

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



September 14, 2024

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socioeconomic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

**New to St. Paul?** If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or [parishadmin@stpaularlington.org](mailto:parishadmin@stpaularlington.org).



## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave  
9:15am | Choir Practice  
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School,  
Adult Forum  
10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave  
and Online  
11:30am | Coffee Hour

## LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Arlington Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Kelli Oliver and Jennifer Parker, *Altar Guild*  
Mark Olson, *Lector*  
Kristen Anderson, *Deacon*  
Bev Hjorth, *Cantor*  
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*  
Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*  
Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*



*Today's altar flowers are  
given in loving memory of  
Fred Dooe, by his family.*

*When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

*At the ☩, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.*

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Arranged by Brant Adams

Tunes: Nun danket alle Gott

by Johann Cruger, 1647

*Mark Olson, trumpet*

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**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.

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

ELW 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

**\*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**

*Cantor*



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*




De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have




mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie  
 Music: MY FATHER, HOW LONG, African American spiritual

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "Above the Hills the Angel Hosts"



1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts  
 2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,  
 3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing  
 4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,  
 5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry!

God's love is come to  
 Yet ten - der - ly God  
 God's own good will grants  
 We bow be - fore you  
 The Lamb of God, e -



seek the lost.  
 hears our cry.  
 sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!  
 as we sing.  
 ter - nal Word.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria in excelsis  
 Music: THE DEVIL'S NINE QUESTIONS, Appalachian traditional

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

FIRST READING

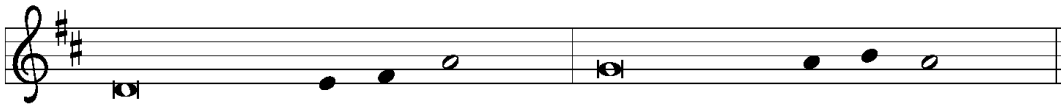
Exodus 32:7-14

**T**he Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.

**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my sin.**

For I know <sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup> er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup> in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.

**Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.**

Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.**

## SECOND READING - (10:30 only)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

**I** am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - (10:30 only)



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,  
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
 will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
 Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
 and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Woman and a Coin"

SGCW1



1 A wom - an and a coin— the coin is lost!  
 2 A shep - herd and a sheep— the sheep is lost!  
 3 A par - ent and a child— the child is lost!  
 4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost,



How much it means to her, what time and toil,  
 Far from the flock, to one in hun - dred cries,  
 The par - ent feeds on mem - or - ies and hope,  
 you gave you on - ly Son at what a cost;

what part it was to play in her bright dreams!  
 then— risk - ing life— the shep - herd's voice and staff!  
 the prod - i - gal on husks and one last chance.  
 your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:

Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?  
 Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?  
 Am I that trea - sured child worth wait - ing for?  
 Now we can be all you were dream - ing of.

I'm found, I'm found, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
 I live, I live, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
 I'm home, I'm home, and you re - jice! What love! What love!  
 We're safe, we're safe, and you re - jice! What love! What love!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda  
 Music: KARA'S SONG, Paul D. Weber

## APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

**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 into hell. 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

*The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.*

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain, especially Bobby, Dan, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, and Susan. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

\* PEACE

*Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Craig Curry

Saint Paul Pickup Choir

## MEAL

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### OFFERING - *remain seated*

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code:



### \* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

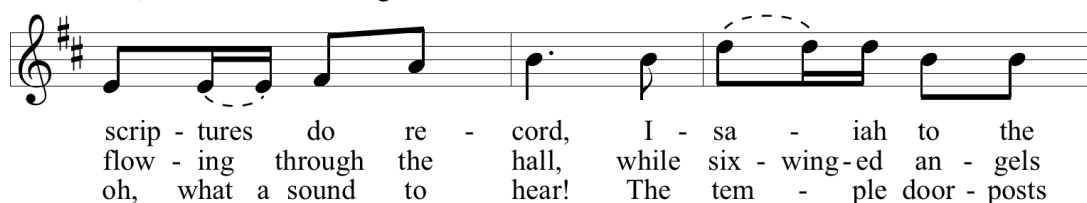
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Verses: Cantor or choir*



*Refrain: Assembly*



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus  
Music: SHADY GROVE, Appalachian traditional

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

\* 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.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.*

*Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.*

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to  
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to  
save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -  
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from  
on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei  
Music: THE SUFFOLK MIRACLE, Appalachian traditional

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)

"Create in Me A Clean Heart"

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first line of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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 -

The third line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth line of the hymn concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739



\* TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (10:30 only)



1 We praise you for the life that stirs when  
 2 We praise you for the sum - mer sun, for  
 3 We sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for  
 4 We sing your praise through win - ter's night, when  
 5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

spring - time warms the sleep - ing earth; but  
 rip'n - ing grain and length - ened days; but  
 har - vest yield from spring - time seed; up -  
 earth in fro - zen si - lence lies, for  
 praise the Spir - it, with the throng of

most, we praise the grace that lures our  
 most, we praise you for the Son whose  
 on our hearts your grace be - stow till  
 prom - ise of re - turn - ing light, for  
 saints and an - gels. ioined as one in

slum - b'ring souls to love and mirth.  
 light brings heal - ing in his rays.  
 faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.  
 life in Christ that nev - er dies.  
 grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,  
 you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
 with bread for the journey.  
 Give us your grace on the road  
 that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## \* BLESSING

May God bless and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* SENDING HYMN

"Heaven Is Singing for Joy"

ELW 664



*El cie-lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,*  
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



*por-que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
porque a tu vida y la mía  
las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
porque tu vida y la mía  
proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933  
Music: ALEGRÍA, Pablo Sosa

\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (Holy Manna Variations)

Arranged by James Currow  
*Mark Olson, trumpet*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

*at* **SAINT PAUL**



**CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT) REVIEW SESSIONS**

Thanks to everyone who attended the first CAT Review Sessions held last Sunday., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. As a follow-up to that session and in preparation for the two remaining sessions scheduled for this Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, attached here is a link to the Executive Summary of the 2025 St. Paul CAT Results. [Executive Summary - St. Paul Lutheran Church, Arlington, MA.pdf](#) (see weekly email for this)

We ask that you review the Executive Summary in advance of the upcoming CAT Review Sessions. Attending one of these CAT Review Sessions and one or more of the Small Group Discussions offered in September and October (as outlined below) will provide critically important context and rich discussion around our results and our ministry together in the future. For those who wish to review the full Vital Signs Report of the 2025 CAT Survey, the link is below. Discussion in these sessions will best enable us to interpret these results together. [2025 Vital Signs for St. Paul Lutheran Church, Arlington, MA 7925.pdf](#) (see weekly email for this)

**The CAT Review Sessions are open to all:**

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>                      Adult Forum Hour

with Dan Ries

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>    Following 10:30 service in Goodman Hall

with Sandy Walker

**Everyone is invited . . .**

### **St. Paul Small Group Discernment Discussions**

As part of our ongoing discernment and prayerful reflection to consider our faith and ministry journey into the future, Church Council and the Transition Team are offering a variety of times and ways for us to gather in small groups. Together we will explore how God is working among us and in our community. This will be a time to get further acquainted and to share our thoughts on the CAT results, our personal perspective and how God is inviting us forward in our ministry together. We will gather all the ideas and themes that emerge from these groups. All of this will inform the development of the Ministry Site Profile and the Call Process set to begin in early 2026.

Please join in one or more of the Small Group Discussions planned below. Just email the host indicating your interest and they will either send you a link for the Zoom or confirm the location and time for the in person gathering. Many of the sessions will be open for all topics. Some may have a focus topic for a portion of the time or a targeted group for that discussion.

Host	Contact Info	Date	Time	Location	Focus
Sandy Walker	<a href="mailto:sbwalker127@gmail.com">sbwalker127@gmail.com</a>	Sun 9/14	3 – 5 PM	Sandy's Home	Church Council
Peter Hedlund	<a href="mailto:peterwhedlund@gmail.com">peterwhedlund@gmail.com</a>	Tues 9/16	8 – 9 PM	Zoom	Confirmed – 25 yr
Jan Sniffen and Lisa Chiulli Lay	<a href="mailto:jsniffen.js@gmail.com">jsniffen.js@gmail.com</a>	Sun 9/21	11:30 AM	Church	Social Ministry
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### **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE | September 21, after coffee hour**

Members of the Social Ministry Committee invite you to a group meeting at Coffee Hour on September 21 following the 10:30 service. We would love to share who we are and find out what you most want from Social Ministry going forward. Please stop by and talk to us!

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP RETURNS**

Theology on Tap is returning this fall with an updated schedule. We will gather on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 4PM at Mighty Squirrel** (411 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham). Vicar Sam will lead a relaxed conversation about a different theological topic each month. I hope these gatherings will be a time to learn, listen, and laugh as we spend time together outside of church on Sunday afternoons. The brewery welcomes families and includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. All are invited!

#### **Fall Dates:**

September 21st at 4pm

October 19th at 4pm

November 23 at 4pm

December 21 at 4pm

### **ARLINGTON EATS SEPTEMBER NEEDS**

Spotlight Items are below. Please place these items in the basket which is on the floor of the upper narthex.

- Jams & Jellies (low sugar is great)
- Cereal (Cheerios are great)
- Almond Butter
- Coffee
- Tea

## ST. PAUL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY | Thursday Evenings, 7-8pm by Zoom

All are invited to join our summer bible study! We will gather on Thursday evenings on Zoom from 7-8pm. Each week, we will study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary texts, which are the bible readings we hear in worship. To access the readings and Zoom link, please see St. Paul's Weekly Update email. If you are not a subscriber, you can sign up on our website or email Vicar Sam for the Bible Study Zoom link ([stpaularlingtonvicar@gmail.com](mailto:stpaularlingtonvicar@gmail.com)).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>September 18</b>
8:15 Service  9:15 Pickup Choir  9:30 Education Hour  10:30 Service  3-5pm Small Group Discernment Sandy Walker's	8-9pm Small Group Discernment Peter Hedlund via Zoom	7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom





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