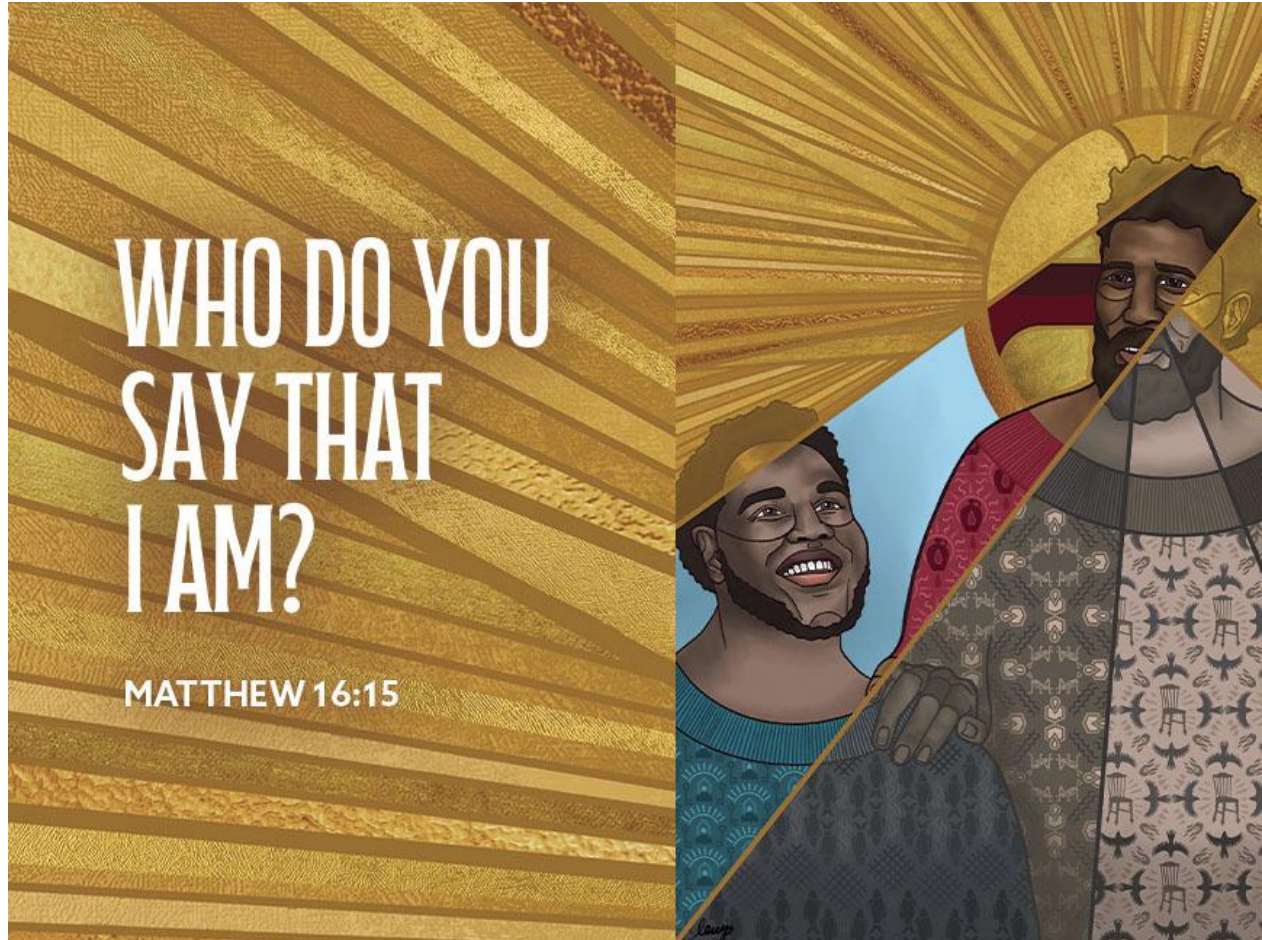


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 23rd, 2026



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 is 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.

Altar Flowers

The **Altar flowers** were given today by Loren Veigel to the Glory of God.

Introduction

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 51:1-6

The enduring foundation of God's salvation

Psalm 138

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

Romans 12:1-8

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

Matthew 16:13-20

The profession of Peter's faith

The Westminster Strike

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Medley: Great Is the Lord/Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. John. F. Wilson

Richard Evert & Teresa Houston, clarinet

Confession and Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

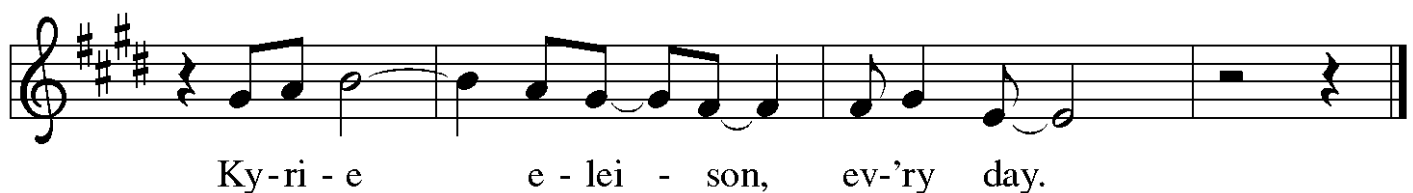
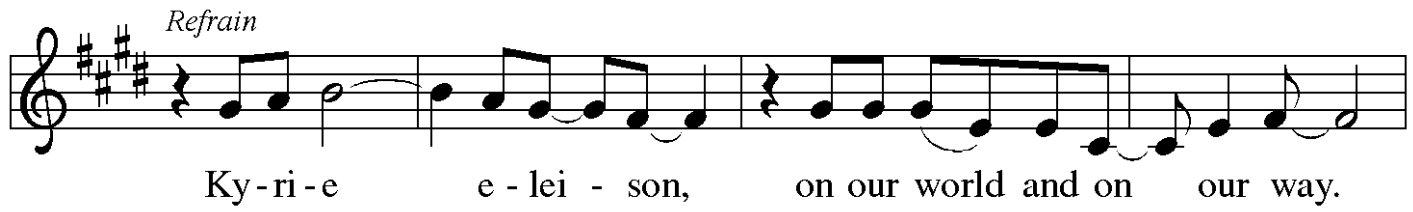
GATHERING HYMN The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

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



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: In Thee Is Gladness arr. Scott M. Hyslop
Mr. Evert, Ms. Houston, & Emily Roh, mezzo soprano

In thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls thou makest, our bonds thou breakest; who trusts thee surely hath built securely, and stands forever. Alleluia! Our hearts are pining to see thy shining; dying or living, to thee are cleaving; naught can us sever. Alleluia! If God be ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death. God sees and blesses in worst distresses, and can change them in a breath. Wherefore the story tell of God's glory with heart and voices; all heaven rejoices, singing forever; Alleluia! We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness, loving and praising, voices still raising glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

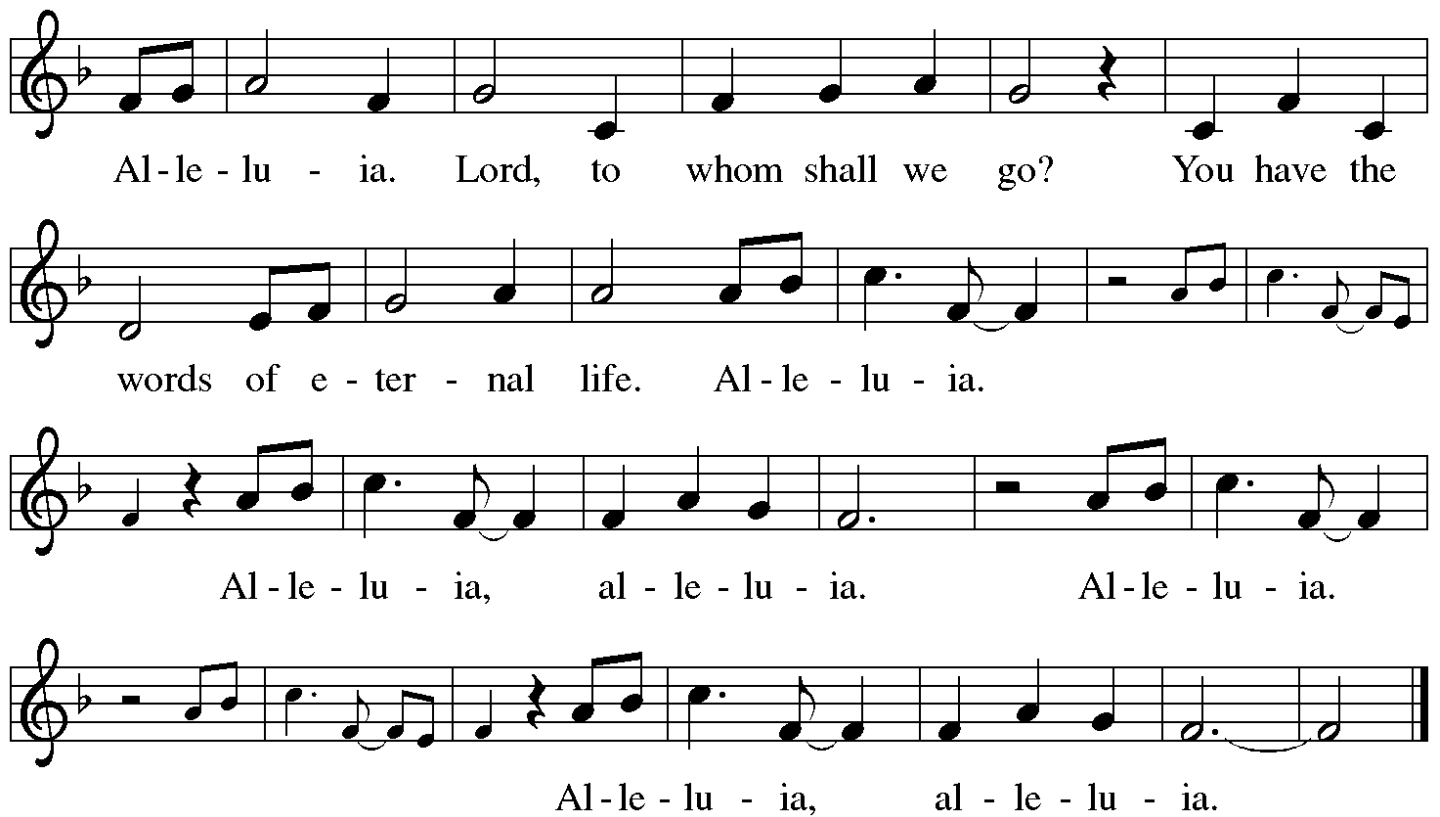
¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kreemer

HYMN OF THE DAY How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds ELW 620

APOSTLES' 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. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition the following response is given:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

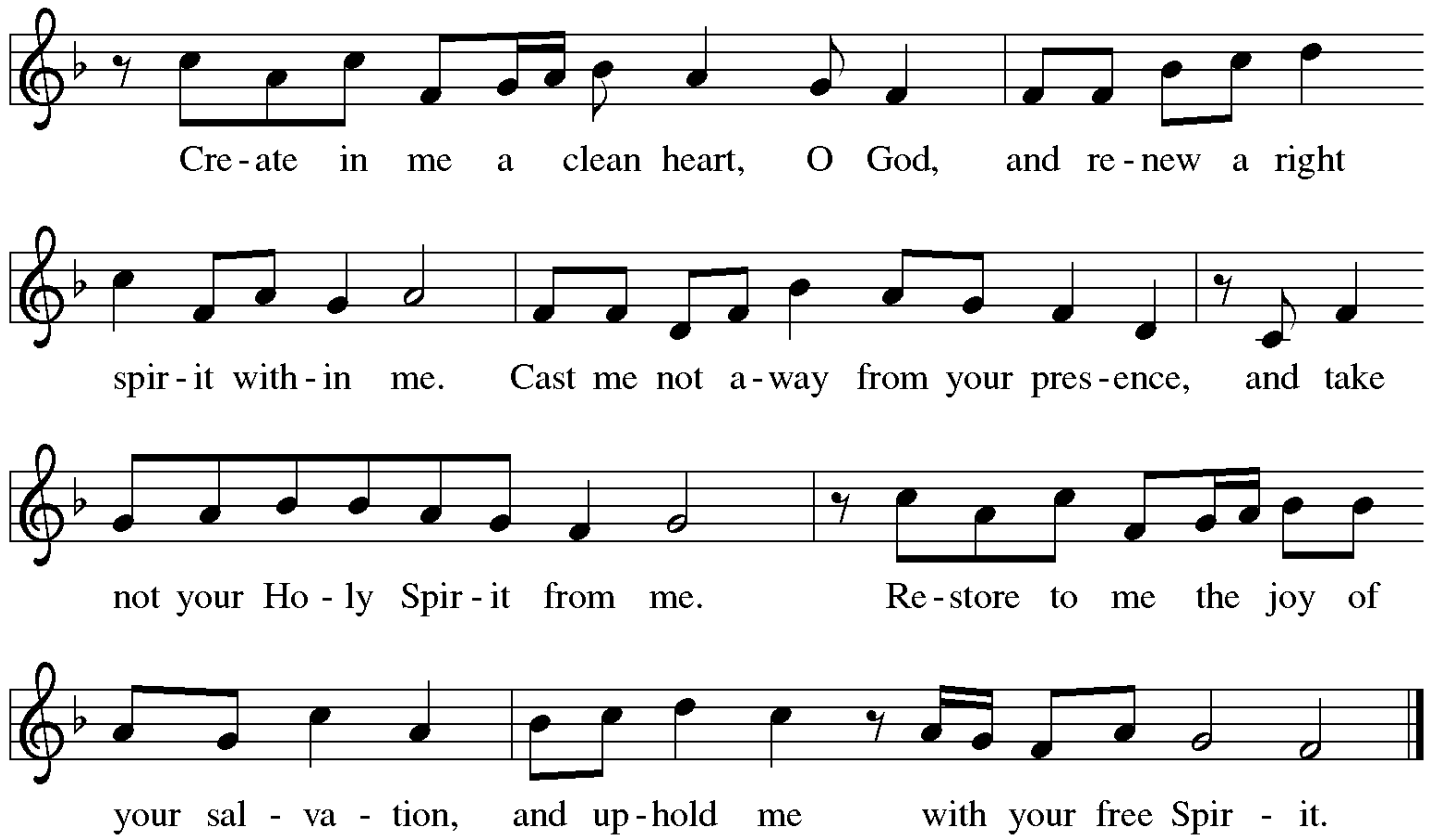
How Great Thou Art

arr. Rebecca Belliston

Ms. Roh, mezzo soprano

(Text may be found on pg. 856 of the hymnal)

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.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

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,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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

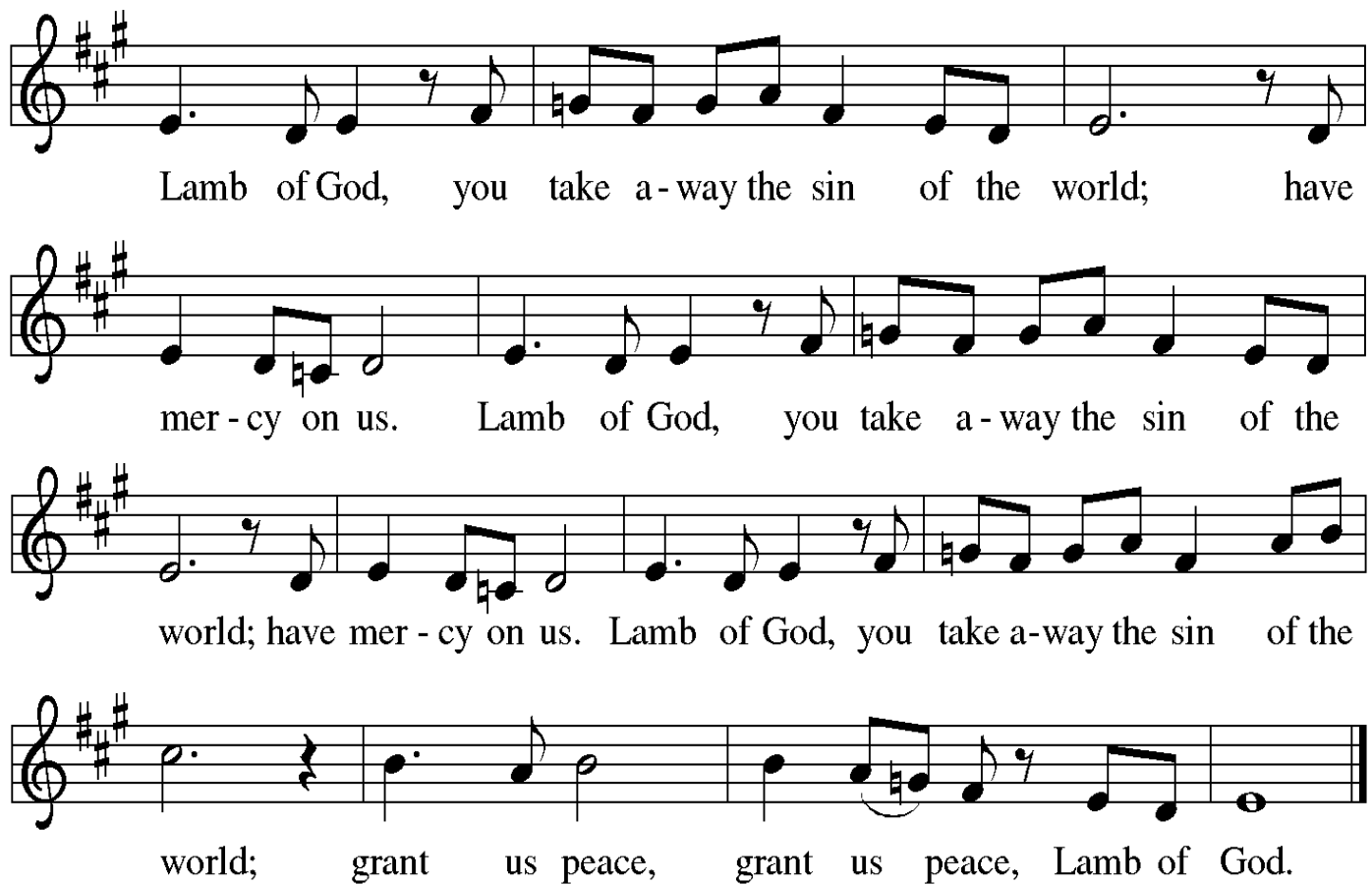
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION SONG



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, Lamb of God.

Communion: Medley- On Eagle's Wings/It Is Well With My Soul- arr. Wilson
Mr. Evert & Ms. Houston, clarinet

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less ELW 596

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Theme and Variation On “In Thee Is Gladness”- arr. Gregory Hamilton

In our prayers today we will remember

Maggie Paul, Amy Williams, Riley Hostatler, John, Lorili, Megan, Ema, Jan Hawley, Lynn Williamson, Cindy Lash, Bob & Marlene Rupp, Gary Maurer, Richard Green, Abbie Deuble, Linda Wentling, Eric & Rick Theiss, Judy Hall, Anna Langenfeld, Karen Daily, Sandra Jelen, Jimmy Southard.

Music Notes:

We welcome **Emily Roh** is a classically trained vocalist and music educator with a degree in Music Education from the University of Utah. She has nearly 30 years of performance experience, including solo, choral, and theatrical work. Her favorite performance credits include four seasons of *A Christmas Carol* at Hale Centre Theatre in Utah, as well as appearing as Paulette in *Legally Blonde* at Players Guild Theatre in Canton.

Before relocating to Ohio in 2023, Emily spent a decade teaching middle school choir and theatre. She currently runs a thriving private voice studio, serves as a teaching artist and music director with New Direction Performing Arts Academy, and is in her second season as a music director at Players Guild Theatre. This fall, she will also begin working as a music instructor at Weaver Child Development Center.

Emily lives in Canton with her husband, John, and their son, Dashell.

We welcome back **mezzo-soprano and clarinetist Teresa Houston**, whose life has included five decades of singing and playing clarinet throughout northeast Ohio churches and musical theatre productions. This summer is especially packed with performances in the Canton Concert Band and Canal Fulton Community Band. Home-grown in Canton, she and her husband, Merle Smith, are grateful for every opportunity to share their God-given gifts with the greater community.

Richard Evert, from Sturgis, MI, plays clarinet and the family of saxophones. He attended the University of Michigan for two years and traveled to Russia with the University Symphonic Band under the Presidents Cultural Exchange Program. Following this, he played in the United States Air Force Band in Washington D.C. Richard has received degrees in Music Education and Clarinet Performance from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He worked for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for 15 years. As a teacher, Richard has taught preschoolers through college students. He has appeared as a soloist with concert bands, jazz bands, polka bands, chamber ensembles as well as in church settings. For the last six years, Richard has traveled the 50 states while RVing full time. He plays in the Canal Fulton Community Band and enjoys reading in his spare time.

Let us know you are here.



Please sign the St. Paul's Friendship Register at the end of your pew.



Rehearsals for the St. Paul's Steelband

Are you needing some island vibes this summer?

Come join the St. Paul's Steelband as we learn about the music and culture of Trinidad!

We meet on Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the education building. No music experience is required and those of all ages are welcome.

Nervous about your first rehearsal or just curious but can't come to class? See Eleanor before or after service to set up a free demo lesson!



Paper Products Needed!

During the month of August Mission Endowment will be collecting paper products for the local Commquest Family Living Center located on Lincoln Way E. Their needs include:

- Paper plates
- Paper cups - both solo and Styrofoam
- Bowls
- Napkins
- Plasticware



It was mentioned that Styrofoam anything cannot be heated in a microwave so please choose actual paper products except for coffee cups. Anything you can donate will be much appreciated!

Contact Phyllis Staver with any questions. We hope to deliver these items by Labor Day weekend. Boxes will be placed in various locations for this project. Many thanks for your generosity!

Summer Read & Conversation Opportunity

Thursday Mornings at 10 am.

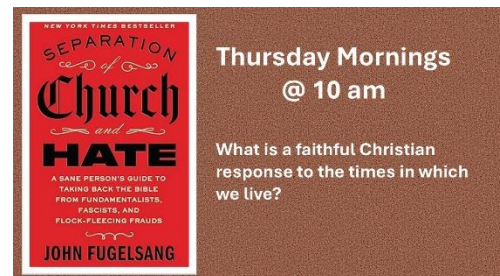
Over the past several months, many people have asked an important question: What is a faithful Christian response to the times in which we live?

Others have wondered how we can speak with family members, friends, neighbors, and fellow Christians who may see the world very differently than we do.

The book explores the intersection of faith, politics, culture, and Christian witness in today's world. It raises challenging questions about how followers of Jesus are called to live with both conviction and compassion.

This conversation will not be for everyone, and that is perfectly okay. The goal is not political agreement, nor is it to debate winners and losers. Rather, the hope is to create space for thoughtful reflection, respectful conversation, and faithful listening.

As Christians, we are called to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). That means we can hold differing opinions while still treating one another with dignity, grace, and respect. Our congregation will continue to be a place where questions may be asked honestly and where people are valued as brothers and sisters in Christ, even when perspectives differ.



Thursday Mornings
@ 10 am

What is a faithful Christian
response to the times in which
we live?

Our next blood drive is Monday, August 24th, 2026 from Noon to 6 pm.



The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.

Unlike other medical treatments, blood cannot be stockpiled. It must be constantly replenished because it is only viable for

transfusion for a few weeks and in some cases, as with platelets, only a few days. Without it, lifesaving treatments and critical access to care are not possible. Emergency rooms can't function; maternity wards can't operate; cancer patients must wait.

The blood collected at St. Paul's drive has already been allocated to assist a patient in need. Please consider donating and encourage others to do the same.

Schedule an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

Staver Stable Outing

All women of the church are invited to travel to the Staver Stables on Tuesday, August 25th for a 10:30 "meet and greet" of the four horses who reside here. This visit will include a horsemanship demonstration, a brief discussion of the importance of good nutrition in equine care, and a chance to touch them and give them treats, which will make them your friends forever! These two mares and two geldings (Yes, we will discuss gender-related topics.) are from some of the top bloodlines of their various breed types and have all been trained to do something successfully.



Following our time outside we will travel to the Dalton Dariette for lunch – but *without* the horses!

Bring lawn chairs if you need to sit for a longer period of time. (I have some and also a glider near the barn.) This will be a fun event for those who always wanted to own a horse but never got the opportunity in younger years. The address is: 12690 Sinclair Street SW, Massillon, in Tuscarawas Township south of the Elms Golf Course.

The horses and I are looking forward to seeing all of you!

Alzheimer's Association

The Welfare and Social Action Committee will be hosting a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. This event is open to everyone. Please encourage any friends that you think may benefit from this lecture.



When: September 21, 2026
Where: St. Paul's Parish Hall
Time: 1:00 PM
Topic: Supporting Independence



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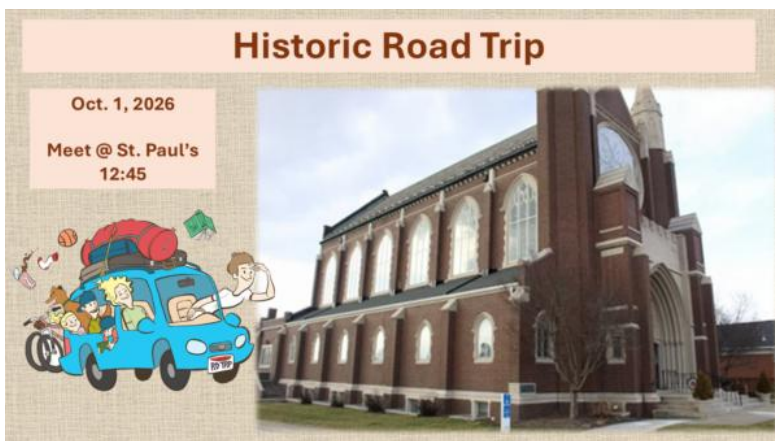


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Open the app and search for St Paul's by typing STPLC APP. Then click on the St Paul's logo—that's it.

Historic Road Trip October 1st @ 12:45



Robert Toland Wright designed many of the beautiful windows at St Paul's. He also designed beautiful windows for Grace Lutheran Church in Wadsworth. Peg Gibbs has contacted them, and they have invited us to come tour their church and learn about the windows.

On October 1st, we will start the tour 12:45 at St. Paul's learning about the windows

Wright designed for our church and then carpool to Grace Lutheran in Wadsworth to learn the history of their windows.

On the way home we will stop at Dragonfly Winery in Canal Fulton for a drink of wine, beer or soft drinks. You can also order appetizers, flat breads or sandwiches.

Let us know you are coming by calling or texting Sue Reid at 330-323-6688

An Evening in Amish Country for Dinner & Sail On- Beach Boys Tribute Concert at the Amish Country Theatre Wed., Oct. 21, 2026

Join us as we **meet at church at 4:00 pm** and carpool to Farmstead Restaurant in Berlin for an Amish buffet dinner with pie for dessert.

Following dinner, we will see the 7:00 pm Beach Boys Tribute Concert. This show has come highly recommended!

The cost for Dinner and the show is \$70 per person.

The deadline for reservations is October 1. Please call Sue Reid at 330-323-6688 for reservations. Payment can be delivered to the church office or given to Sue.

If you would like to enhance your evening with a wine tasting, you can meet at the church at 2:00 pm to carpool to Han's Place to sample Swiss Heritage wines and met up with our party at 5:00 pm at Farmstead Restaurant.

Feel free to invite a friend to enjoy this evening with us!!

A big thanks to Loren Veigel for planning this event!



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

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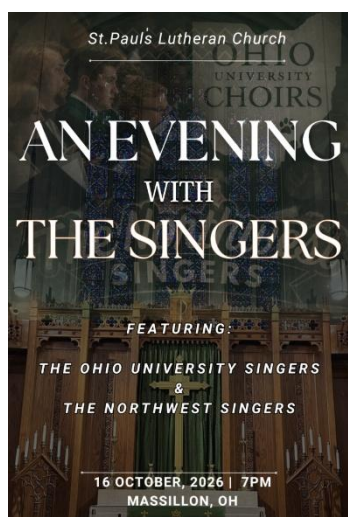
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September 20th at 3:00 PM The 9/11 Commemorative Community Choir Kicks off our Cathedral Concert Series

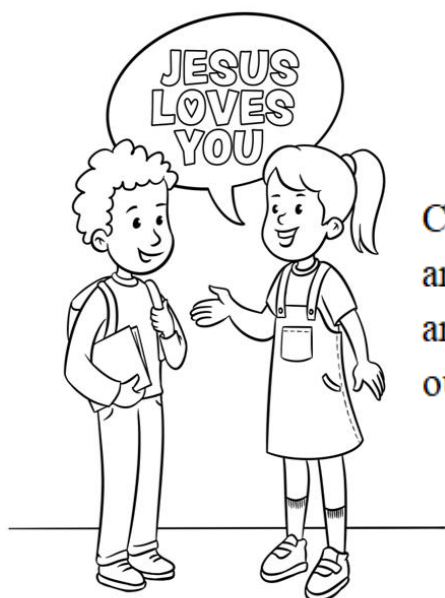
The 9/11 Commemorative Community Choir is a volunteer regional choral group in Northeastern Ohio that performs annual "Lest We Forget" memorial concerts. Directed by John Hayward and Stephen Popa and accompanied by Jimmy Oakley, the choir honors the victims of the 2001 attacks and subsequent losses with sacred, classical, and patriotic music.



Join us on October 16th, 2026 at 7PM An Evening with the Singers

The University Singers are the Ohio University School of Music's flagship mixed choral ensemble, made up of many of the university's most talented and dedicated singers.

The Northwest Singers are an advanced, auditioned mixed voice ensemble based out of Northwest High School in Canal Fulton, OH, located just minutes away from Massillon. Made up of 10th to 12th-grade students, this premiere choral group focuses on rigorous vocal training, curricular performances, and community mentorship.



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Children's Activity Bulletins

Crayons and Children's Activity Bulletins are available at the side entrance. These are a fun way to spread today's Gospel to our younger ones.

Children's Activity Bulletin

August 23rd, 2026

Peter's Confession of Christ

Matthew 16:13-20

Word Search Puzzle

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Thank you to those serving today:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mark Kreemer
Director of Music	Dr. Abigail Haake
Assisting Minister	Kathryn Myers
Lector	Larry & Kim Oberlin
Greeters	Judy Fichter
Communion Assistants	Jackie & Rob Pritchett
Sacristan	Kathryn Myers
Ushers	Sue Ambrosic, Becky Johnson Patty Long, Sue Reid
Acolytes	Scott Larson, Thomas Haake
Soundboard	Jim Johnson
Video/Live-Stream	John Stanko

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



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



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



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

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

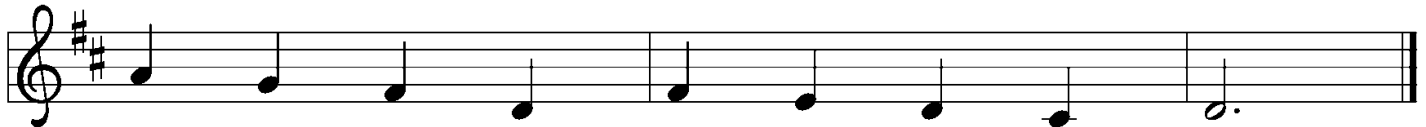
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

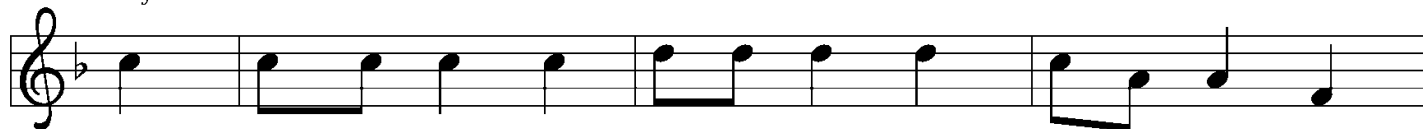


- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in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

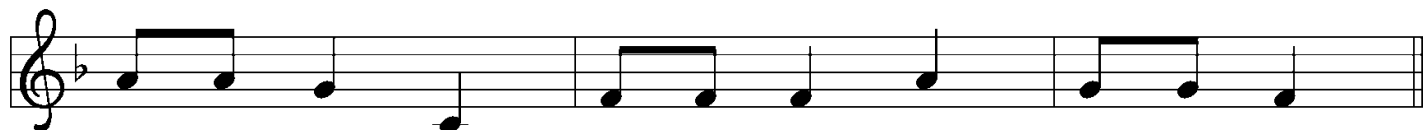


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



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



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

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868