

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 27th, 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 M.E. & Joe Hepler in honor of their parents
The **Throne Flowers** were given by Carol Stoner in memory of Ron Stoner's birthday.

Introduction

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Readings and Psalm

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

Psalm 25:1-9

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (*Ps. 25:6*)

Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 21:23-32

A parable of doing God's will

The Westminster Strike Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Air George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our
own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our
relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt
your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore
our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy
people, following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom
there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

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.

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



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



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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your

ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9



¹ To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way. **R**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the

same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kreemer

HYMN OF THE DAY O Master, Let Me Walk With You ELW 818

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

After each petition the following response is given:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Offertory: Be Still
Chancel Choir

Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

Be still and know that I am God; let peace embrace your heart. Be still and know that I am God; let fear and anguish now depart. Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll, though the storms conspire to destroy, be still and know that I am God: the earth shall rise again in joy. Be still and know that I am God; let tranquil hope fill your mind. Be still and know that I am God; let grief and trouble be left behind. Though the shadows fall, though the darkness cries, though the night seems endless and dire, be still and know that I am God: the morn shall rise in holy fire.

OFFERTORY



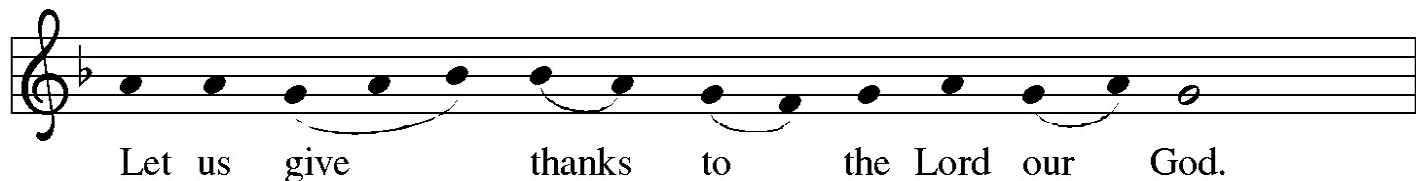
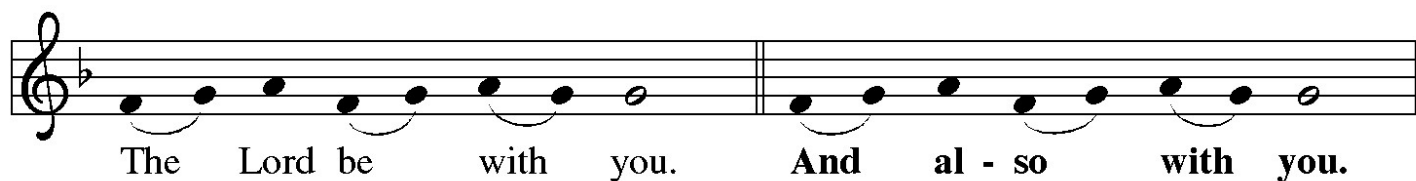
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

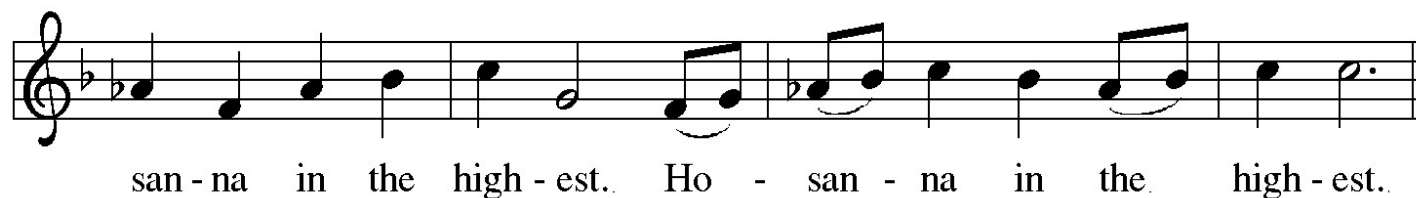
Let us Pray

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



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.**

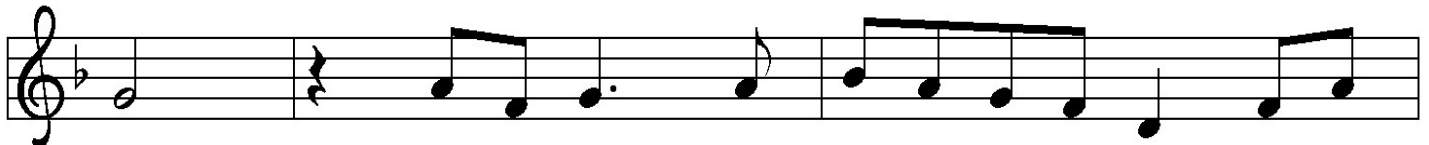
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

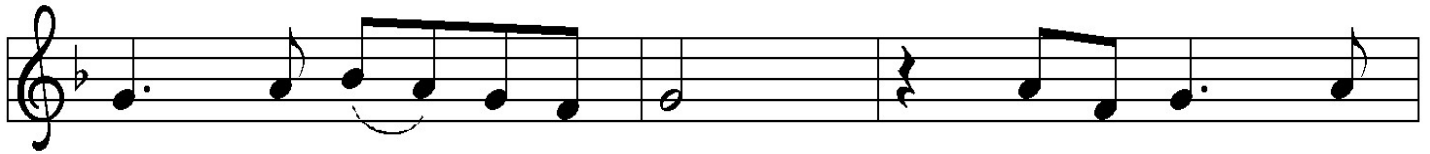
COMMUNION SONG



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.

Communion: In the Singing

ELW 466

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.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ In Every Age

ELW 729

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Aeolian Fanfare

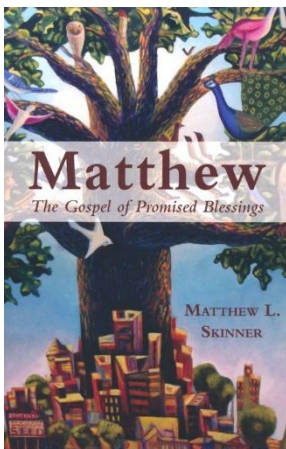
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

In our prayers today we will remember

Greg Karlin, Maggie Paul, Amy Williams, Riley Hostatler, John, Lorili, Ema, Mason, Jan Hawley, Lynn Williamson, Cindy Lash, Bob & Marlene Rupp, Gary Maurer, Richard Green, Linda Wentling, Rick Theiss, Judy Hall, Karen Daily, Sandra Jelen, Jimmy Southard, Mark Gergley, Becky Johnson, Pam Neil.

Let us know you are here.

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



Thursday Morning Bible Study - October 1st @ 10:00 am
Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings

By: *Matthew L. Skinner*

The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This six-part exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes readers into the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus.

Chapters focus on blessing and comfort, judgment and retribution, the meaning of discipleship, Jesus' vision for the Church and world, conflicts and complaints, and how the Gospel of Matthew speaks to believers today.

Adult Sunday School

The Prophet Jeremiah
...they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water.
(Jeremiah 2:13b)



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Jeremiah the Prophet

Jeremiah was given an important but very difficult assignment to accomplish - to speak truthfully about the failures of the people of Judah and to remind them of the One in whom they ought to put their trust, the Lord God of all creation. The book is filled with warnings, wisdom, and encouragement for living faithfully today. Please join us as we gather at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, top floor Parish Hall for Bible study and fellowship. An elevator is available for easy access. (Note, there will be no class on October 4th to make time for an informational meeting regarding the education building.)

Adult Choir Rehearsals Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am All are welcome!

Join us at 8:30 AM in the choir room to make a joyful noise. All are welcome!



Handbell Choir



The Handbell choir will rehearse **9/23, 9/30, and 10/7** in preparation to ring on **October 11** in worship. Also mark your calendars for rehearsals on **11/11, 11/18, and 12/2** in preparation to ring on **December 6** in worship **AND** for the **Candlelight Walk**. We meet at 6 pm. All are welcome, but please, please let Abby know if you plan to ring so she can prepare music for you!

Organ Repair Donations

If you wish to make donations specifically for organ repair, please mark your envelopes as such. If you give electronically, see Dan Farrar for details.



Education Building Informational Sessions

On October 4th, our final question and answer session will be held after church to discuss the future of the Education Building. Patty Long has graciously given the Sunday School time slot for this meeting.



There are 4 proposals as to the future of this building and important decisions need to be made. As some proposals involve heating and cooling issues, decisions must be made very soon.

The meeting will explain these proposals, discuss the costs of each, and give you an opportunity to ask questions and express your views. A written survey will also be distributed so that you can express your wishes.

Pepperoni Rolls

Don't forget to stop by and purchase some pepperoni rolls following worship.

There were no preorders, so this is a first come, first serve opportunity.

Cost: 6 rolls for \$10

Pumpkin Rolls

God's Kitchen Angels are "on a roll." After a brief break from pepperoni, they are back at it with pumpkin rolls. Orders may be dropped off in the offering plate, office, or you can call/txt

Sue Ambrosic @ 330.844.7648

Barb Palmer @ 220.244.1602

Order Due Date: Oct. 11th

Pick up Date: Oct. 26th

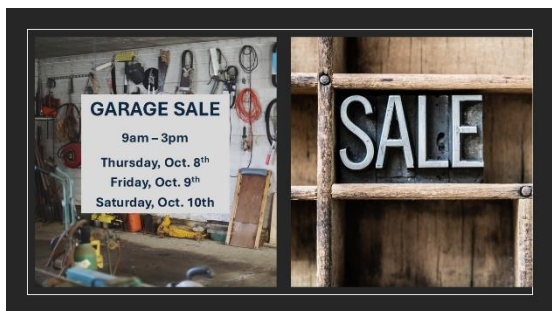


Trick or Treat

Youth and Parish Ed Committee will be hosting Trick or Treat again on Sunday, October 25th, from 3 to 5pm (Massillon City's Trick or Treat Time).

If you can donate a bag of candy by October 18th, it would be much appreciated. We kindly ask that you donate candy safe for small children.

Candy can be dropped off in the office.



“Garage Sale”

9am – 3pm

Thursday, Oct. 8th

Friday, Oct. 9th

Saturday, Oct. 10th

We have been cleaning out the Ed. Building and found some real treasures. There are toys, games, crafts, school/teacher supplies, books, holiday items, puzzles, furniture, and much more! There will also be a bake sale!

Historic Road Trip

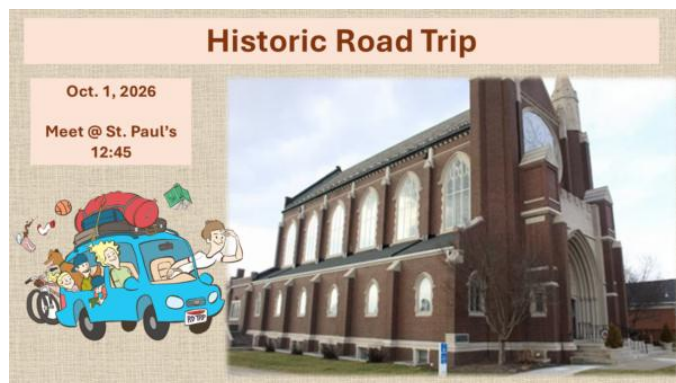
October 1st @ 12:45

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 at 12:45 pm, we will begin our tour 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 Cherry Road Winery for a drink of wine, beer or soft drinks. The winery sells cheese trays, chips & dips and flatbreads. A food menu will be posted in the winery. Let us know you are coming by calling or texting Sue Reid at 330-323-6688.



Church Directory

The Church Directory is now available on request. A printed copy will cost \$2.25 An electronic copy (PDF) will be free of charge

You can request either or both formats by contacting the church office:

330.832.7409 or officeadmin@stpaulsmassillon.org

No copies will be issued to non-members.



St. Paul's Steelband will start back up **October 14th** with weekly classes at **6pm**. The focus will be on learning. If you've never walked near a steel drum, and want to learn, we have something for you!

Please join us!



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.

Return for a second concert on Sunday, October 18th at 4 PM for the Canton Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet



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For more concert series information, visit our website:

<https://stpaulsmassillon.org/concert-series>

CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. YOUR FREEWILL OFFERING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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!



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"St Paul's Lutheran Church in Massillon"

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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

Coloring Page



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 Worship Bulletin

Authority of Jesus Questioned

Matthew 21:23-27

Word Search Puzzle

E K Q T E Y U W K A N S W E R
Q E C G N I X W N P M X U I E
U R O D E B W O O X E P Z V G
E U U Y V C I Z W R Z O E S V
S J R H E A V E N I K I P G N

Thank you to those serving today:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mark Kreemer
Director of Music	Dr. Abigail Haake
Assisting Minister	Sue Reid
Lector	Eric Myers Family
Greeters	Craig Maurer
Communion Assistants	Scott Larson & Jim Johnson
Sacristan	Lynda Klein
Ushers	Mark Waltz, Russ Poling & Phil Halco
Acolytes	Scott Larson, Thomas Haake
Soundboard	Jim Johnson
Video/Live-Stream	John Stanko

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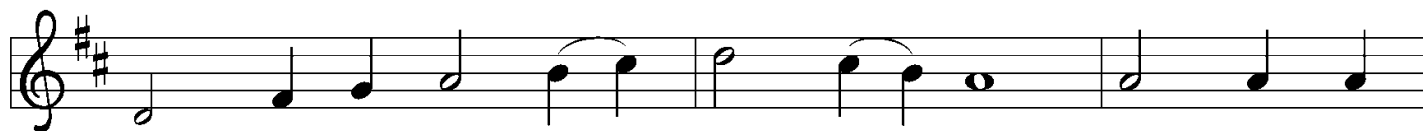
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HYMN OF THE DAY	O Master, Let Me Walk With You	ELW 818
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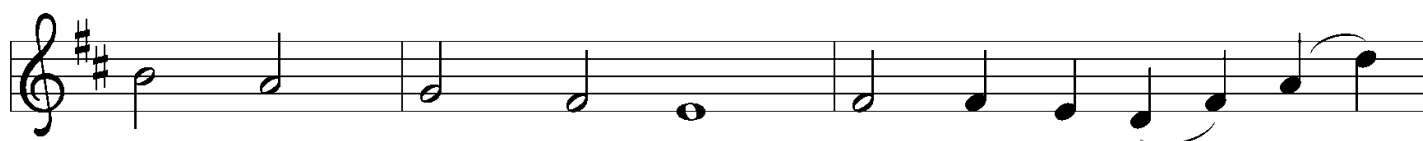
Communion:	In the Singing	ELW 466
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SENDING HYMN	The Church of Christ In Every Age	ELW 729
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Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

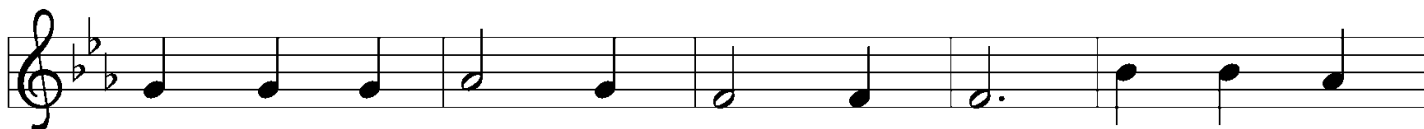


shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

In the Singing

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1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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