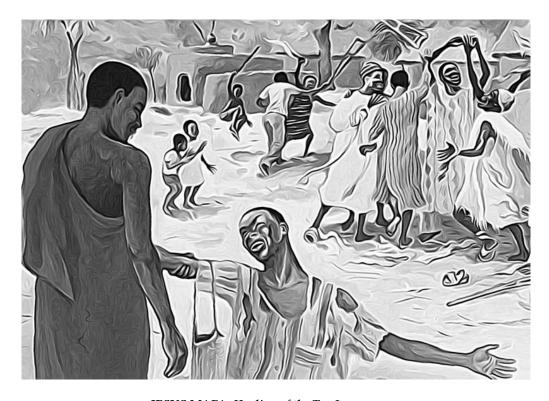
# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JESUS MAFA, Healing of the Ten Lepers. 1973.

October 12, 2025

ST. PAUL 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

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, Jennifer Parker & Lydia Zuehsow, *Altar Guild* Amelia C. and Mitchell C., *Acolytes* 

Eric Haugan, Lector

Dave Hering, Deacon

Leila Topi, 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 Kim Fechtel in memory of Frances Lucille Fechtel, beloved grandmother. The Rev. Nathan D. Pipho, Bishop of the New England Synod, has authorized Samantha Menapace to preside at the Eucharist at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Arlington, MA on October 12, 2025.

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**

Recit tendre pour le nasard from Messe du 8e ton, 1703

Gaspard Corrette (1671-1733)

#### 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.

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

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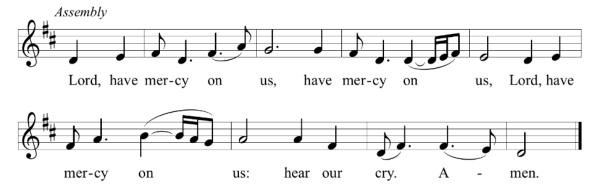


Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

# \*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.** 

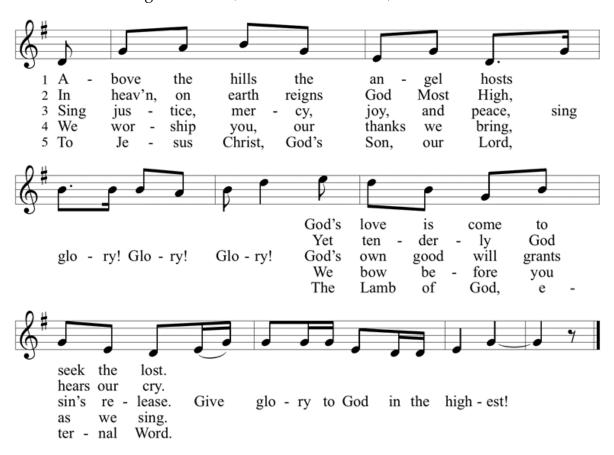




Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie Music: My Father, How Long, African American spiritual

# \* HYMN OF PRAISE

"Above the Hills the Angel Hosts" (At 8:15 verses 1 and 5)



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Gloria in excelsis Music: The Devil's Nine Questions, Appalachian traditional

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# **WORD**

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Be joyful in God, | all you lands;

be joyful, | all the earth.

Sing the glory | of God's name;

sing the glory | of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies ' cringe before you.

All the earth bows | down before you,

sings to you, sings | out your name."

Come now and see the | works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot, and there we re- | joiced in God.

Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- 1 ver the nations;

let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

Our God has kept us a- 1 mong the living and has not allowed our 1 feet to slip.

For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

You brought us in- 1 to the net;

you laid heavy burdens up- 1 on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water, but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

# SECOND READING (10:30 only)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

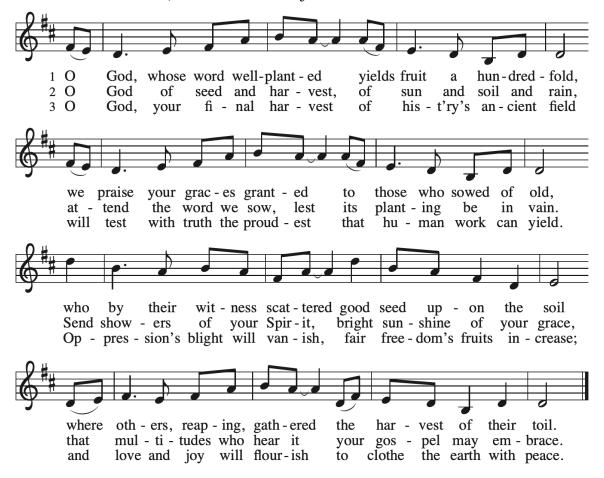
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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

# \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (At 8:15 verse 1 only)



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

\* GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?

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Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Sam Menapace

SERMON

Vicar Sam Menapace

# \* HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Jesus the Healer"

LS 123







- 5 The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.Heal us, heal us today!A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout.Heal us, Lord Jesus!
- 6 The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos, Heal us, heal us today! to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. Heal us, Lord Jesus!
- 7 There's still so much sickness and suff'ring today. Heal us, heal us today!
  We gather together for healing and pray:
  Heal us, Lord Jesus.

Text: Peter Smith Music: HEALER, Peter Smith

# 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.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.** 

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially Bobby, Dan, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta and Susan. God of grace, receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to discern your will for our congregation. Inspire conversations, connections, and care for one another through this time of transition. God of grace, receive our prayer.

For what else do we pray?

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Teresa of Avila. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

"Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)"

J.S. Bach (1685-1733)

Nun danket alle Gott, mit Herzen, Mund, und Handen, der grose Dinge tut an uns und allen Enden, der uns von Mutterleib und Kindesbeinen an unzahlig viel zu gut und noch it zund getan. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

# **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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

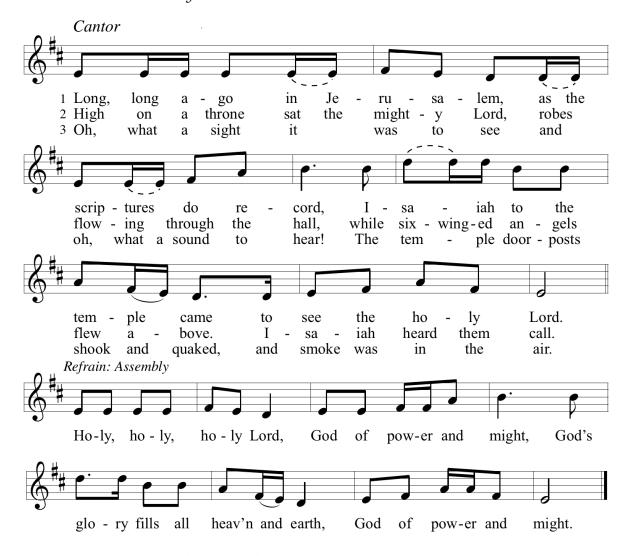
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

# (At 8:15 verse 1 only)



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus Music: Shapy 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

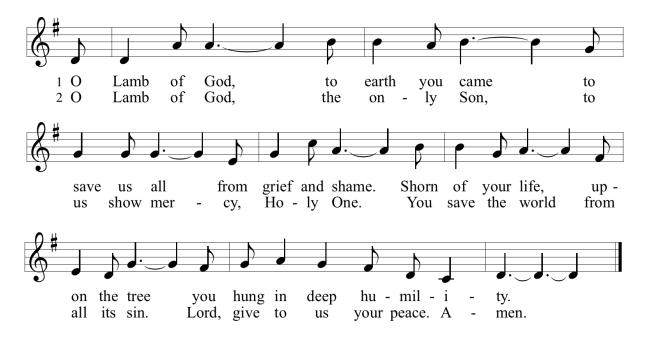
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

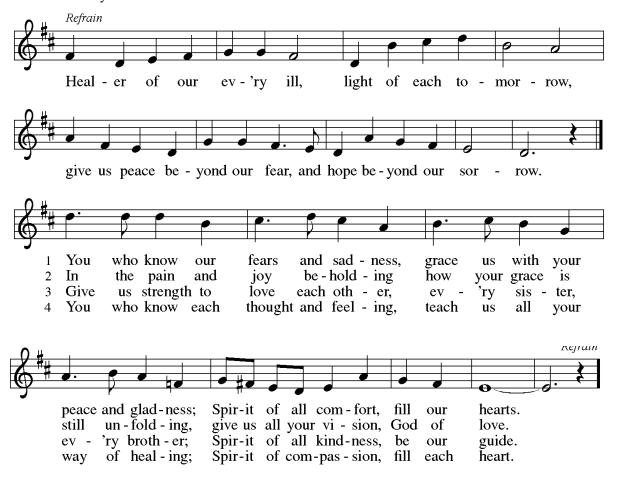
Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei Music: The Suffolk Miracle, Appalachian traditional

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

**ELW 612** 



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

# \* 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

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

# **SENDING**

# \* BLESSING

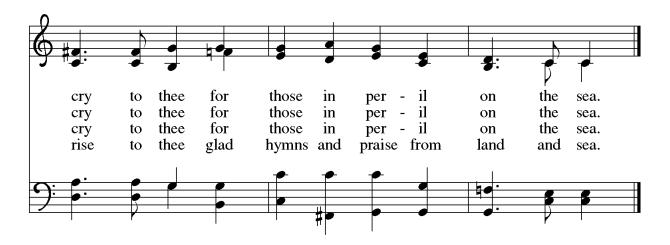
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# \* SENDING HYMN





Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

"Fugue in C major"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

# at **SAINT PAUL**



# **ADULT FORUM** | 9:30-10:15am

All are invited to join Adult Forum this Sunday during the Education Hour. Gretchen Stark will lead a conversation about the first lectionary reading, 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15.

EVERONE IS INVITED | Small Group Discernment Discussions ----- A few weeks left! 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.

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Together we are exploring how God is working among us and in our community. We are sharing our thoughts on the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) results, our personal perspectives and how God is inviting us forward in our ministry together.

We will gather all the ideas and themes that emerge from these groups. This will inform the development of the Ministry Site Profile, which will summarize the St. Paul congregation and will help to inform the Pastoral Call Process set to begin in early 2026.

Thank you to the many of you who have already participated! If you have not yet participated, or if you would like to be part of another small group, please join in one of the remaining Small Group Discussions planned below.

Please email any questions or topics for discussion if you'd like to the group leader prior to the meeting.

Host	Contact	Date	Time	Location	Focus
	Info				
Eric Carlson	emcarlson1@gmail.com	Sun 10/12	11:30 AM	Church	Open
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Piercen Oliver					Open
One on One Chat					
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# ARLINGTON EATS OCTOBER NEEDS AND TURKEY TROT

You may notice some of our spotlight items are repeats from September, and that is because it takes even longer now to get enough of our specialty items (coffee, oil etc) to have enough for everyone! Thank you for continuing to show up each month for Arlington EATS!

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

- Granola bars
- coffee
- Tea
- canola/vegetable oil
- paper bags

Another way you can support EATS (and have fun doing it!) is to sign up for our Annual **Turkey Trot** (walk or run!) 5K: Join Arlington EATS on <u>Sunday, November 2, at 8am</u> 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: <a href="https://turkeytrot.arlingtoneats.org/">https://turkeytrot.arlingtoneats.org/</a>. If you run fast enough you could make it to the 10:30 service, and you have an extra hour of sleep anyway!

# 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

# 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 (<a href="stepsularlingtonvicar@gmail.com">stepsularlingtonvicar@gmail.com</a>).

# TODAY AND THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday	
October 12	October 14	October 16	
8:15 Service	7:30pm Church Council meeting on	7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom	
9:00 Choir	Zoom	Via 20011	
9:30 Education Hour			
10:30 Service			
11:45 Small Groups Eric Carlson at St. Paul.			



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