SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Christ, the Fair Glory

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels; maker of all things, ruler of all nations: Grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants steps up to heaven.

Send thine archangel Michael to our succor; peacemaker blessed, may he banish from us striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful all things may prosper.

Send thine archangel Gabriel, the mighty; herald of heaven, may he, from us mortals, drive every evil, watching o'er the temples where thou art worshiped. Send from the heavens Raphael thine archangel, health bringer blessed, aiding every sufferer, that, in thy service, he may wisely guide us, healing and blessing.

May the blest mother of our God and Savior, may the celestial company of angels, may the assembly of the saints in heaven help us to praise thee.

Father almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God ever blessed, hear our thankful praises;
thine is the glory which from all creation
ever ascendeth.

Rabanus Maurus (776-856)

September 28, 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.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Adult Forum, Confirmation

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:

Kim Fechtel, Taryn Walsh & Lydia Zuehsow, *Altar Guild*Jordan M.C. and Lucas S., *Acolytes*Peter Hedlund, *Lector*Kristen Anderson, *Deacon*Sarah Simeone, *Cantor*Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*Matt Carter, *Livestream Broadcast*Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

Today's altar flowers are given by the Devaney family in loving memory of Mom and Oma, Evelyn Kmetz.

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \boxtimes , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"May Angels Guard Thee"

James Michael Stevens: (b. 1961)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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 \pm 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.

"The Trumpet Sound, The Angel Sing"



Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Music: Graham Kendrick

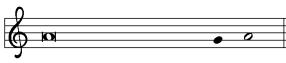
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THE FEAST IS READY LM and refrain

*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

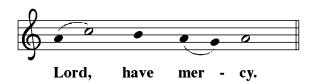


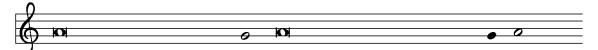
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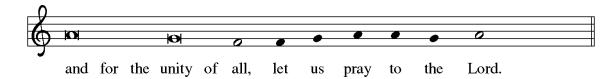


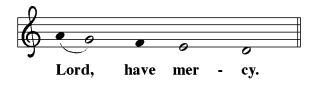
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

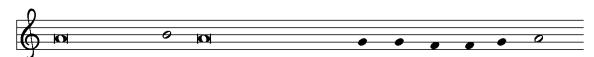




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

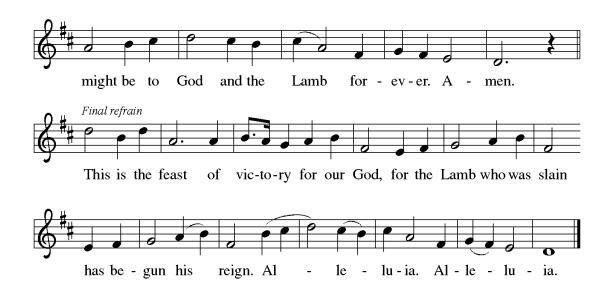






For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Abeloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days."

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not | all God's benefits -

who forgives | all your sins

and heals all | your diseases;

who redeems your life | from the grave

and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires | with good things

so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who 'do God's bidding, who obey the voice 'of God's word.

Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God, you servants who do God's will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of God, in all places | where God rules; bless the Lord, | O my soul.

SECOND READING (10:30 only)

Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony,

for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens

and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath

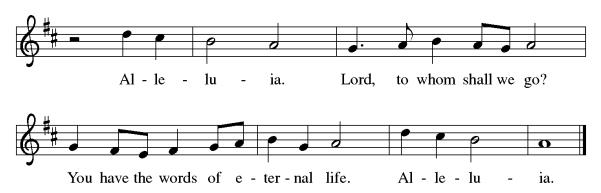
because he knows that his time is short!"

continued

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only)



* GOSPEL Matthew 18 1-7, 10

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

"If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things are bound to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

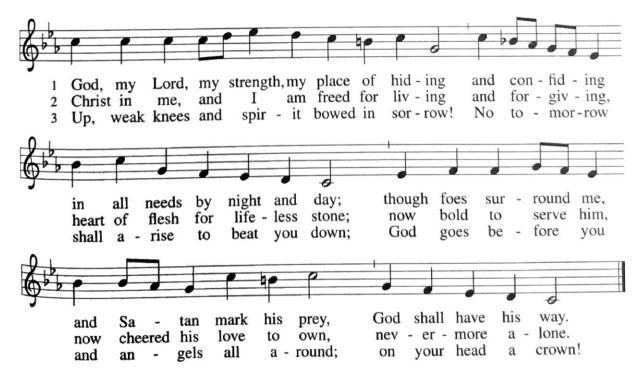
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

SERMON Pastor Don Larsen

"God My Lord, My Strength"

ELW 795



Text: Tranoscius, 1636; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: Gradual, Prague, 1567

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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

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, 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.**

* 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 (10:30 only)

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

Allan Bullard (b.1947)

Come, let us join our cheerful songs With Angels round the throne Ten thousand, thousand are their tongues But all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died", they cry
"To be exalted thus"
"Worthy the Lamb" our lips reply
"For he was slain, he was slain for us"

Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow'r divine; And blessings more than we can give. Be, Lord, forever thine.

The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred name of him that sits up on the throne And to adore, to adore the Lamb.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs With Angels round the throne Ten thousand, thousand are their tongues But all their joys, their joys are one.

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.

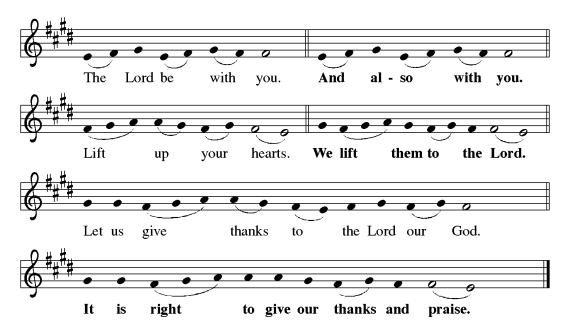
Amen.

* OFFERING

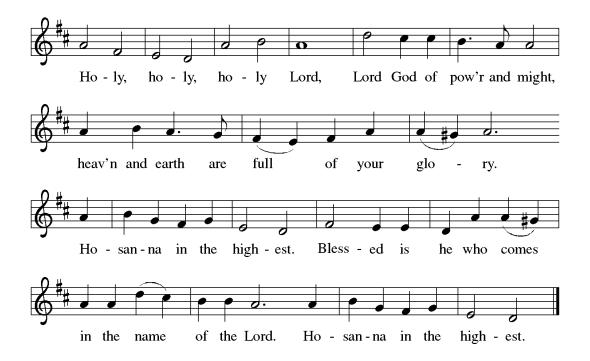
You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code. You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate, which is in the narthex.



* GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

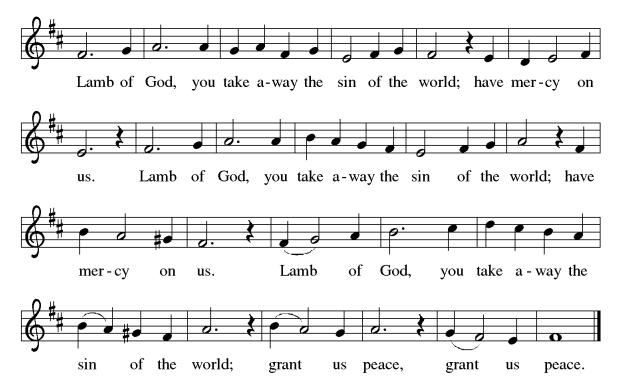
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

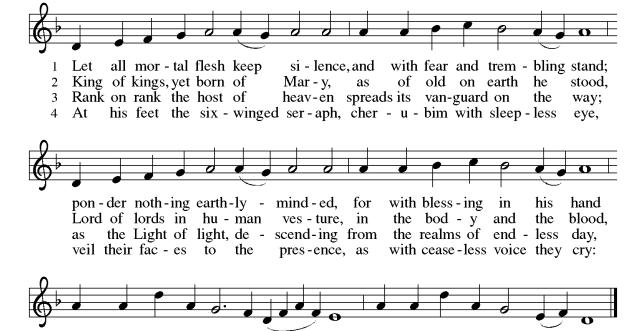
Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

ELW 490

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Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt. Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu

Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing

comes, the pow'rs of hell to van -

will give to all the faith - ful

* 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

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

"Ye Watchers Ye Holy Ones"

ELW 424





Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in E minor, P. 462"

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at **SAINT PAUI**.



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	Date	Time	Location	Focus
	Info				
Monique Airasian	agent starfish@hotmail.com	Sun 9/28	11:30	Church	Open
			AM		
Kerri Frick	kfrick@gmail.com	Fri 10/3	12 noon	Zoom	Open

Kathleen Kean and	pierceno@gmail.com	Sun 10/5	11:45	Church	
Piercen Oliver			AM		Open
Kristen Anderson	kristen.anderson.715@gmail.com	Tues 10/7	7PM	Zoom	Open
Norma Ofsthun	nofsthun4g@gmail.com	Thurs 10/9	10:30	Church	Open
			AM		
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			AM		
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Piercen Oliver			AM		Open
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Dan Ries	drries283@gmail.com	Contact to			Open
		schedule			
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		schedule			

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | October 5

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals next week in worship at 8:15 and 10:30. All are invited to bring well-behaved, leashed or otherwise contained pets into the sanctuary. If your pet prefers to remain at home, you can also bring a picture of your pet or a beloved stuffed animal to receive a blessing. Since plants are also our companions, if you wish to bring a houseplant to be blessed, please do! After the 10:30 service, Vicar Sam and Pastor Don will be at the corner of Park Street and Mass Ave, beginning around noon, offering to bless animals. This would be a great way to invite your neighbors into St. Paul's life!

ARLINGTON EATS TURKEY TROT | November 2, 8am

Join Arlington EATS on Sunday, November 2, at 8am for their second annual Turkey Trot, a 5K that provides food access to all residents in Arlington! Fundraise with family and friends to win awesome prizes, join us on race day for an after-party, and nourish the community with your support! Register at: https://turkeytrot.arlingtoneats.org/

THEOLOGY ON TAP THIS FALL

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:

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 BIBLE STUDY | Thursday Evenings, 7-8pm by Zoom

All are invited to join our 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 (stepsularlingtonvicar@gmail.com).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Thursday	Friday	
September 28	October 2	October 5	
8:15 Service	7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom	12 noon Small Group	
9:00 Choir	Via 20011	Discernment meeting Kerri	
9:30 Education Hour		Frick via Zoom	
10:30 Service			
11:30 Small Groups Monique Airasian in Fellowship Hall			



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