

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:15 and 10:30 AM

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, 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.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15 AM | Holy Communion

9:00 AM | Choir Practice

9:30 AM | Education Hour: Sunday School, Confirmation class, Adult Forum

10:30 AM | Holy Communion & livestreamed

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on our Facebook page StPaulArlingtonMA. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, but without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY

Lydia Zuehsow, *Altar Guild*

Luther and Sinclair O., *Acolytes*

Tim Ryan, *Lectors*

Mat Carter and Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast Team*

Peter & Hollie Schmidt and 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

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,

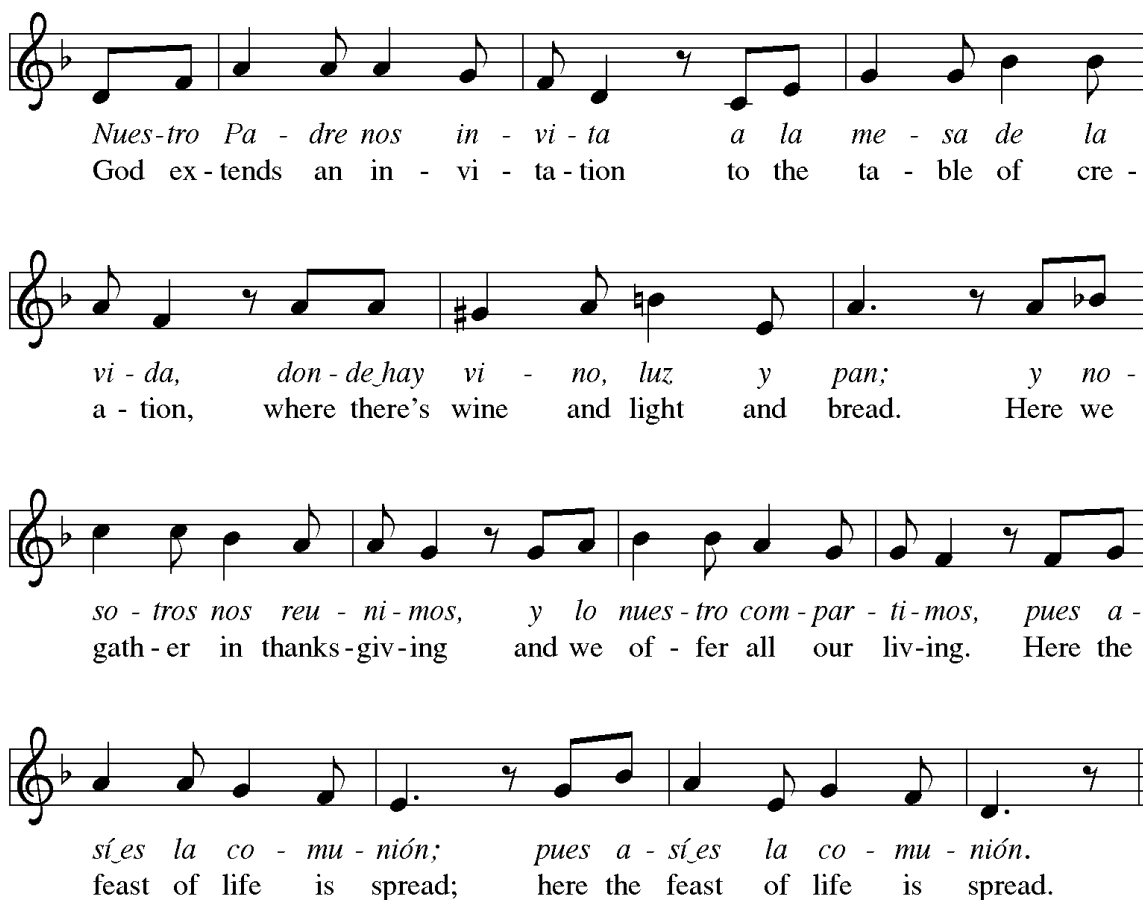
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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**

"God Extends an Invitation"

ELW 486



The hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a key signature change to F major (two flats) at the beginning. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

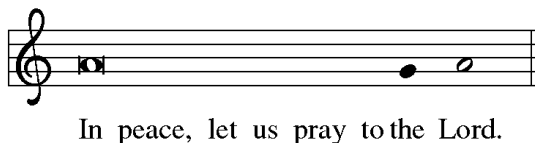
so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

*** GREETING**

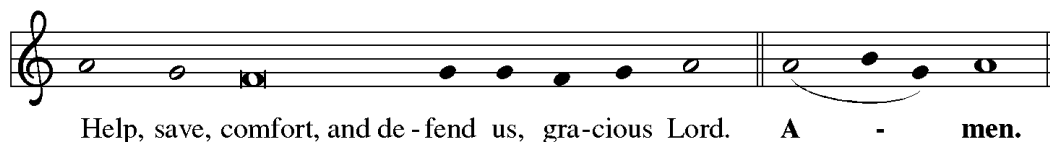
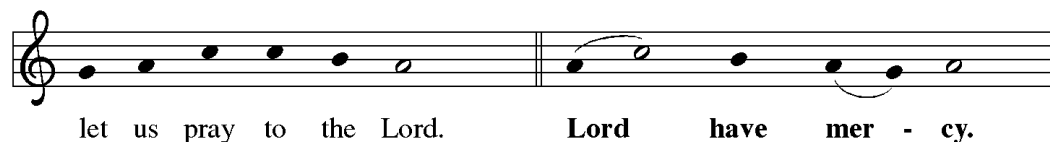
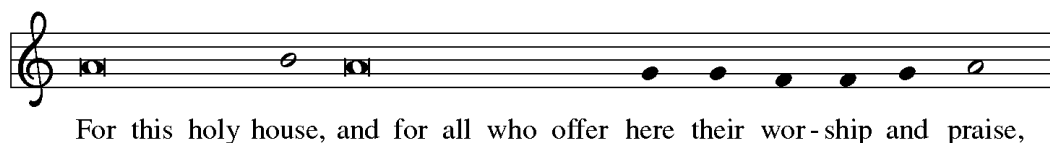
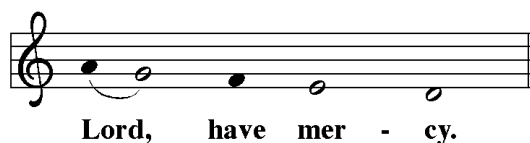
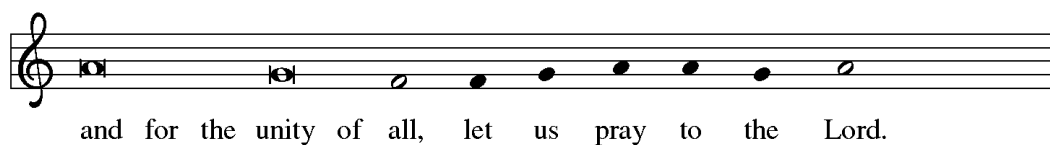
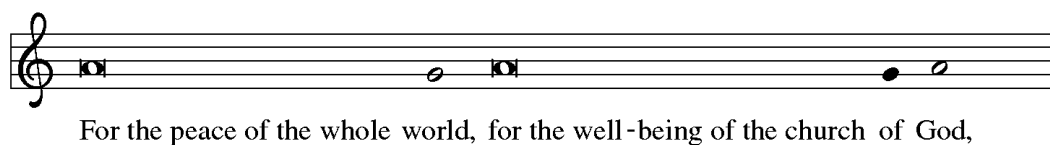
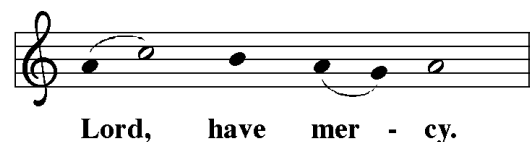
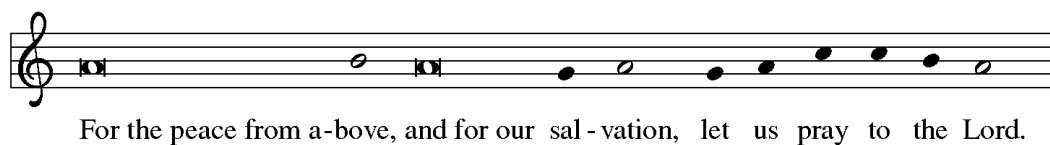
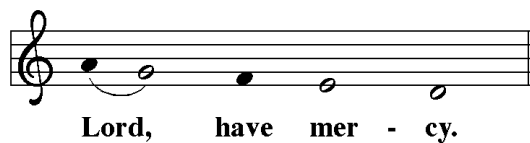
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*** KYRIE (only 10:30)**



The Kyrie is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The staff ends with a double bar line.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



* HYMN OF PRAISE (*only 10:30*)



All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
 For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
 it will never be rebuilt.
 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
 And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the covering that is spread over all nations;
 he will swallow up death forever.

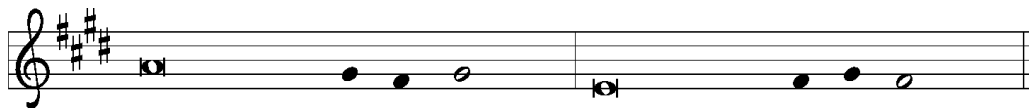
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
 "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (*spoken at 8:15*)

Psalm 23



The Lord ¹ is my shepherd;
 I shall not ¹ be in want.
The Lord makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.
 You restore my ¹ soul, O Lord,
 and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.
 You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

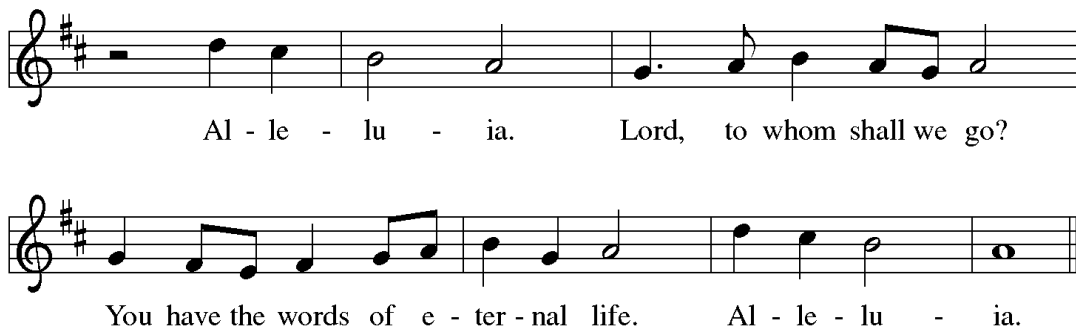
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets

and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Greg Mileski

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW 523

Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

continued

2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el con qué.* Estribillo

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad.* Estribillo

APOSTLES CREED

With praise and gratitude, we confess our faith.

**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

*As is our custom, please face one another across
the center aisle. The deacon invites us to prayer
and offers the first intercession. As you are
moved to pray, you are invited to pray any of
the following intercessions aloud.*

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all
things new, we pray for the church and the
world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of
unity on your holy mountain. Empower the
World Council of Churches and all those
working across religious difference, that the
world may know your undivided love.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green
pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all
places of natural beauty and restore our
relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon
us amid storm and disaster. Renew all
communities facing and give your courage
to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O
God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away
every tear. Heal and console all who are
sick or suffering, especially Bobby, Dan,
Heather, Jim, Kate, Lynn, Mark, Meredith,
Paul, Roberta, and Susan. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do we pray? *Other prayers, silent or aloud, are invited.*

We remember your promise to swallow up

* PEACE

Keep your hands 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

MEAL

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

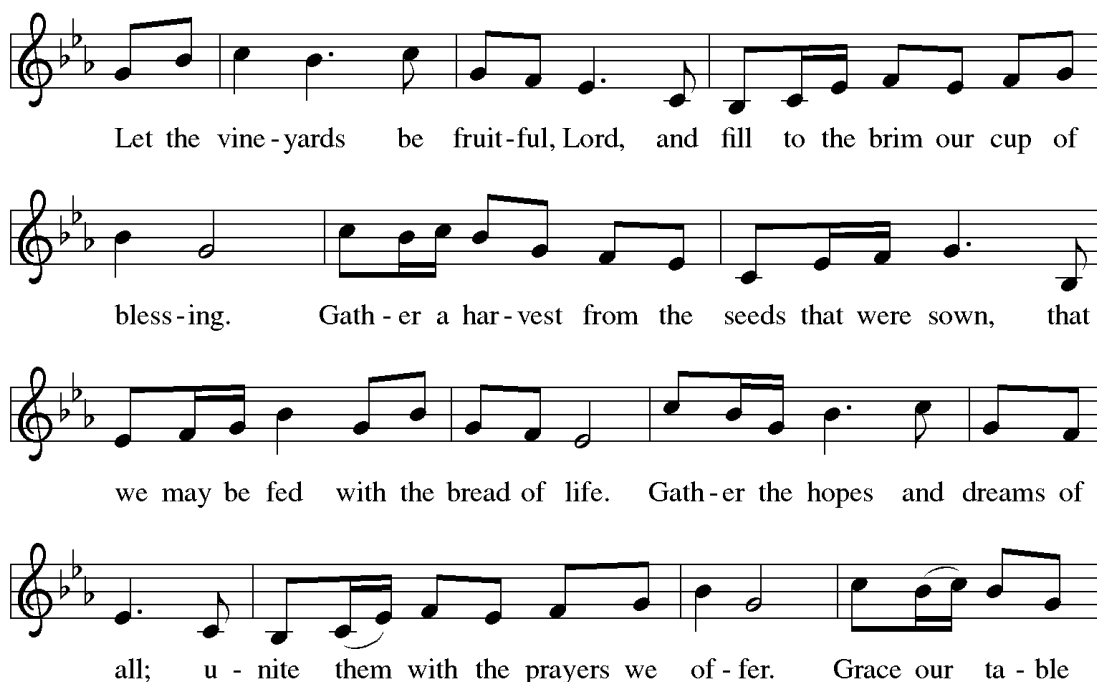
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning the QR code. You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate as it passes through congregation.



*OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

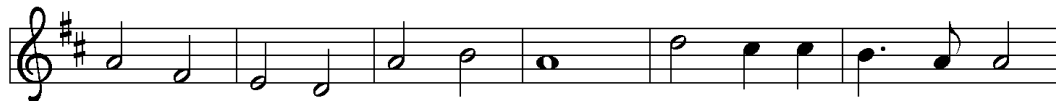
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray. Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Here Would I Feast"

ACS 964

1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,
2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;
1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,
2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;
y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nión;
mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.
here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré
 Por e - lla, y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:

y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.
 per - dón, con - sue - lo, y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na, a - quí;
 3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;

la fies - ta pa - sa, mas no a - sí, el a - mor.
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,
 The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,

cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

* 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. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

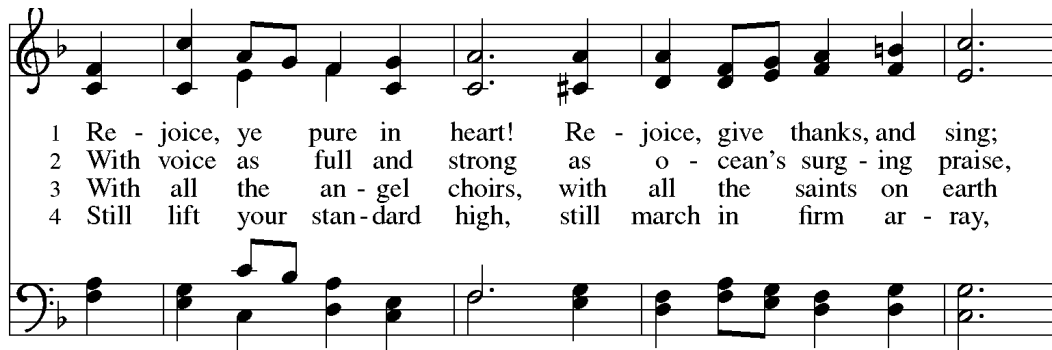
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and grant you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

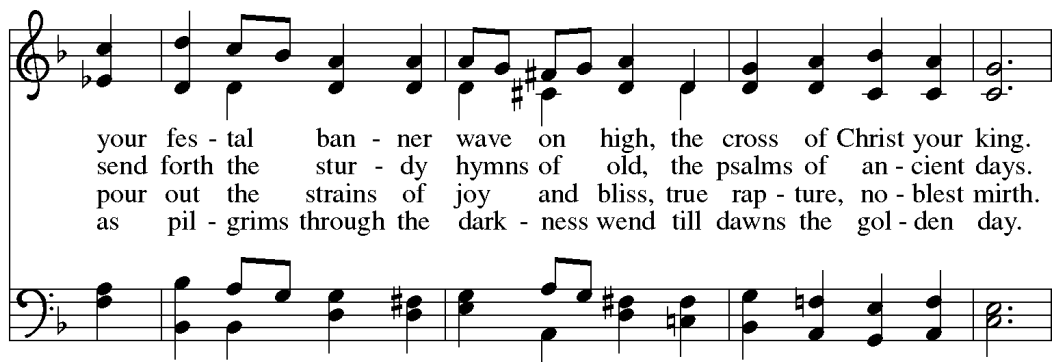
* SENDING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are given by Kim Fecht and are dedicated to the memory of Frances Lucille Fecht in honor of the 123 Anniversary of her birth. Beloved grandmother and Mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at ST. PAUL

SAVE THE DATE:

PASTORAL CANDIDATE CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Please save **November 7 and 8** to meet our pastoral candidate, worship together, and participate in a congregational vote.

Saturday, November 7 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Meet the Candidate

Join us for an informal drop-in gathering in the **Goodman Fellowship Hall**. Come meet the candidate, visit with fellow congregants, and learn more about them. We plan to have the nursery available with an attendant.

Sunday, November 8 | 9:30 a.m.

Worship & Congregational Vote

We will have **one worship service at 9:30 a.m.**, led by the pastoral candidate. The **congregational vote will take place immediately following the service in the Sanctuary.**

--- We hope you will join us for this important weekend in the life of our congregation.

WE WELCOME PASTOR GREG MILESKI AS GUEST PREACHER AND FORUM LEADER

Many thanks to Pastor Greg for serving the community today, both in worship and in the Adult Forum. In the forum at 9:30am, he will speak about his current research into Lutheran baptismal remembrance practices in conversation with Buddhist practices. And in his own words:

"Hi everybody! I am happy to be joining you this morning! When I am not being a pastor, I am a doctoral candidate in the Boston College Theology Department where I study issues within the Buddhist-Christian dialogue and teach classes in the theologies, practices, and philosophies of Christian and Buddhist traditions. My dissertation focuses on how Buddhists learn to take on the qualities of the Buddha--perfect love and compassion--and how this might help Christians to be more Christ-like in our lives--to be Christ to our neighbor as Luther said."

ADULT FORUM | October 18 and 25

Don't miss the next two Adult Forums! Kevin Kreutter, a member of St. Paul's stewardship team, will present important ideas from Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God*, on October 18. On October 25, Pastor Don will speak on the theme "Martin Luther's Hymns: Their Background and Their Impact."



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