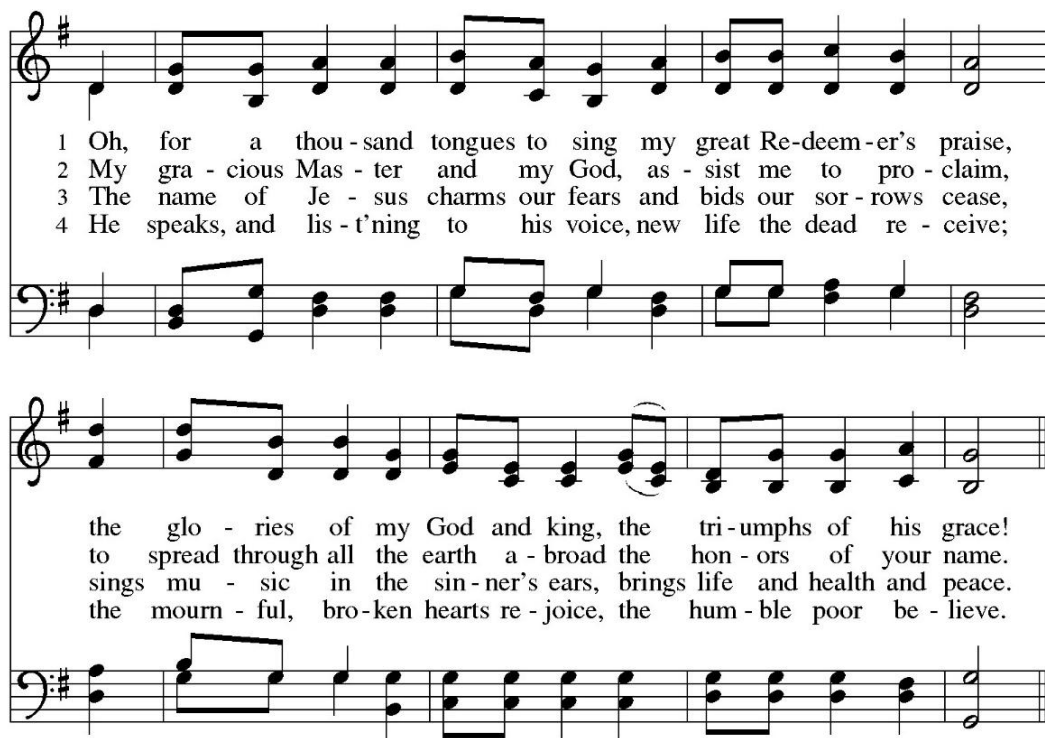
PRELUDE Handbell Choir

A Jubilant Peal

Michael Helman

ENTRANCE HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 6 indicating the start of each line of text. The first system contains lines 1 through 4, and the second system contains lines 5 and 6. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a handbell choir.

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 speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

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.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



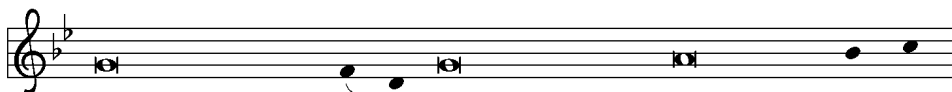
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



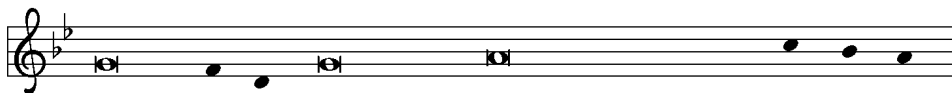
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



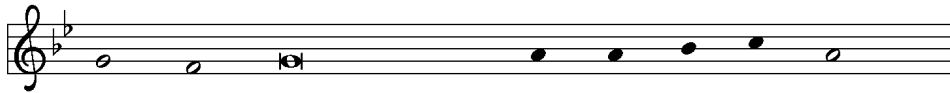
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

sung by all



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of

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

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13

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PSALM

Psalm 124

sung unaccompanied cantor/congregation

- ¹ If the LORD had not been | on our side,*
let Isra- | el now say;
² **if the LORD had not been | on our side,***
when enemies rose | up against us,
³ then would they have swallowed us | up alive*
in their fierce | anger toward us;
⁴ **then would the waters have | overwhelmed us***
and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵ then would the | raging waters*
have gone right | over us.
⁶ **Blessed | be the LORD!***
He has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;*
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
⁸ **Our help is in the name | of the LORD,***
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

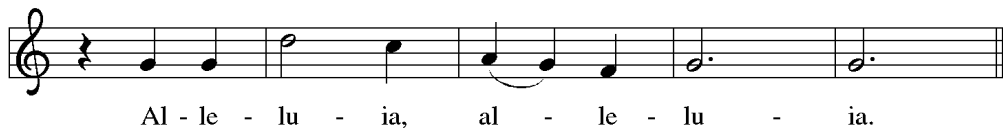
SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-11

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Stand

ALLELUIA



Repeat alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

(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

Pastor Stanley Reep

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

There are 3 stations at which worshippers may kneel and 2 stations at which they may stand. During the singing of the hymn those desiring the laying on of hands come forward.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to You for Healing Lord (ELW 617)

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in
bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our
Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

Heavenly Father, inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Use us in ways that restore hope and that bring healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide wisdom made known through Christ Jesus. May his wisdom permeate those who hold positions of authority around the world so they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church (*congregational ministries may be named*). Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for St Luke and his witness to your healing and wholeness for daily life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you and who abide in your presence (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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

Chancel Choir

Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me

Southern Folktune

Stand
OFFERTORY



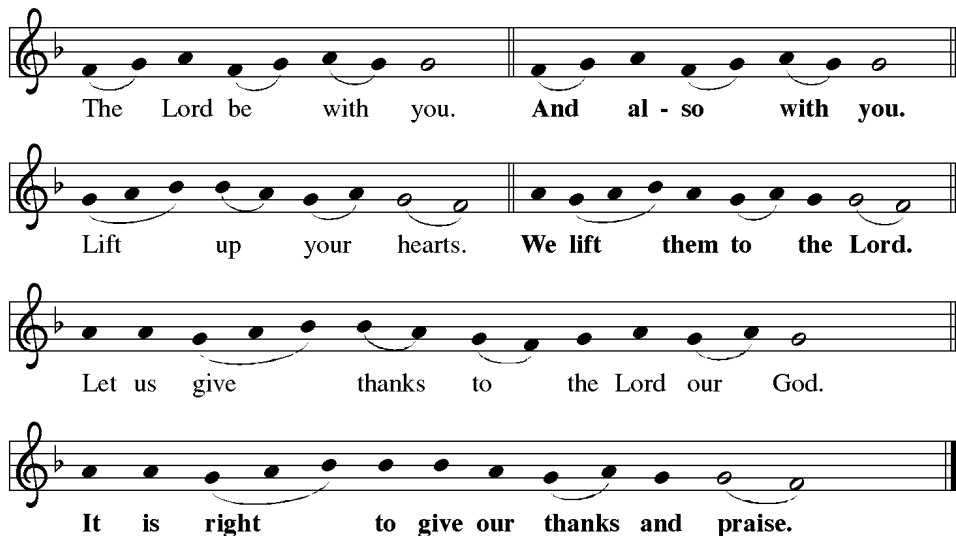
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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*



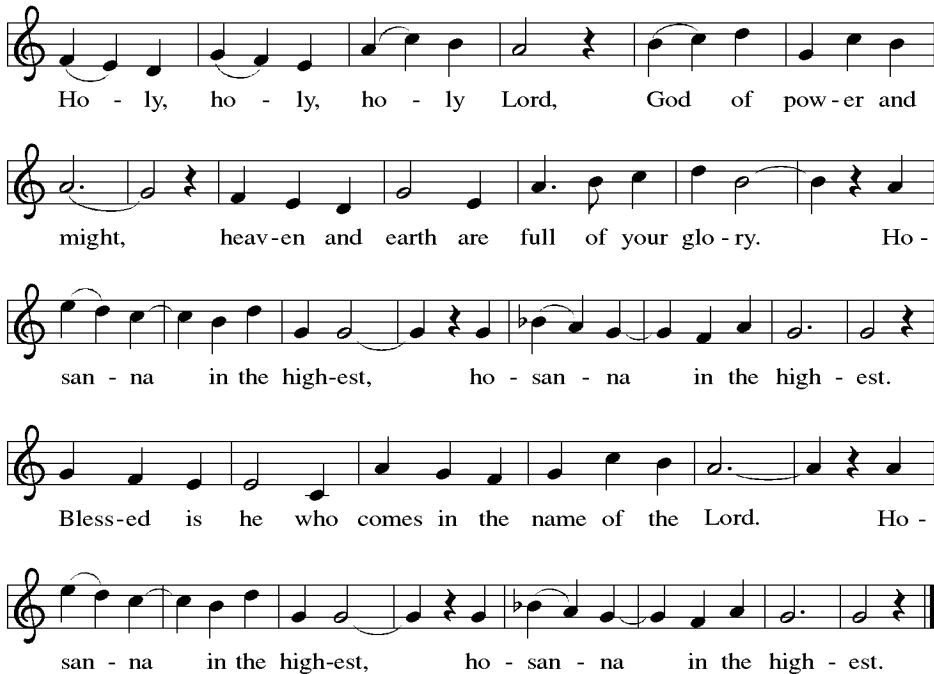
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The preface appropriate to the day is said.

It is indeed right, 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: our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. 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



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, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

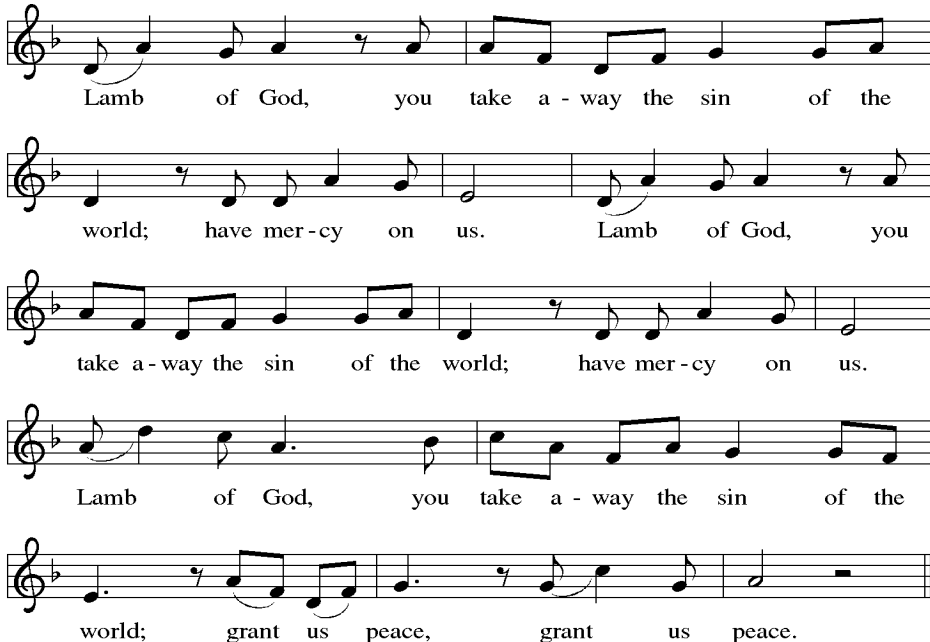
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

I Received the Living God (ELW 477)

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (ELW 544)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit

POSTLUDE

Rondo Maestoso

Lucas Stollhof

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This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Tues–Thurs 8:00 AM—3:30 PM, Friday 8-11:30 AM

Sunday, October 18 St. Luke 8:30 am Women's Group Mtg 9:00 AM Fellowship – Good Shepherd Rm 9:00 AM Chancel choir rehearsal – Music RM 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Live Stream 10:45 AM Faith Formation – for all 10:45 AM Confirmation Class – Lower level classroom 6:30 PM AA Meeting-Community Rm Monday, October 19 6:30 PM Council Mtg – Christ Hall Tuesday, October 20 8:30 AM Staff Meeting – Smal Office 9:30 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM CREATE – Preschool-Gr 6 6:00 PM Bible Study - Christ Hall	Wednesday, Wednesday, October 21 10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor – Nave 10:30 AM Senior Luncheon/Service – Christ Hall 7:30 PM Ade Williams Recital Thursday, October 22 10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor – Nave 5:30 PM Worship & Arts Mtg 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Saturday, October 24 10:00 AM Preschool Fall Festival Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Fellowship – Good Shepherd Rm 9:00 AM Chancel choir rehearsal – Music RM 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Live Stream 10:45 AM Faith Formation – for all 10:45 AM Confirmation Class – Lower level classroom 6:30 PM AA Meeting-Community Rm
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Serving the Lord with Gladness										
DATE	TIM E	Asst Min	Crucifer	Comm Asst	Lector	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Bread Bakers	
10/18	9:30 AM	Kathy Monk	Ephraim Lipp	Lois Ann Schroeder	Chris Lipp	Frank & Earline Jones	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Pat Rudacille, Jerry Briggs	Kathleen Lemke	
10/25 Refor mation	9:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	James Palmer	Deb Becker	Johanna Patterson	Chris & Amy Lipp & Family	Team 1E: Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian, Claudia Deitrich	Pat Rudacille, Jerry Briggs	Abby Jacobs	

Bible Study. We will have Bible Study on Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM and Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM.

Silent Art Auction. Members of St. Paul's have created a variety of items that will be on display in the narthex (George Street). You may bid on items up through November 15, the day of the Annual Meeting. This is a great way to secure an original piece of artwork and even a potential holiday gift. All proceeds are given in support of St. Paul's Food Pantry.

2027 Offering Envelopes are prepared and are available in the Good Shepherd Room. Please take your packet along with you, put them in a secure place so that you have them ready when the new year begins. If you are new to St. Paul's and would like to receive a packet of offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Survey regarding the 9:30 AM service. Please complete the online survey at <https://form.jotform.com/262735591748066> or fill out a print copy (available in the narthex). The Council members would like to hear from you as they discern the future direction for our gathering for worship. Kindly direct your insights to any council member: Ann Anstadt, Sharon Diaczun, Tristan Ericson, Joe Guarriello Alexis Heistand, Keith Kates, Kass Keleta, Chris Lipp, Darren Smith, Frank Tyminisky, Carol Woodbury, Tim Yakim or Pastor Reep. They are eager to learn about how the trial schedule affects your participation in; worship, education, choir, parking, serving, fellowship and in our outreach to the community. Thank you for your time, thoughtfulness, and consideration as we work together for the building up of the body of Christ.

Photo Directories have arrived. For those who participated in the process a directory with your name is placed on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. For newcomers to St. Paul's, we have a few additional copies for distribution. Simply contact the Church office to receive a copy.

St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: White Rice, 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!

Music and Create is working on the Advent Chancel Drama on Tuesday evenings. The program is geared for children age 3 through grade 6. Children are led as they engage in music making, art projects and discovery through Bible stories. The activities are from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM.

The Unitarian Church on S. George St. supplies our pantry with fresh vegetables. They are asking for help in their garden. If you can donate some of your time to help please contact Steve Converse at 717-577-6696.

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.

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.

Chancel Choir seeks to welcome additional voices. You may attend rehearsals currently on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM and/or Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. Direct any questions to Victor Fields.

Sunday school for Children is held on the Lower Level in rooms 004 and 005. There are opportunities for church members to help with the teaching for a week or two. Simply sign up on the calendar located on the stand in the Good Shepherd room. Please note that we do require clearances for everyone working with children. If you want to know more, please speak with Miss Kelly or Johanna Patterson.

Making Sense of Martin Luther, the adult Sunday school class is held in Christ Hall. Feel free to join the class at any time. Each week's session does not necessarily rely on previous material. This is designed so that participants can attend in the weeks that their schedules permit.

Stewardship Materials will be mailed along with 3rd Quarter giving statements. There are three parts; Time and Ability Form, Step chart, and commitment card. The Time and Ability Form and Commitment Card may be returned during worship on either Reformation Sunday (October 25) or All Saints Sunday (November 1). Please make time to prayerfully complete them and bring them with you for inclusion during the time of the offering on either of the afore-mentioned Sundays. Thank you.

Winter Coats - New or nearly new winter coats are needed for Jackson Elementary School students this year. Sizes range from preschool through 8th grades, including some adult sizes for the older kiddos. Please help provide a warmer winter for those in need by placing your donation in Christ Hall.

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.



*On this St. Luke Day we extend our thanks to
Deacon Harold Sargeant, Pastor George Fitch, Pastor Robin Mountenay,
and Pastor William Snyder for assisting with the Healing Service.*

2027 Flower Chart - The 2027 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers has increased slightly and is currently \$40 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 9:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and to provide all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



Senior Luncheon Wednesday 21 October 2026

The fall senior luncheon will be held in Christ Hall on Wednesday, October 21st at 11:30 AM. The Witness Committee will prepare a delicious luncheon and provides opportunities for meeting new members, conversation, and joyful fellowship. Entrée this year will be chicken cordon bleu. The luncheon will be preceded with hymns and prayers at 10:30 AM. Pastor Reep will lead the hymns, study and prayers. Please sign-up in the Good Shepherd Room or contact the church office to reserve your place at the table.

Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald are having Fall Foliage Days this year on Oct 18th and Oct 25. Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. Activities include pumpkin painting, hayride, hiking and more. You can register for one or both online and the cost is \$15 per person.

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-11

⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

¹Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

St. Luke C, 2026

Isaiah 43:8-13 Psalm 124 2 Timothy 4: 5-11 Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

The artwork is on display in the narthex for everyone to see. What you can't see is the process, the patience, the frustration, the experimentation, the happy accidents, and the comradery sustaining the artists as they worked on their pictures. The most successful outcomes occurred when the artists stuck to the mantra "Paint what you see!"

During the season of Lent about a dozen of us gathered on Wednesday afternoons and painted until time for the mid-week Lenten meal. The group of artists spanned a wide range of skill and training from first timers to seasoned painters. But it seemed that as each of us set out on our pictures with eagerness, before we knew it we were adding paint and spending a lot of time looking down at our paint surfaces and neglecting to look at the objects set up before us as a still life. We all stared to paint what we thought things looked like instead of painting what we actually saw, what was before us. The difficulty with painting a still life comes of course when you begin to think that you know what something is or what an object looks like and so you start painting without really looking. The big pit fall, you start, "making crap up."

This morning we celebrate the life and witness of St. Luke who does his best to get us to look more carefully at what is before us. The difficulty of course, for us who have been raised in the church, is that we are familiar with so much biblical material, that we begin to make crap up. We stop looking carefully at what has been placed before us in the Incarnation, God taking on human flesh and dwelling among us.

Luke uses the language of story and common, familiar things, to get us to look, and to listen, and to experience God. Luke paints pictures for us:

Elizabeth and Mary, two pregnant women consoling one another

Shepherds on a hill side tending their flock at night

A baby wrapped in blankets and placed in a feed trough

An unexpected catch of fish

A Samaritan helping out when no one else would

A father with two sons who loved them more than they could comprehend

A repentant thief ready to exhale his last breath

Friends walking along, talking, consoling one another, sharing their disappointment with recent events

Luke writes words that spring into action, like a paint brush on a canvas, words, stories, images bringing comfort to those, to all who need comforting. In Luke's day, like in our own, there are so many who need to be comforted. Such comfort brings healing. And that I believe is why St. Luke the Evangelist is known as Luke the Physician. His gospel account is set down in an orderly way so that God fearing people will know the comforting message of God's love in Christ Jesus. Luke wants people to stop making crap up (*I set out to write, put down, an orderly account*

he begins in the gospel) and to look deeply into the story of God, who is always working to bring about deliverance, making a way, providing opportunity to reimagine what repentant life brings. And God wants us to be witnesses of these things, not things we make up!

We hear of this from Isaiah in the Old Testament reading and from the Psalmist who acknowledge that the Lord God is on our side.

Luke tells the whole story of Jesus weaving together the ordinary aspects of daily life. He tells of disappointment, unbelief, and those who believe so confidently that they; call out for mercy, call out for healing, call out for Jesus. They call him Master and Lord. They redirect their lives because of him. They willingly take up cross and follow, without counting the cost of discipleship. Luke tells of blind eyes opened of skin diseases cured of hungry people filled with good things. Luke is an artist. He was ahead of his time. Today we might even think of him as an art therapist.

But in those days, he was a friend of St. Paul and traveled and observed, and really looked at what was being brought about through the message of hope and salvation proclaimed through Christ Jesus. Luke utilized his entire being to open humanity to the message of God's love; love that heals, love that forgives, love that binds, love that comforts, love that brings and gives and bestows hope.

This morning we come with a strong desire to be made whole. We come with a hunger for life different than how we currently experience it. We are in the presence of the Risen Lord. And just like the painters gathered on Wednesday afternoons during the season of Lent we look to Christ, to keep our eyes fixed on the one who looks at us with love, grants us forgiveness, and promises us a new day, today and for eternity.

Through Luke we are reminded to look carefully and to see:

the importance of consoling one another,
the beauty of moon light on a hill side,
sheep who need a shepherd,
the need to help those who are down trodden,
dysfunctional family systems that need more love than is humanly possible,
giving breathe when it seems that the oxygen is all but used up,
and recognizing the one walking with us during days of deep disappointment.

Luke with his orderly account, his creative use of story and prose, and his incarnational theology, makes sure that we listen and hear what God promises. Luke isn't going to take any chances. He doesn't want us to make crap up. He provides an orderly account of the gospel assuring us of the "*power from on high*" of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke knew how much that gift is necessary in order to live another day. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowered him to set down a love story, ink on velum, of God's unending love for the lowly, hungry, sick, blind,

lame, dying, disappointed; for folks like you and me caught between days of unbelief, and faith so strong that we call out like those who encountered Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, *Lord, Master, you are the healer of every ill*. Luke captures that healing, that comfort, that hope that we know in Christ. Luke reminds us to look deeply and listen attentively to the love that God bestows in Jesus; because that is the love that heals. Amen.