



*Francis of Assisi*  
*Renewer of the Church*  
*Sunday, October 6, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**215 N. Warren St.**  
**Orwigsburg, PA**  
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# GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

“Prayer of St. Francis”

M. Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

We gather in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Almighty God,

**we confess that we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have desired to possess much more than we need.**

**We have damaged your good creation.**

**Refresh our hearts, forgive our sins,**

**and raise us to abundant new life**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Amen.**

Trust in God and in God’s promises.

Know that God will never leave you or forsake you.

Believe that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

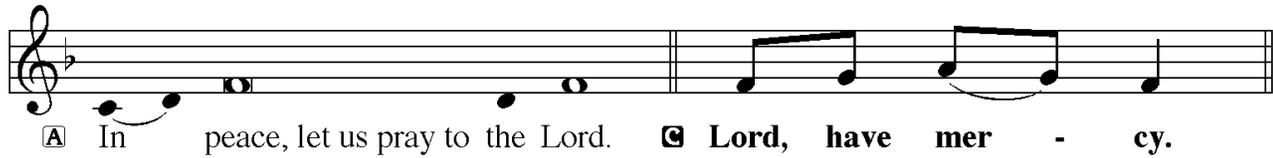
“Let All Things Now Living”

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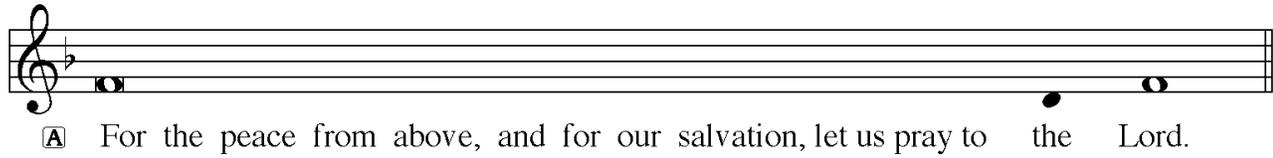
**GREETING**

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.**

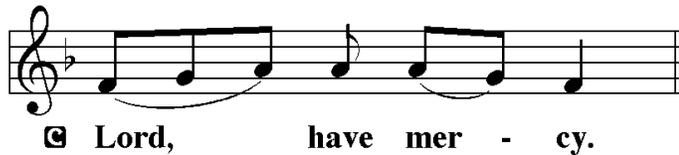
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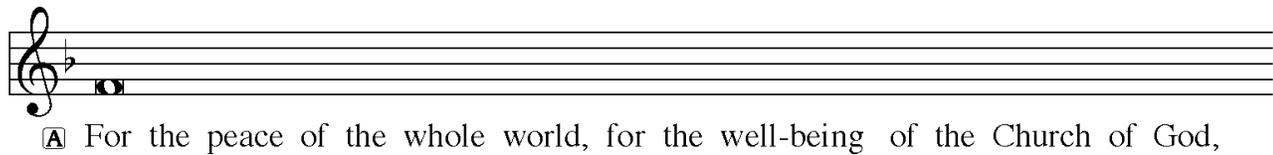
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



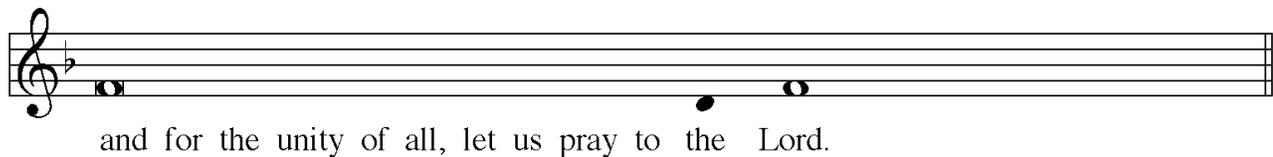
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



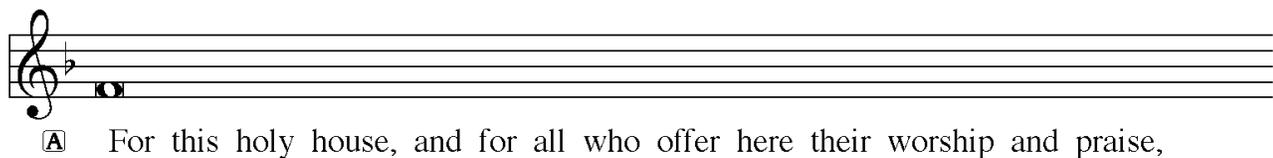
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



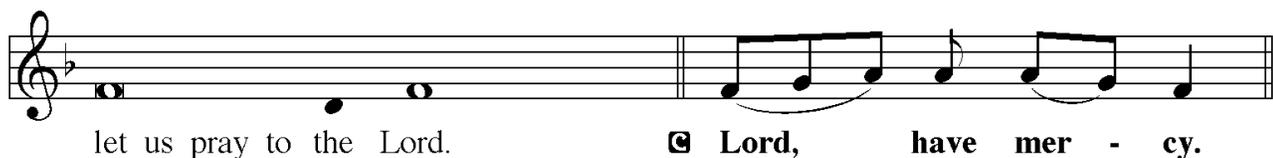
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE

C – All    I – Women    II – Men



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transforming love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Jeremiah**

<sup>13</sup>Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; <sup>14</sup>who says, “I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms,” and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. <sup>15</sup>Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. <sup>16</sup>He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord. (Jeremiah 22:13–16)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148:7–14**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**  
<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup>**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**  
<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup>**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

## A Reading from Galatians

<sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup>From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. <sup>18</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen. (Galatians 6:14–18)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel** Matthew 11:25–30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for

I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“This Is My Father’s World”

#824

**SERMON**

**THE 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.

## **THE PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (IN UNISON)**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.*

**OFFERTORY (8:00)**      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”      P. Harris

**ANTHEM (10:30)**      \*“Canticle of Creation”      M. Burrows  
*Chancel Choir*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Nourish us now with new and abundant life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

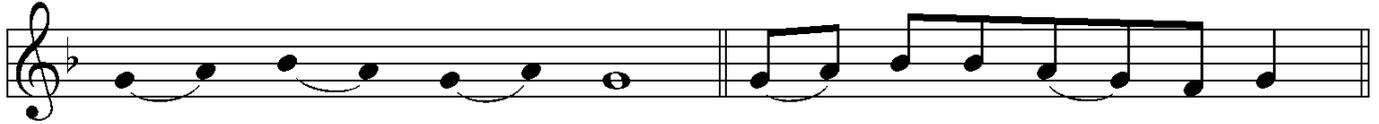
**Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



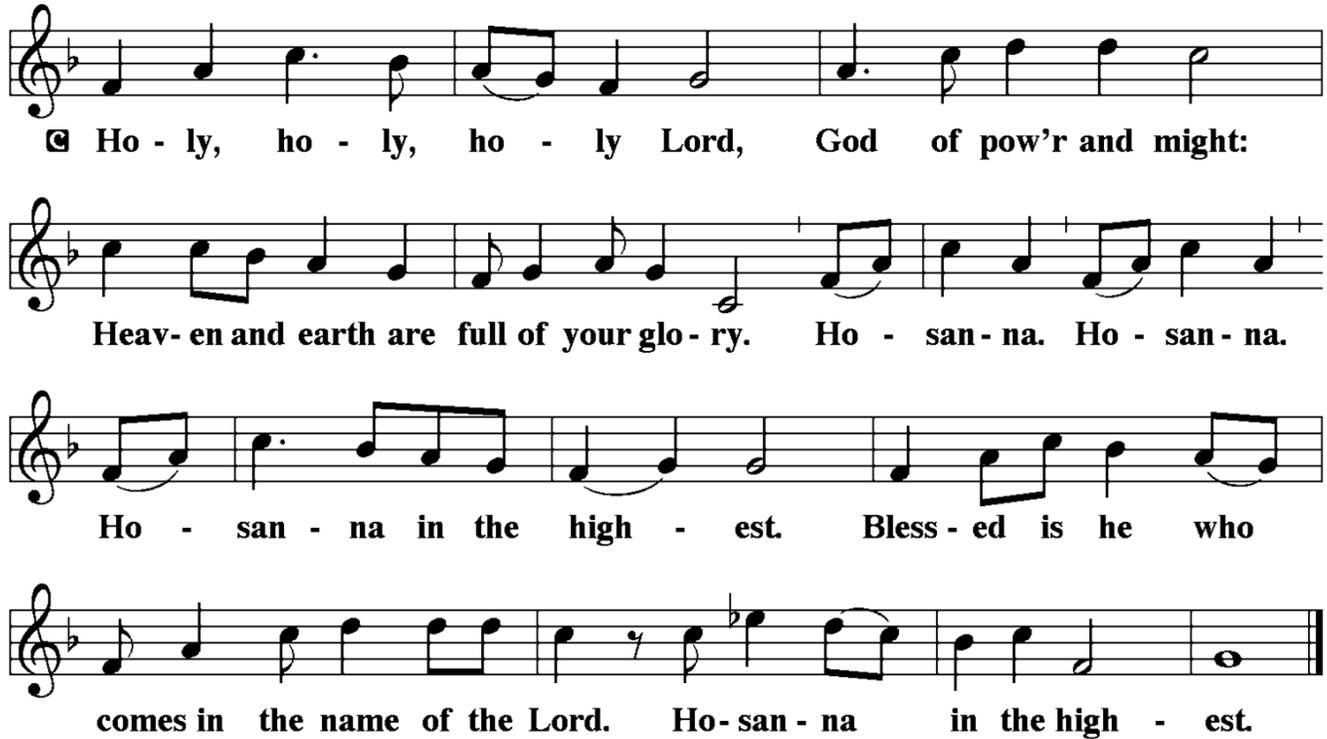
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

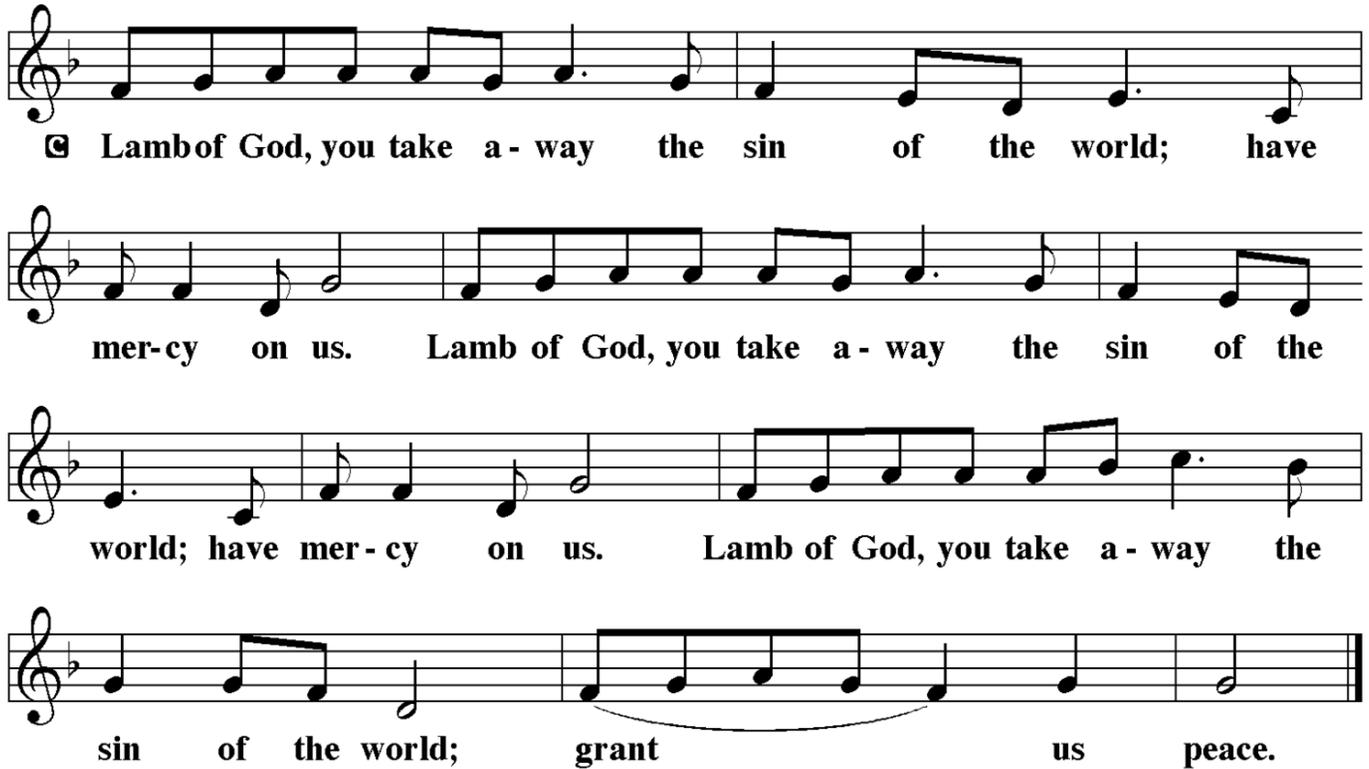
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God has prepared a banquet for all to share.  
Come, take your place at the feast.

## 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      “All Creatures of Our God and King”      *see insert*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this heavenly feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **FRANCIS OF ASSISI, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH**

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Under his leadership, the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal (p. 87, and hymn #835).

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### **SERVING TODAY (10/6/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Deb Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; USHERS: Deb Moyer & Ruth Ann Withers; GREETER: Chris Long; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Gwen Wehr; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Robin Zimmerman; USHERS: Sandy Freeman & Steve Zimmerman; GREETER: Steve Couch; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards**

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/13/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Gail Rarick; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS: Gail Rarick & Nevin Zehner; GREETER: ; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler & Sue Schenck**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Jim Spotts; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Greg Sklar; USHERS: Diane Brobst & Kathy Couch; GREETER: Steve Couch; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler & Sue Schenck**

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**CALENDAR**

Saturday, October 5	9:00 AM– 2:00 PM	Annual Service Ministry Bazaar
	5:30 PM	Worship w/Communion
Sunday, October 6	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals in Albright's Woods
Wednesday, October 9	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, October 12	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, October 13	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	9:15 AM	Property Committee
	10:30 AM	Worship

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**IMPORTANT WELCA DATE CHANGE**

All St. Paul's women are encouraged to attend the **Tuesday, October 15, meeting** at 1:00 PM. The program will be presented by Kim Pace, manager of the New Life Thrift Store, who will explain their purpose. They will be given the In-Gathering offering that was received in September. Their profits are donated to local charities. Please bring any clean, gently used or new clothing items for men, women, and children. They also accept shoes, belts, handbags, scarves, hats, coats, and jewelry. All seasons of clothing are accepted.

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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The Blessing of the Animals will take place today at 4:00 PM in Albright’s Woods. Our youth will once again host a collection drive for Hillside SPCA. Donation ideas include canned dog & cat food, treats, cat litter, cleaning supplies, old blankets/towels/sheets, new or used collars, leashes, and food bowls. Donations can be brought to Albright’s Woods or dropped off at the church that weekend.

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**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER**

When leaving our church, please double-check that all doors are locked if you are the last person out and are a key holder. If you are not a key holder, please use the lockbox at the entrance door to lock up or ask a key holder to lock the door for you.

It is vital that we keep our church safe and secure.

Thank you.

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**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

The Evangelism Committee invites everyone to attend a progressive dinner on Saturday, October 19, starting at 6:00 PM. We will need a host home for appetizers and a host home for soup and salad. The evening will end at the home of Mary Timpany with dessert and a bonfire.

We are looking forward to sharing an enjoyable evening with you. Please sign up at the gathering place if you plan on participating.

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**HARVEST HOME**

Harvest Home will be held the weekend of October 19/20. Please bring your nonperishable food items to the church beginning in October. We will use them to set up our Harvest Home display. Donations may be placed in the large box in the narthex.

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**EVANGELISM NEWS**

St. Paul’s will be joining the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade on October 23! Come out and join the fun! We will be riding on the back of the Couch truck, so bring a blanket! If you would like to help decorate or participate, please sign up! And don’t forget that we will be handing out candy on Trick or Treat night, Thursday, October 31. And moms and dads can enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or coffee while the kids are getting their candy!

We will also be having a Pot Luck dinner for all following the Saturday night worship service on November 9! Please sign up to bring either a hot dish or dessert!

Sunday, December 15, we will be having breakfast treats for all following the 8 AM service!

*And for next year:*

Mark your calendars now for our Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13, 2020, at Albright’s Woods!

Our 2nd annual Health Fair, in conjunction with God’s Work, Our Hands, will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020, at the Memorial Building! We will be needing lots of hands to make this a success!

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**FRIENDSHIP PADS**

Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...**

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,  
please call 717-649-3532.

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