

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
SUNDAY November 9th, 2025



WELCOME

To our Church Family

We're Glad You're Here.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our new St Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both are in the Welcome Bag.

For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

You are Welcome at the table!

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion) you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape Juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

Flowers

Altar Flowers were given today by Carol Stoner in honor of her son Todd's birthday.

Today's Worship Focus

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Readings and Psalm

Job 19:23-27a

I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God.

Psalm 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The coming of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living.

In our prayers today we will remember

Cindy Lash, Judy Hall, Kathy Watts, Bonnie & Dave Dourm, Nancy Lint, Tom Fry, Carol Sargent, Kenneth & Jean Dexter, Anna Langenfeld, Matthew Cottle, Arthur Barrett, Olivia Harrington, Darlene Lewis, Cindy Nash, Karen & Paul Daily, Rick Theiss, Richard Geson.

Today's Hymns from The Tower
The Westminster Strike
Welcome and Announcements

Church Carillon

Prelude: Song of Peace

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

A Litany for Veterans

Leader: We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

Congregation: **We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.**

L: Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.

C : On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

L: And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

C: Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

L: And remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran – all know the cost of war.

C: Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

L: And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

Let us pray.

And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace. We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. **AMEN.**

(Written by Rev. Tom Williams)

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

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

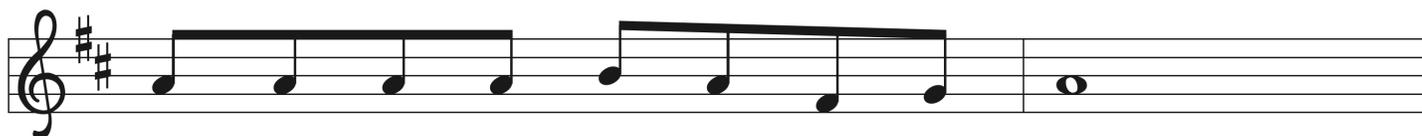
First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

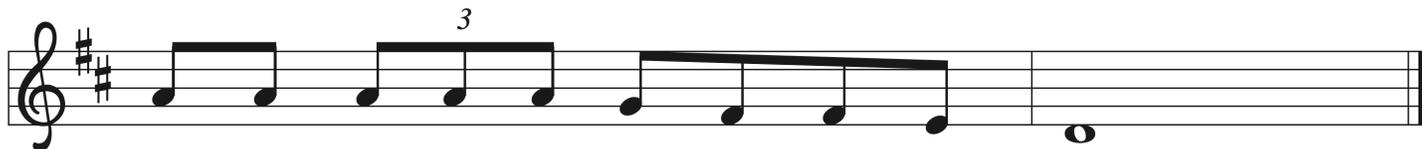
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 17:1-9



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**
- ³ Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise
against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**
- ⁹ from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god

or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children

for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kreemer

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Small Our Span of Life ELW 636

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition the following response is given:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Anthem: Deep River arr. Russell Robinson (b. 1956)
Chancel Choir

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into
campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast? That promised land,
where all is peace?*

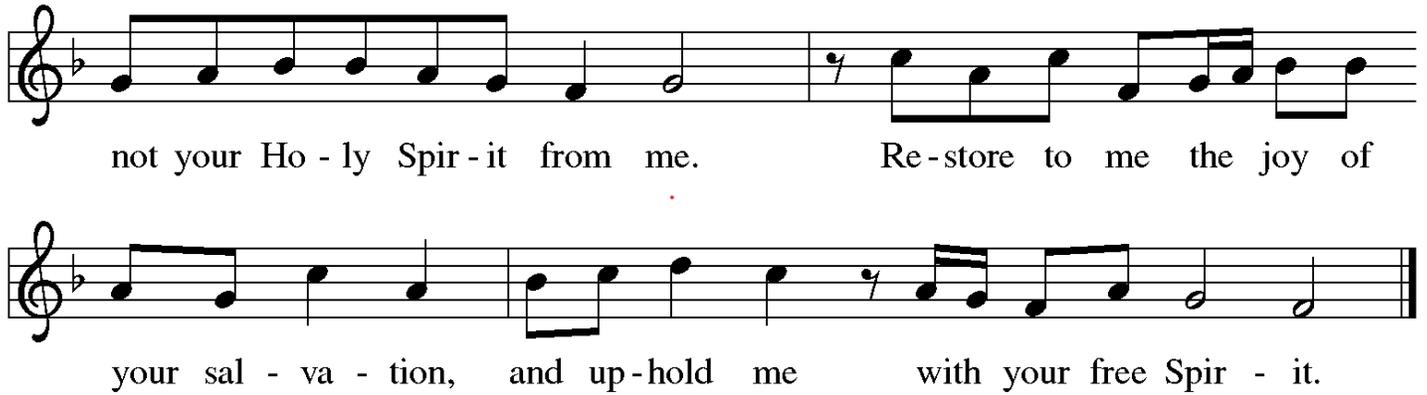
OFFERTORY



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



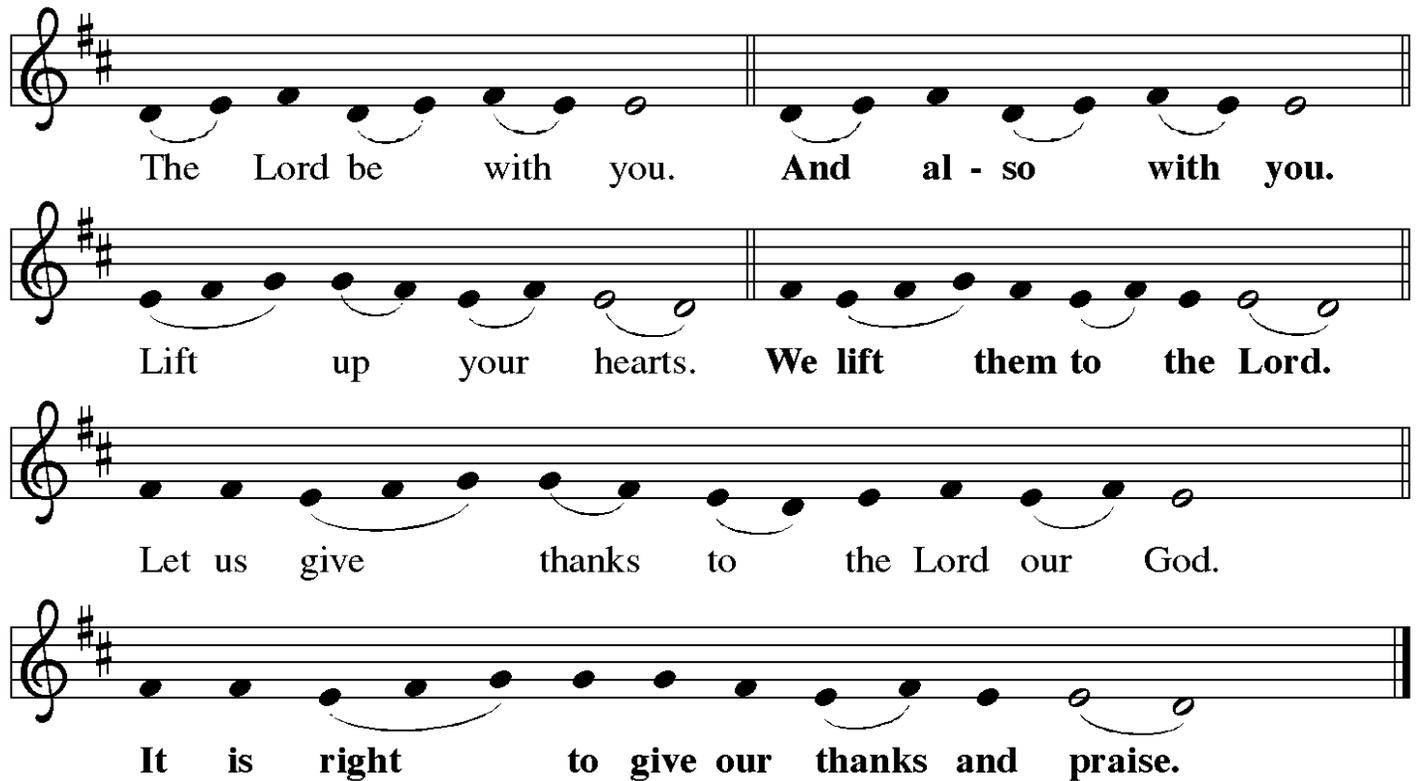
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

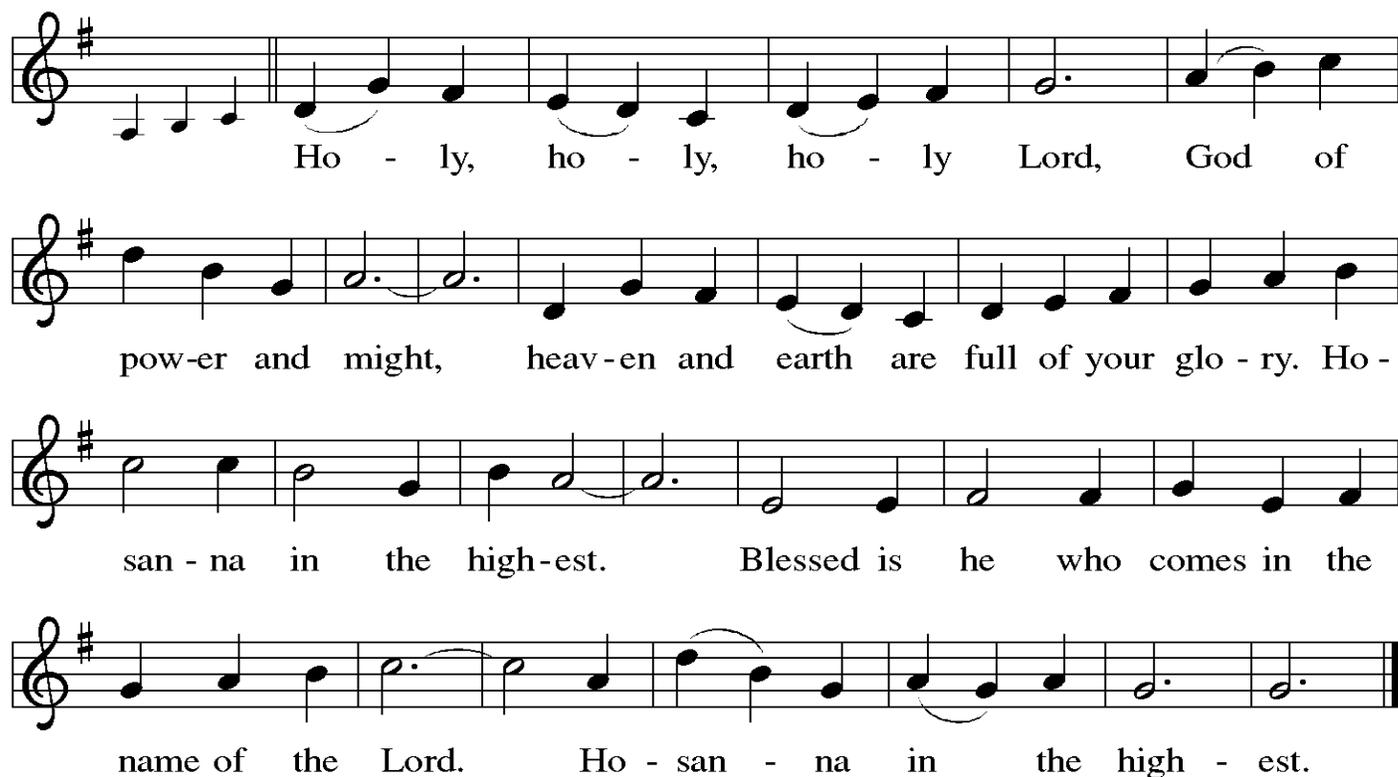
God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKGIVING



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

The preface of the day is chanted by the presiding minister.



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
 Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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: When We Are Living ELW 639

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand ELW 437

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The Kingsfold Trumpet Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Music Notes

Handbell Choir

Save the dates! Rehearsals are **November 12, 19, & December 3** in preparation to
play in worship on **December 7** AND participate in the **Candlelight Walk**
(**December 7, 5-7 PM**). Please let Abby know if you plan to ring so that she can
have music ready for you!



Mark your calendars for the Community Candlelight Walk:
December 7, 5-7 pm. Continuous music from our adult choir, bell choir,
and vocal and instrumental soloists.

Cathedral Concert Series

Today! Sunday, November 9th, 2025, 4 pm
OPUS 216

Adult Sunday School

If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)

Our study of the Holy Spirit continues as we consider the fruit of the Spirit. This is the evidence of our lives; that we truly belong to Jesus Christ and are directed and empowered by the Spirit to show. Please join us as we gather at 11:30 each Sunday morning on the top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.

Tickets Available for Madrigal Feaste

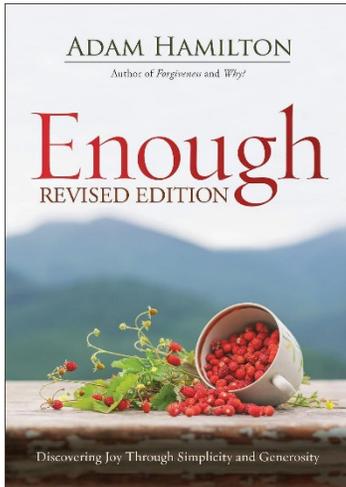


\$20 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. Light meal from charcuterie board and dessert in the Parish Hall to accompany the magnificent singers from Firestone CLC.

Scholarship Committee Announcement

It's time to apply for, or renew, scholarship applications for the 2026 spring semester. All renewal applications are sent via email to the recipients from the previous semester. New applicants can request an application starting November 1st by emailing Lynda Klein at gllklein@sssnet.com for the application.

DEADLINE to be considered for the scholarship is November 30, 2025. Scholarship recipients will then be voted upon by the Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified, and rewards will be sent via postal mail to the address on the application within the month of December.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Beginning November 6th

10:00 am

Enough Revised Edition: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

Money has great power in our lives. Used wisely, it is one key to accomplishing our goals, providing for our needs, and fulfilling our life purpose. In recent years, many of us ignored the wisdom of the past when it came to managing and spending our money. Credit card debt soared, savings rates plummeted, and our home equity became something to be tapped into and spent rather than a source of security in retirement. We felt an insatiable desire for more. And we found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today in order to have what we hoped would satisfy. The result of all of this was not greater happiness and satisfaction, but greater stress and anxiety.

Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS COLLECTING NONPERISHABLES

Welfare and Social Committee will collect nonperishable food and miscellaneous items for our Community Meal families for Christmas. These items will be distributed at our Community Meal on Friday, December 12.

We will begin collecting in October. Please place your donations in the box located at the side entrance of the church.

If you have questions, please contact Barb Palmer at 330-244-1602

October 19	Tea and coffee
October 26	Peanut butter and jelly
November 2	Canned soups and pork n beans
November 9	Cereal and mixes (cake, brownies, muffins)
November 16	Canned fruits and vegetables
November 23	Spaghetti sauce, pasta, instant potatoes
November 30	Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper)
December 7	Bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrush

Thank you for your generosity! Barb Palmer

Assisted Hearing Devices Available

Four assisted listening devices are available at the sound system table in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Please see Jim Johnson or John Stanko if you need assistance with these devices.



You can also use your smartphone to access the system. Go to your app store and download the **WaveCAST** app. Then connect to the sanctuary Wi-Fi: **Network:** sound media **Password:** Sound127

Capital Campaign Report

With joy and gratitude, we celebrate the completion of our new entrance and bathrooms—made possible by your faithful generosity. What a gift it is to see these improvements already serving our community!

Yet our work of caring for God’s house is not finished. Three pressing needs lie ahead: a \$125,000 replacement of the Parish Hall heating and cooling system, repairs to the Parish Hall window wells, and fixing a boiler leak in the Education Building. Through your continued giving, we can preserve this sacred space as a place of safety, welcome, and comfort for all who come through our doors. Together, we are ensuring that our church remains a living witness to God’s grace for generations to come.

Download the St. Paul’s Phone APP

Go to your Google or Apple app store on your smart phone and download the “My Church” by Pushpay. It is a free download.

Open the app and search for St Paul’s by typing STPLC APP. Then click on the St Paul’s logo—that’s it.

Community Social Media Pages

Facebook & Instagram, Search “*Massillon Lutheran Churches*”

Facebook

**“*St Paul’s Lutheran Church in Massillon*”
or “*Cathedral Concerts at St Paul’s*”**

Thank you to those serving today:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mark Kreemer
Director of Music	Dr. Abigail Haake
Assisting Minister	Sue Reid
Lector	Patty Long
Greeters	Gary Collard
Communion Assistants	Dwight Butler & Jim Johnson
Sacristan	Barb Palmer & Brooke Duplain
Ushers	Chuck Green, Dick Longworth Chuck Richards, Mike Skelly
Soundboard	Jim Johnson
Video/Live-Stream	John Stanko

Hymns, Liturgies, and Live stream permissions granted by the following:

Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # **SAS027923**
Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

GATHERING HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies ELW 888
Public Domain

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Small Our Span Of Life ELW 636
"Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE,
License #A-734490. All rights reserved

COMMUNION HYMNS: When We Are Living ELW 639
"Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE,
License #A-734490. All rights reserved

SENDING HYMN: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand ELW 437
Public Domain

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



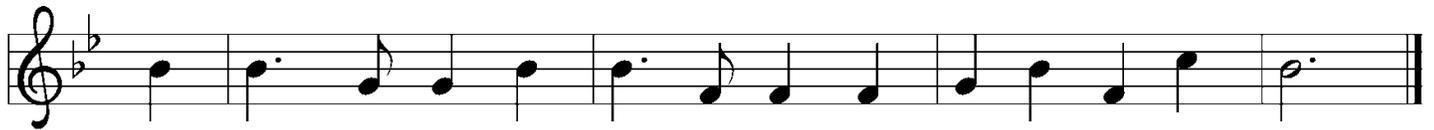
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929

Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

Text © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

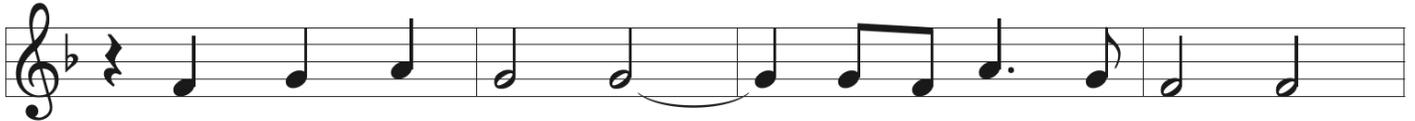
Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

When We Are Living

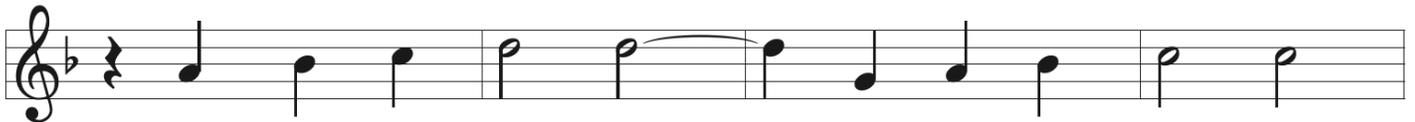
Pues si vivimos



<p><i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i></p> <p>1 When we are liv - ing,</p> <p>2 'Mid times of sor - row</p> <p>3 A - cross this wide world,</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i></p> <p>it is in Christ Je - sus,</p> <p>and in times of pain,</p> <p>we shall al - ways find</p>
---	--



<p><i>y si mo - ri - mos</i></p> <p>and when we're dy - ing,</p> <p>when sens - ing beau - ty</p> <p>those who are cry - ing</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i></p> <p>it is in the Lord. . . .</p> <p>or in love's em - brace, . . .</p> <p>with no peace of mind; . . .</p>
--	---



<p><i>Sea que vi - va - mos</i></p> <p>Both in our liv - ing</p> <p>wheth - er we suf - fer,</p> <p>and when we help them,</p>	<p><i>o que mu - ra - mos,</i></p> <p>and in our dy - ing,</p> <p>or sing re - joic - ing,</p> <p>or when we feed them,</p>
--	---



<p><i>so - mos del Se - ñor,</i></p> <p>we be - long to God,</p> <p>we be - long to God,</p> <p>we be - long to God,</p>	<p><i>so - mos del Se - ñor.</i></p> <p>we be - long to God.</p> <p>we be - long to God.</p> <p>we be - long to God.</p>
--	--

2 En la tristezayen el dolor,
 en la belleza y en el amor,
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá
 gente que lloray sin consolar.
 Sea queayudemos oalimentemos,
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942
 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

Spanish text, sts. 2-3 © 1983 Abingdon Press and tr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Company

Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand



- 1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
- 2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day;
- 3 No chill - ing winds or poi - s' nous breath can reach that health - ful shore;
- 4 When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.
there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.
sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899