

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

J. Raney

Kate Kauffman & Justin McClure, Piano Duet

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

If we say we have no sins, 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Gracious God, you pour out your goodness and provide abundantly for all you have made. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that gives life to body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

(Isaiah 55:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read Responsively)

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

- ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹**The LORD fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**
- ²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

A READING FROM ROMANS

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 9:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about [the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Matthew 14:13-21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Break Now the Bread of Life"

(#515)

[See back of bulletin]

THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

For your church throughout the world, that it may satisfy all who hunger for your Word. Bless readers, teachers, translators, and all who break open your life-giving word that it might be shared with joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your good creation and the abundance which you provide, that all creatures are fed and nourished. Bless farmers, farm workers, and all whose labor brings food to our tables. Make us faithful stewards of all the earth's gifts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders, that they seek justice and that their people live in peace. Keep us ever mindful of the terrible cost of war. Turn our hearts upward toward your reign of love, hope, and reconciliation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cry out in sorrow or anguish, that they find comfort in your compassion. Feed those who are hungry, and have mercy on all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially everyone on our prayer list. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation, that we bear witness to the abundant life and joy that is found only in you. Bless all who gather here, and those who are with us in spirit, that we may be a blessing for this community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire and strengthen your church. Help all who believe to trust your promises which bring life and salvation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Kate Kauffman & Justin McClure, Piano Duet

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

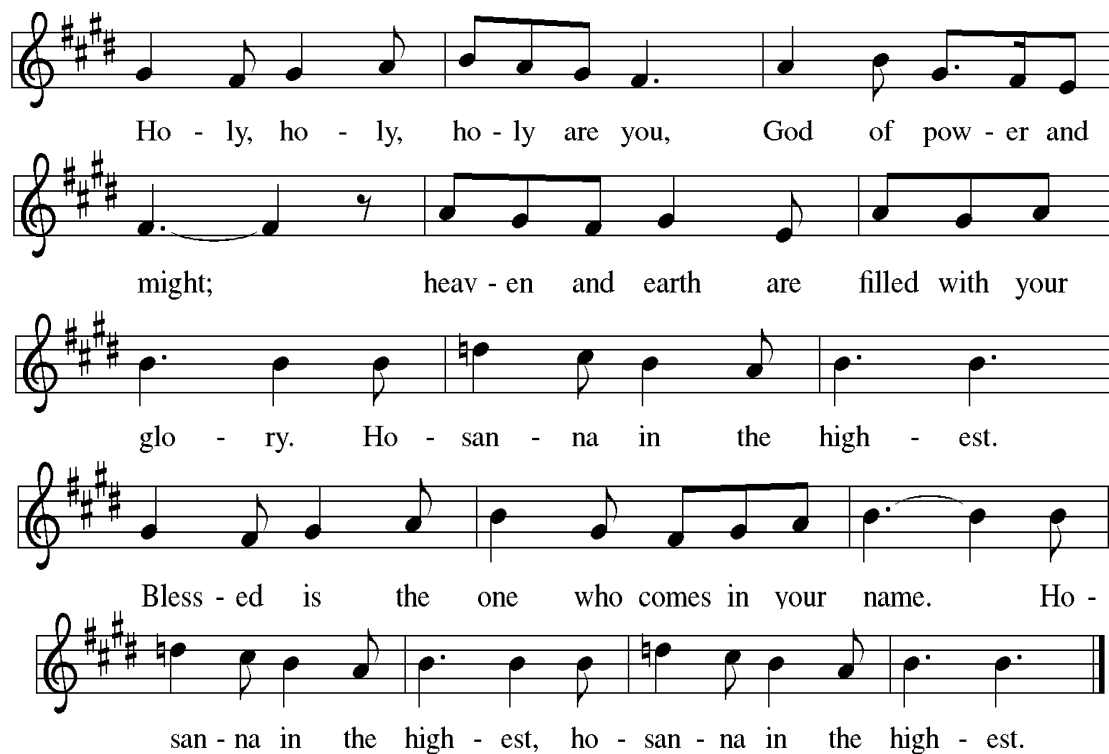
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give 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 are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 (In Unison)

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

The Lord's banquet is ready. All who seek forgiveness and healing are welcome.
Let us taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

INSTRUCTIONS

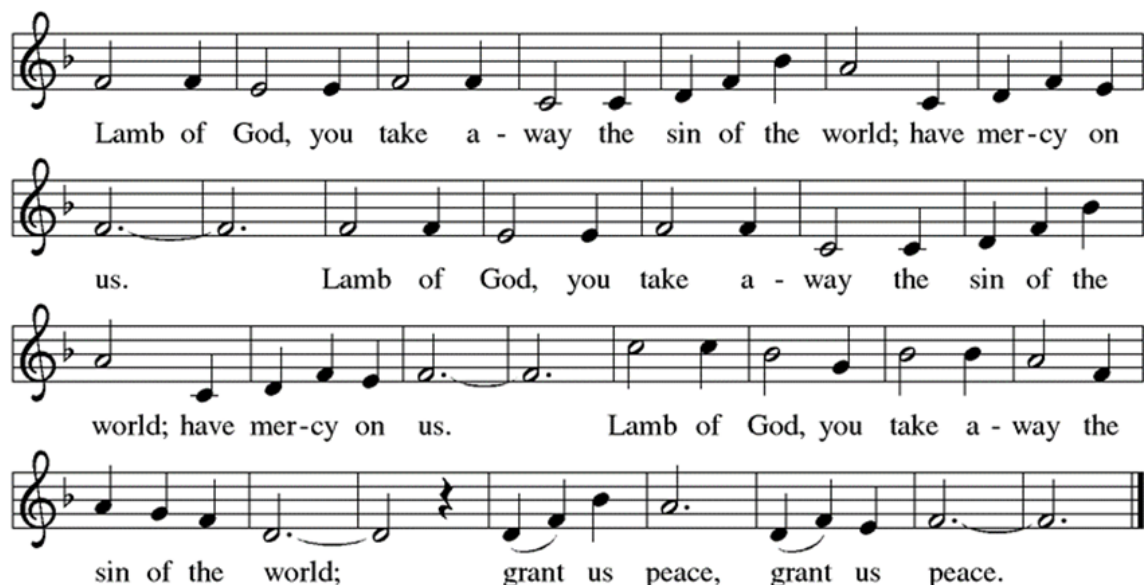
All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you require a gluten free wafer, please request it from the pastor.

If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please raise your hand.

We will share the Sacrament with those on the pulpit side of the nave followed by those on the lectern side.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
[See back of bulletin]

(#484)

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

(#542)

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THE DISMISSAL

Now go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Triumphal Finale”

T. Bliss

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: Today God calls all who hunger and thirst to come and be fed with the gifts of life. At the table of the Lord we are nourished by Christ, the Bread of Life, and we remember all who long for daily bread in our world. Strengthened by this meal, we are sent out to share God’s mercy and to become signs of Christ’s care for the hungry.

Altar Flowers are presented in honor of Rev. Rob Reier’s 45th Anniversary of Ordination from St. Paul’s congregation.

SUMMER “BOOK DRIVE”

Our Service Ministry committee is seeking donations of new or gently used books for infants, preschool-aged children, and early readers. These books will benefit families served by our Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry. Books can open the minds of children and young people even among families who are facing serious difficulties. This book drive will run from July 1 through August 31 and a box for donations is in the narthex. Please be generous!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (8/02/26)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Glenda Bright; LECTOR: Kristin Durkee
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tina Butler
ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko and Amy Dewald
COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/09/26)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Bill Smoot; LECTOR: Hope Clarke
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke, Sue Schenk, and Barb Sterner
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 2	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, August 3	6:30 PM	Worship & Music Committee
Wednesday, August 5	6:30 PM	Property Committee
Saturday, August 8	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, August 9	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God.

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION!

The Reverend Robert C. Reier will celebrate the 45th anniversary of his ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament on August 2. We look forward to congratulating him on his long and faithful ministry on Sunday, August 9, during our 9:30 a.m. service. Please mark your calendar and join us for this celebration.

We will not “pass the plate” during today’s worship service. Our offering plate is in the back of the nave near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering, please do so before the service has begun or after our service is over. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.

GATHERING HYMN “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

CRAFTERS' GUILD

The Crafters' Guild will meet on Wednesday, August 26 at 12 noon in Reidler Hall to plan projects for the Annual Bazaar and the Holly Trail event at the Orwigsburg public library. If you'd like to be part of our group, please contact the church office at 570-366-2316.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KATE KAUFFMAN, WHO IS OUR GUEST MUSICIAN THIS MORNING!

HYMN OF THE DAY “Break Now the Bread of Life”

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

PROGRESSIVE PICNIC SET

Our Progressive Picnic scheduled for Saturday, August 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. will be held at the home of Steve and Robin Zimmerman. Come for good food and good fellowship. A sign-up sheet is located at the gathering room. Questions? Please call our church office!

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. to 12 NOON.

COMMUNION HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

GWOH 2026!

This year our annual *God's Work. Our Hands* project supports Servants to All – My Father's House in Pottsville, PA. A donation box is available in the narthex.

DONATIONS REQUESTED:

Hygiene items — travel-size shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotion, and lip balm.

Non-perishable snacks — granola bars, protein bars, peanut butter crackers, and other individually wrapped items.

Monetary gifts — checks may be made payable to St. Paul's with "GWOH 26" on the memo line.

The following items must be new, unused, and (if packaged) in their original packaging:

Socks and undergarments for men, women, and children.

Towels and washcloths.

Twin-size bed sheets and pillows.

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need. Please plan to join us for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on August 15!

SENDING HYMN

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy;
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

If you are away from home during the summer months, please stop at a Christian church to pray. If you can worship on a Sunday while you are away, we encourage you to do so. Through Jesus Christ, we are one body, one church, and one family, adopted by God, made precious and holy, and joined together in God's love.