

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND  
OTHER OF GOD’S CREATURES”



Adriaen van de Venne ( 1589-1662 )

October 5, 2025

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, socio-economic 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, Confirmation

10:30am | Service with Holy Communion  
and online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

11:45am | Social Ministry Committee

## 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 Fecht, Marie Breitenbach & Kelli Oliver, *Altar Guild*

Sinclair O. and Luther O., *Acolytes*

John Turner, *Lector*

Dave Hering, *Deacon*

Kat Allen, *Cantor*

Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*

Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*

Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

*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

"We Gather Together"

arr. James Curnow  
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.**

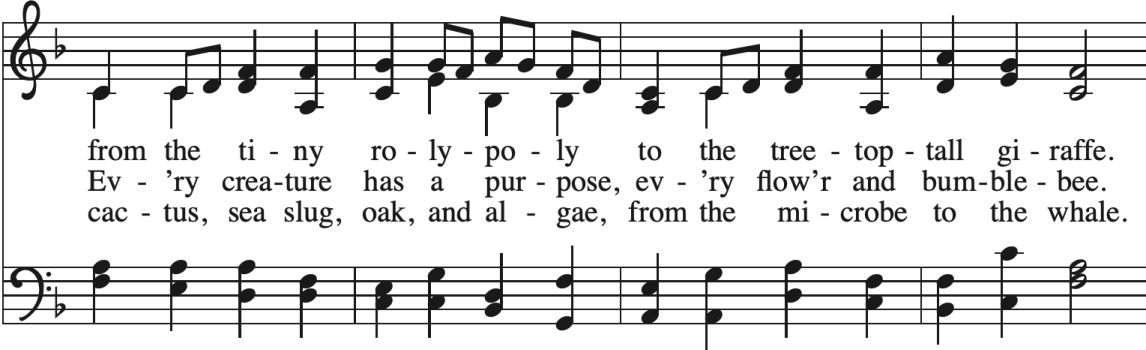
\* GATHERING HYMN

"Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

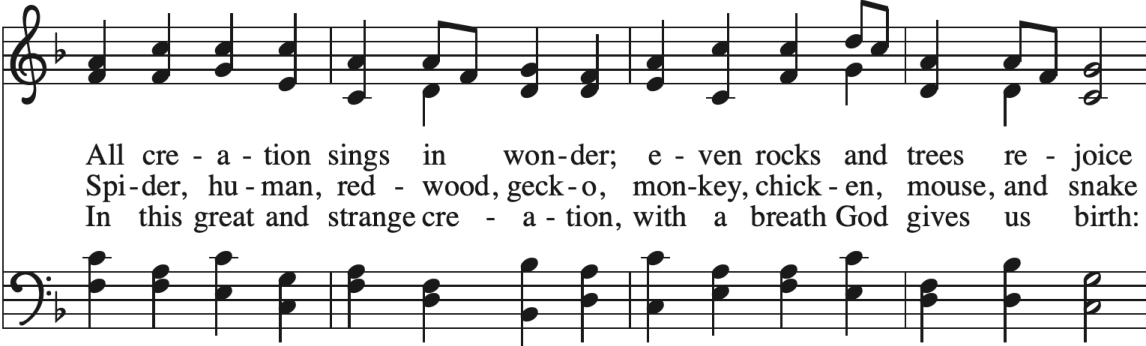
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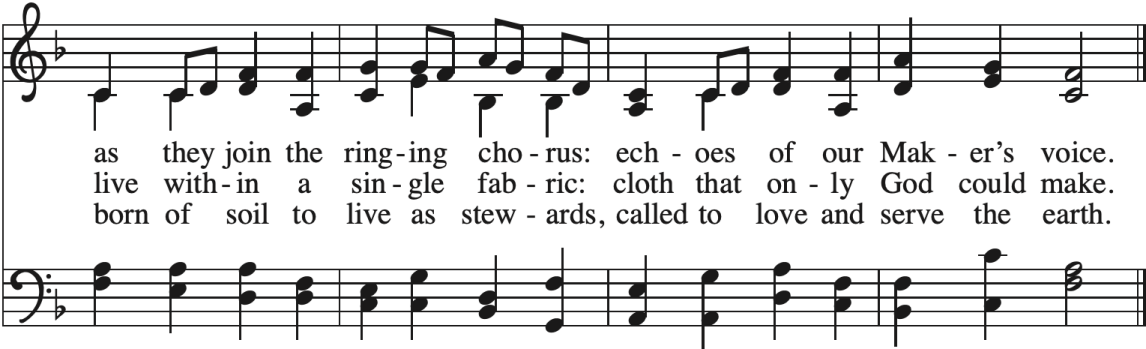
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

**\*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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Above the Hills the Angel Hosts" verses 1 and 5*

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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:20-25

**A**nd God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

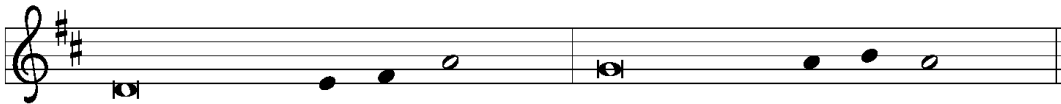
And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (read responsively at 8:15)

Psalm 148



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup> were created,  
**who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.**

Praise the Lord <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;

**fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will;**

mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;

**wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;**

sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;  
**young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,**  
**old and <sup>1</sup> young together.**

Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING (10:30 only)

Romans 8:18-25

**I** consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only) *verse 1 only*



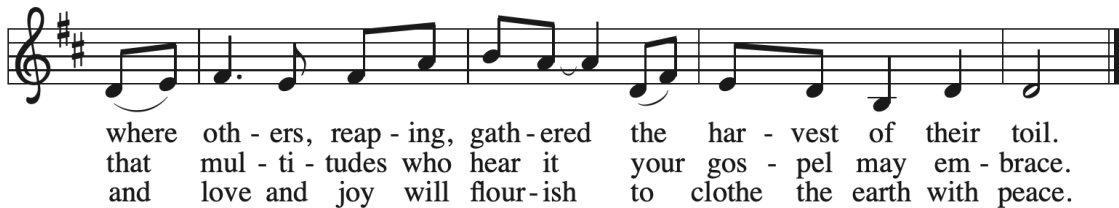
1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



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;



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

\* GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

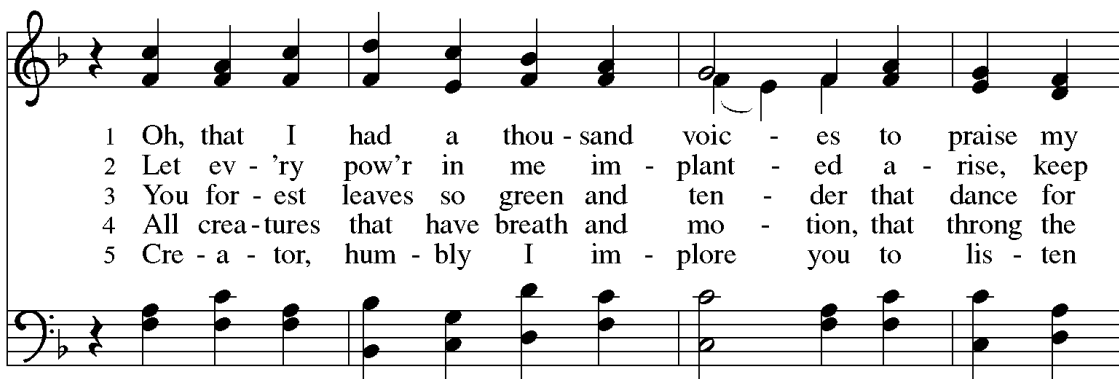
Vicar Sam Menapace

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (AND PLANT, AND ROCKS)

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, That I Had Thousand Voices”

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God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -

joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and  
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to  
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most  
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to

ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!  
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!  
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!  
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite  
 Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZÜNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

## 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.*

Trusting God's promise to hear us, let us pray.

Holy God, through your Holy Spirit, nourish, strengthen and enliven our trust in you so that we along with your whole church may live into Jesus and his Way more and more. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the vastness expanse of creation and for our home within it, planet Earth. Open us to the thrumming life all around us, and guide us into respectful, curious relationships with all creatures who share this home with us. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country in these uncertain times. Awaken us to the possibilities of positive civic engagement, strengthen elected leaders for robust constructive debate, and bless government workers with all that they need to serve the common good. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Bless and renew the people of St. Paul during our transition into the next chapters of our life together for the sake of your work in the world. Use the small group conversations we are presently having to guide our discernment, and

grant us insight into how best to serve you in this time and place. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We ask your healing for the sick and all those known to us who suffer in any way, especially Bobby, Dan, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta and Susan. Be their hope and joy. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We name before you the other creatures with whom we share or have shared our lives most closely: (*names of pets, living and deceased, can be spoken silently or aloud*). We thank you for them, and for the blessing of their companionship. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For what else do we pray?

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Keep us in the company of the faithful who have gone before us and are now at rest, especially Francis of Assisi. Bless the dying with the comfort of your love, and receive them and us into the arms of your mercy. God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for the gift of prayer, we entrust all our hopes, fears and joys to you, gracious God, in the power of your Spirit, 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)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Over and around us lies

*Chorus:* Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light  
Sun and moon and stars of light

*Chorus*

For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

*Chorus*

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given  
Graces human and divine  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

*Chorus*

## 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:

*verse 1 only*

*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

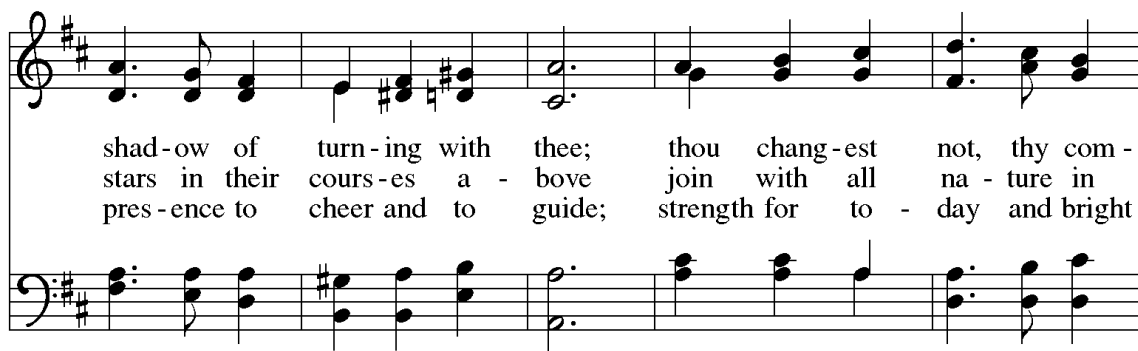
COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

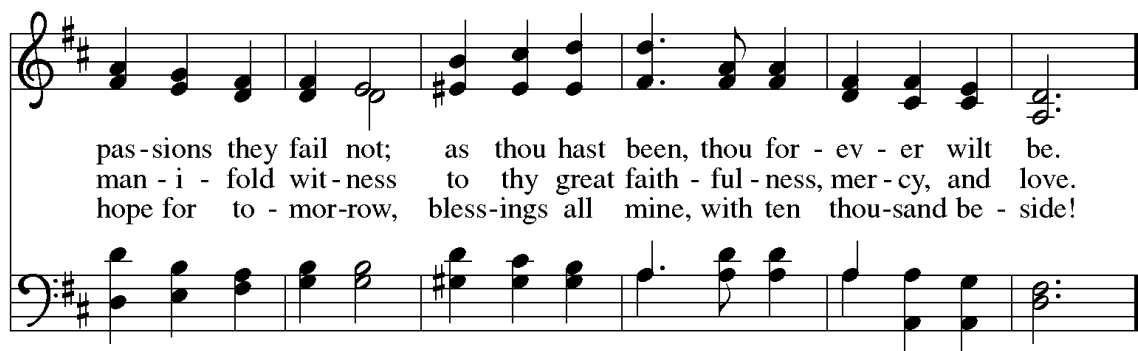
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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960  
 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

#### \* TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

#### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let us sow love**;

where there is injury, **pardon**;

where there is discord, **union**;

where there is doubt, **faith**;

where there is despair, **hope**;

where there is darkness, **light**;

where there is sadness, **joy**.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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

"God of The Sparrow"

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1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
Music: ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

### \* DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. James Curnow  
Mark Olson, trumpet



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



**ADULT FORUM WELCOMES FARJAM MOHTADI | Today, Sunday October 5 at 9:30 am**  
Farjam Mohtadi is a leader of the Arlington Baha'i Community. She joins us today to tell us the story of the Baha'i community, the issues that community faces in Iran, and a new initiative in Arlington around interfaith prayer.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE | Sunday, October 5, after the 10:30 service**  
The Social Ministry Committee will meet Sunday October 5th after the 10:30 service, upstairs, classroom 6. Participation in this committee is open to all parishioners - new members are always welcome!

**EVERONE 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.

If you have not yet participated, or if you would like to be part of another small group, please join in one or more of the remaining 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 demographic group for that discussion.

Host	Contact Info	Date	Time	Location	Focus
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	7PM	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

### **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 OCTOBER NEEDS AND TURKEY TROT**

We can't believe it is October already! 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 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

## 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 ([stpaularlintonvicar@gmail.com](mailto:stpaularlintonvicar@gmail.com)).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>October 7</b>	<b>October 9</b>
8:15 Service	7pm Small Group Discernment meeting with Kristen Anderson via Zoom	10:30am Small Group Discernment meeting with Norma Ofsthun at St. Paul.
9:00 Choir		
9:30 Education Hour		
10:30 Service		7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom
11:30 Small Groups Kathleen Kean and Piercen Oliver at St. Paul.		
11:45 Social Ministry Committee Meeting		



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