

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



September 21, 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 SERVICE

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave  
9:00am | Choir Practice  
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School,  
Adult Forum, Acolyte Training  
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:

Marie Breitenbach and  
Lydia Zuehsow, *Altar Guild*  
Eric Carlson, *Lector*  
Kristen Anderson, *Deacon*  
Peter Schmidt, *Cantor*  
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*  
Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*  
Peter and Hollie Schmidt and  
Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

**We welcome as today's preacher the Rev. Andrew C. Heisen who served as Vicar at St. Paul during 2009 and 2010.** He has served as the Lutheran (ELCA) chaplain at MIT since 2019. He grew up in New York and New England, spending six summers working on staff at Camp Calumet. He attended Dartmouth College, graduating with degrees in music composition and computer science. Before becoming a chaplain at MIT, Pastor Heisen served for seven years as pastor in Shrewsbury, MA, where he now lives with his wife and two children. Among other things, Andrew is an expert in the use of the broad sword.

*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"

William H. Doane (1832-1915)

arr. Lloyd Larson

Take the Name of Jesus with You

*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.**

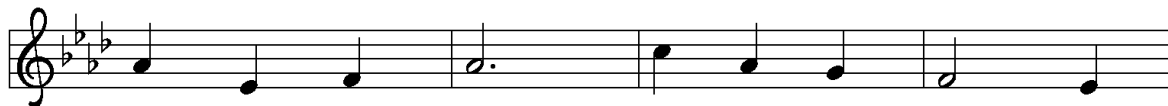
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

\* GATHERING HYMN

"Earth And All Stars"

ELW 731



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*

God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with a	new	song!
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Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

**\*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

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

FIRST READING

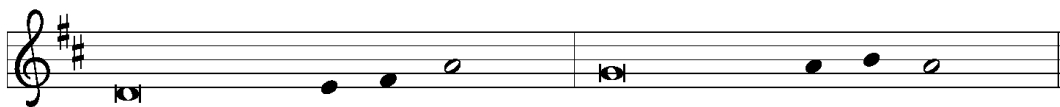
Amos 8:4-7

**H**ear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the Lord;  
praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord.

**Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>1</sup> Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations;  
God's glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

Who is like the <sup>1</sup> Lord our God,  
who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,

**but stoops <sup>1</sup> to behold  
the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out <sup>1</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,

**enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers,  
with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.**

The Lord makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING - (10:30 only)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

**F**irst of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Andrew Heisen

SERMON

Pastor Andrew Heisen

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

ELW 518

*Refrain*



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er  
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her

hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

*Refrain*



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

## 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.*

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones, especially Bobby, Dan, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul,

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

*A brief silence.*

and Susan. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

What other prayers are in this place?

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints (especially Matthew and all) who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. 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.**

## RECOGNITION OF THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNSHIP

### \* 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

"Go Forth Into The World In Peace"

John Rutter

Go forth into the world in peace,  
be of good courage,  
Go forth into the world in peace,  
be of good courage,  
hold fast that which is good,  
render no one evil for evil,  
strengthen the fainthearted,  
help the afflicted,  
honour all people,  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
be upon you, and remain with you forever.  
Amen, amen.

## 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

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.

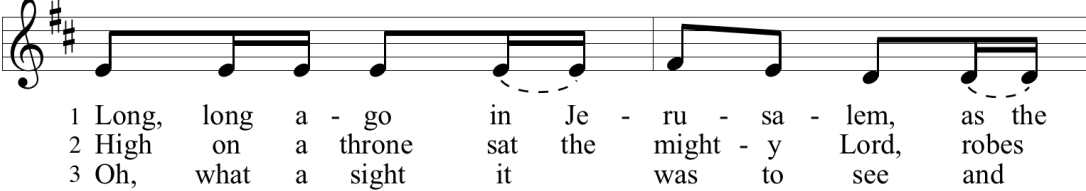
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

*Cantor*



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and




scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain: Assembly*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

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 HYMNS - (10:30 only)

"All Who Are Thirsty"

ACS

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,  
 come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.  
 There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

"For The Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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## \* 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)

Sing verses 3 and 5



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, joined 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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* SENDING HYMN

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 583

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,


da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

*To stanzas* *Last time*


y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que\_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
 take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu\_a - mor.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos  
 de lo santo puedan ir,  
 y que\_a ti, Señor, mi voz,  
 se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo*

3 *Que mis labios al hablar  
 hablen sólo de tu amor;  
 que mis bienes dedicar  
 yo los quiera\_a ti, Señor. Estribillo*

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté  
 consagrado\_a tu loor;  
 que mi mente\_y su poder  
 sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955  
 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956

## \* DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

“Day by Day”

Oscar Ahnfelt (1813-1882)  
 arr. Lloyd Larson  
 Mark Olson, trumpet

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS  
at **SAINT PAUL**



**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
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
Kevin Kreutter	<a href="mailto:kevin.kreutter@gmail.com">kevin.kreutter@gmail.com</a>	Mon 9/22	7-8 PM	Zoom	Worship plus
Elizabeth Heichler	<a href="mailto:elizabeth.heichler@gmail.com">elizabeth.heichler@gmail.com</a>	Wed 9/24	7 PM	Zoom	Open
Taryn Walsh	<a href="mailto:tarynewalsh@gmail.com">tarynewalsh@gmail.com</a>	Sat 9/27	11 AM	Taryn's Home	Open
Monique Airasian	<a href="mailto:agent_starfish@hotmail.com">agent_starfish@hotmail.com</a>	Sun 9/28	11:30 AM	Church	Open
Kerri Frick	<a href="mailto:kfrick@gmail.com">kfrick@gmail.com</a>	Fri 10/3	12 noon	Zoom	Open
Kathleen Kean and Piercen Oliver	<a href="mailto:pierceno@gmail.com">pierceno@gmail.com</a>	Sun 10/5	11:45 AM	Church	Open
Kristen Anderson	<a href="mailto:kristen.anderson.715@gmail.com">kristen.anderson.715@gmail.com</a>	Tues 10/7	evening	Zoom	Open

Norma Ofsthun	<a href="mailto:nofsthun4g@gmail.com">nofsthun4g@gmail.com</a>	Thurs 10/9	10:30 AM	Church	Open
Eric Carlson	<a href="mailto:emcarlson1@gmail.com">emcarlson1@gmail.com</a>	Sun 10/12	11:30 AM	Church	Open
Kathleen Kean and Piercen Oliver	<a href="mailto:pierceno@gmail.com">pierceno@gmail.com</a>	Sun 10/19	11:45 AM	Church	Open
One on One Chat					
Dan Ries	<a href="mailto:drries283@gmail.com">drries283@gmail.com</a>	Contact to schedule			Open
Josh Davis	<a href="mailto:JoshDavis1956@gmail.com">JoshDavis1956@gmail.com</a>	Contact to schedule			Open

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE | September 21, coffee hour**

Members of the Social Ministry Committee invite you to visit with us during Coffee Hour on Sept. 21. Find out who we are and what we've done in the past. Talk to us about how St. Paul can engage in social ministry moving forward. We hope to see you and hear from you!

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP IS TODAY**

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>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saturday 27</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 22</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<b>Saturday 27</b>
8:15 Service  9:00 Choir  9:30 Education Hour and acolyte training  10:30 Service  11:30 Small Groups Jan Sniffen and Lisa Chiulli Lay Social Ministry Committee meeting  3-5pm Small Group Discernment meeting Sandy Walker's  4:00pm Theology on Tap at Mighty Squirrel	7-8pm Small Group Discernment meeting Kevin Kreutter via Zoom	7pm Small Group Discernment meeting Elizabeth Heichler via Zoom	7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom	11am Small Group Discernment meeting Taryn Walsh's



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