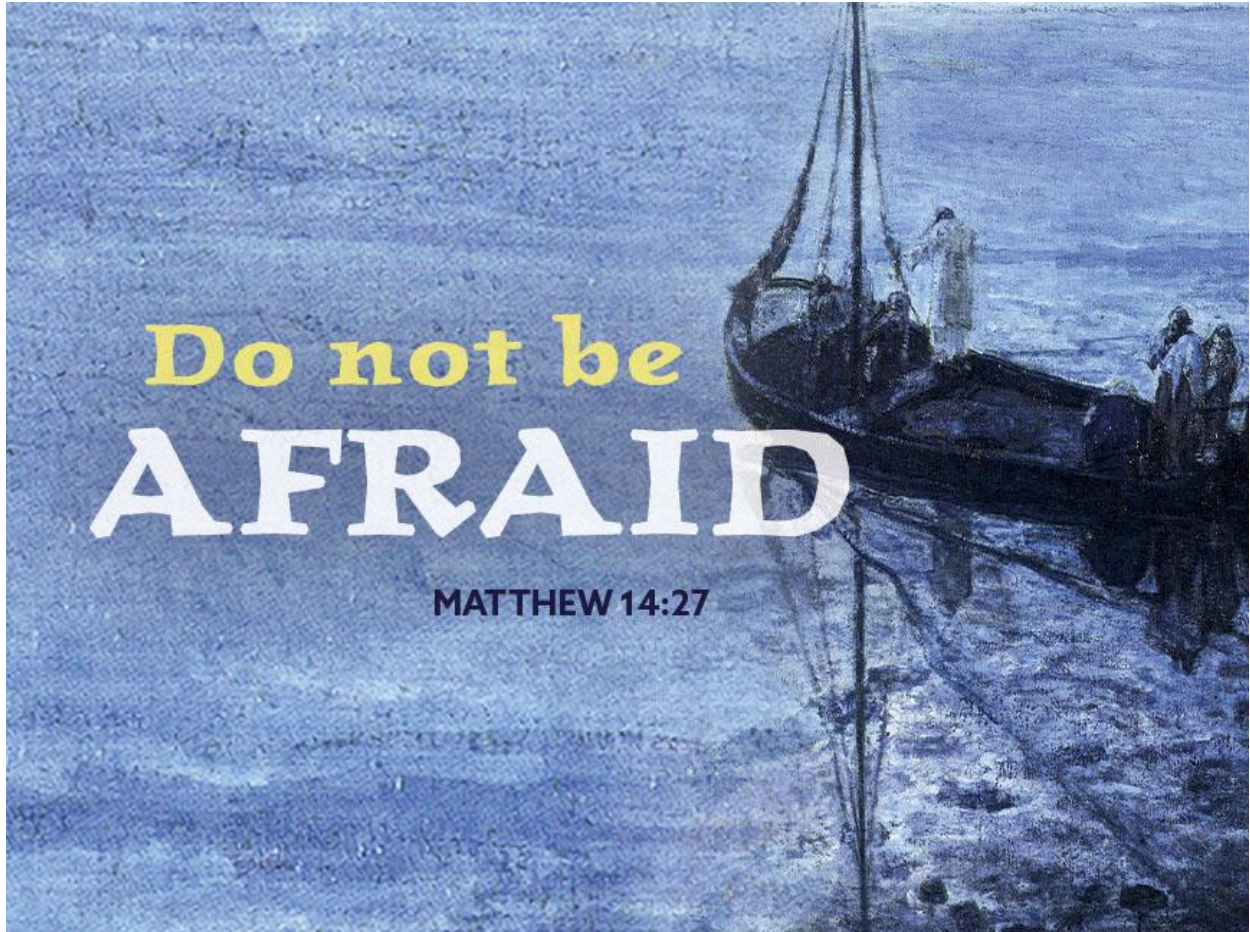


# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Jennifer & Craig Maurer in memory of Jennifer's parents,

### **Introduction**

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

### **Readings and Psalm**

#### **1 Kings 19:9-18**

*The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb*

#### **Psalm 85:8-13**

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

#### **Romans 10:5-15**

*Hearing and confessing the word of faith*

#### **Matthew 14:22-33**

*Jesus walking on the sea*

## **The Westminster Strike**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Variations on Amazing Grace: Theme, Variations I & II- Calvin Hampton  
Alexandra Piepenbrink, English horn

### **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.

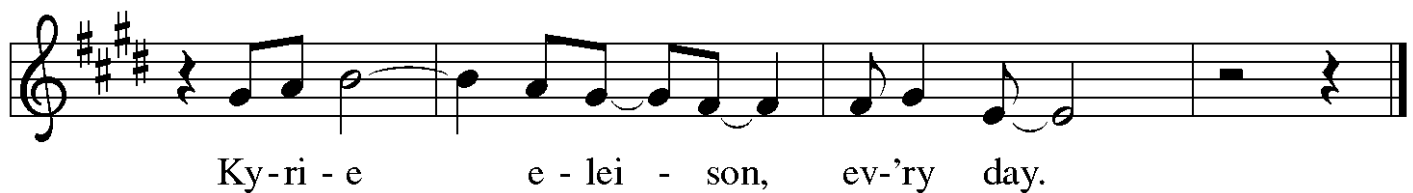
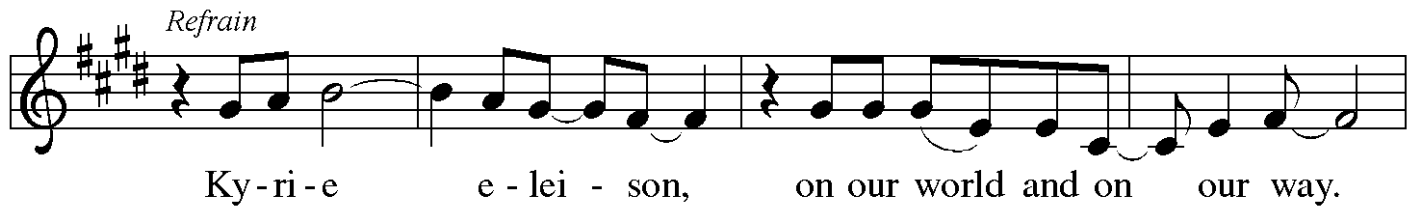
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**    Eternal Father, Strong to Save    ELW 756

## 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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and  
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup> At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:               Pastorale- Charles Wesley (1707-1788)/arr. Susan Marchant  
Ms. Piepenbrink, oboe

## Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes

from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart”

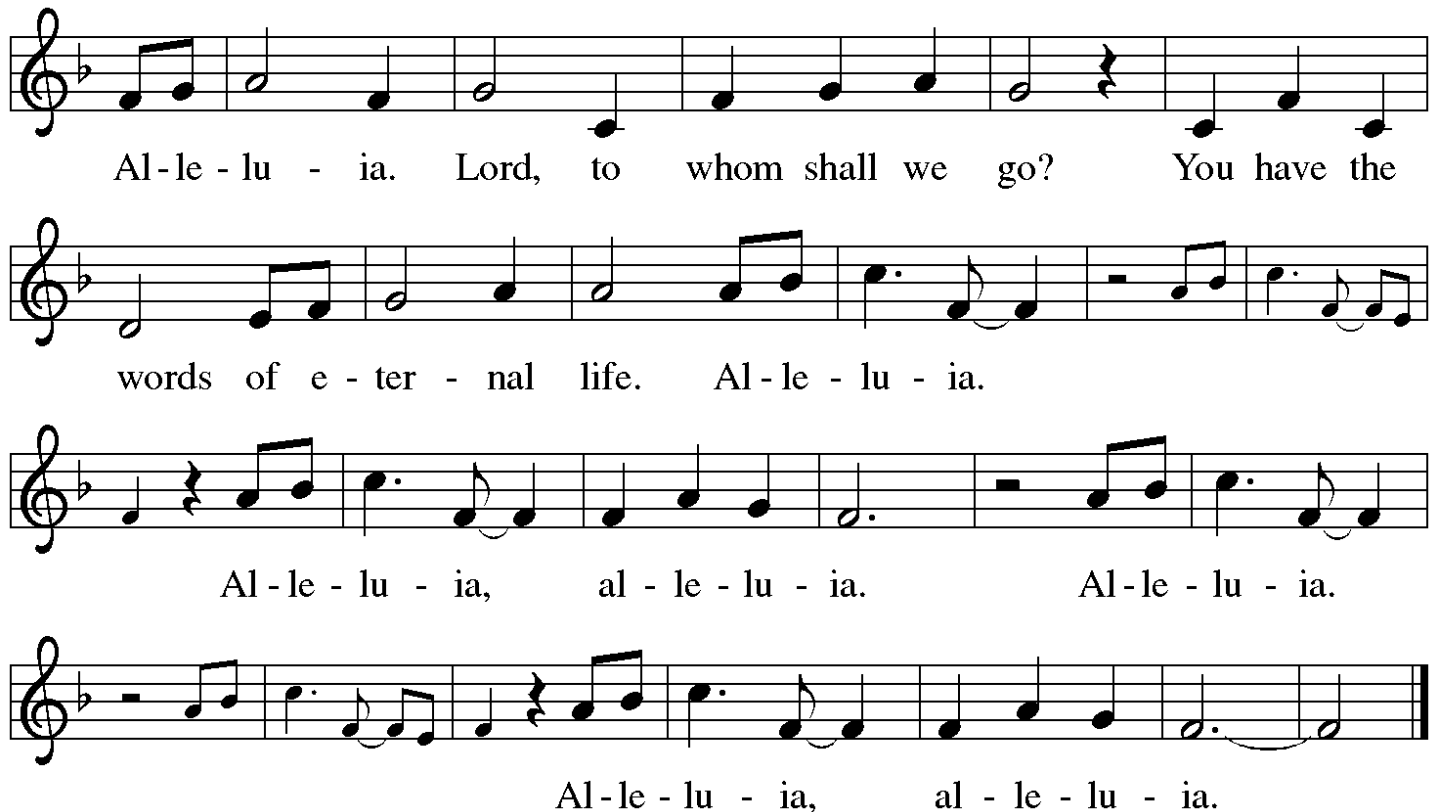
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA VERSE



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

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

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”<sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Mark Kreemer*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

**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**                      Gabriel's Oboe                      Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)  
Ms. Piepenbrink, oboe

## **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

Variations on Amazing Grace: Variation X- Hampton  
Ms. Piepenbrink, English horn

## 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:

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

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## 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

March In C Major

Daniel Ficcari (b. 1996)

In our prayers today we will remember

Jan Hawley, Bob Fox, Lynn Williamson, Cindy Lash, Bob & Marlene Rupp, Gary Maurer, Judee Reed, Richard Green, Abbie Deuble, Linda Wentling, Eric & Rick Theiss, Judy Hall, Anna Langenfeld, Karen Daily.

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## Music Notes:

**Alexandra Piepenbrink** is active as a performer and an educator based in Richfield, Ohio. Alexandra plays both oboe and English horn and works as a free-lance musician. Her resume boasts a wealth of orchestral, band, pit orchestra, chamber ensemble, and church music work. She performs frequently with the Tuscarawas Philharmonic and Singers Companye VoxMix Collective. Alexandra enjoyed playing/touring in Italy this past May with notable performances including the Vatican and Vivaldi's church.

Alexandra teaches private lessons and teaches general music to grades K-8 at St. Leo the Great School in Cleveland, Ohio. Alexandra is a graduate of The College of Wooster, where she received degrees in both Oboe Performance and Music Education.

In her free time, Alexandra enjoys working as a cake and caramel apple decorator at Cold Stone Creamery in Fairlawn/Hudson, collecting antiques including uranium glass and radium dial clocks, and listening to music from Pink Floyd, The Beatles, and Frank Zappa.



**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!



**Friday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6pm**



## Community Meal – August 14th

**Second Friday of every month.**

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

Our Community Meal and Clothing Closet are open. All are welcome! If you wish to volunteer, donate, and/or assist in any way, please contact Kim Oberlin to help with the meal; Carol Stoner or Tracie Schmolt to help with the clothing closet.

## Annual Congregational Meeting August 16th

Please plan to participate in the Annual Congregational Meeting on August 16th following The Worship Service.



## 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



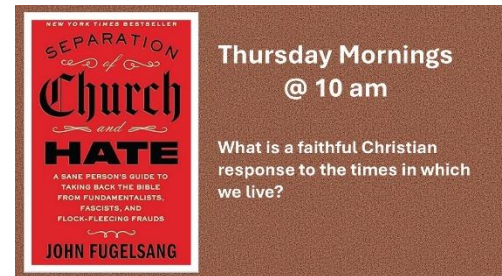
It was mentioned that Styrofoam anything cannot be heated in a microwave so please choose actual paper products except for coffee cups. Anything you can donate will be much appreciated!

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.

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.

**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/>**



### **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.

### **Staver Stable Outing – August 25<sup>th</sup>**

All women of the church are invited to travel to the Staver Stables on **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Massillon, in Tuscarawas Township south of the Elms Golf Course. The horses and I are looking forward to seeing all of you!

## Historic Road Trip – October 1<sup>st</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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\*

## 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

## 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”*

Coloring Page



Jesus Walks on Water

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

### Word Search Puzzle

G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O  
S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W  
C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C  
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O N E K G A X B Y A U Y S U O  
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## Thank you to those serving today:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>   | <b>Rev. Mark Kreemer</b>                                    |
| <b>Director of Music</b>    | <b>Dr. Abigail Haake</b>                                    |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>   | <b>David Stoner</b>                                         |
| <b>Lector</b>               | <b>Larry &amp; Kim Oberlin</b>                              |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | <b>Russ &amp; Mary Poling</b>                               |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | <b>Brady Ruppp &amp; Sue Reid</b>                           |
| <b>Sacristan</b>            | <b>Kathryn Myers</b>                                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | <b>Sue Ambrosic, Becky Johnson<br/>Patty Long, Sue Reid</b> |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | <b>Scott Larson, Thomas Haake</b>                           |
| <b>Soundboard</b>           | <b>Jim Johnson</b>                                          |
| <b>Video/Live-Stream</b>    | <b>John Stanko</b>                                          |

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# Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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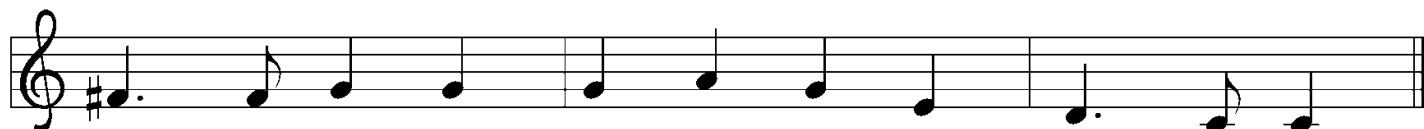
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*

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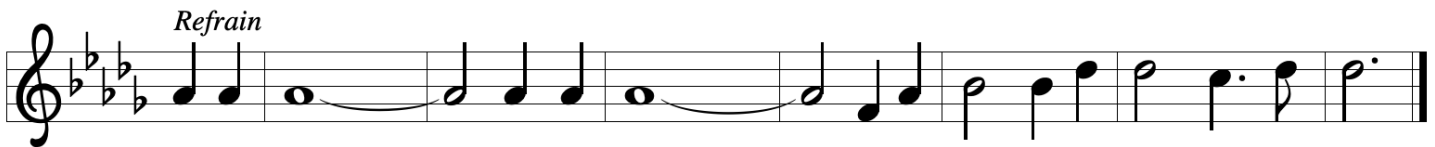
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



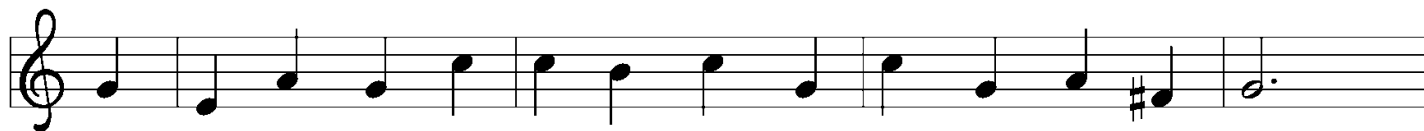
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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