



# ST PAUL PINE GROVE MILLS

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2024

Whenever you see an asterisk (\*), you are invited to stand as you are able.  
You are invited to speak sans serif **Bolded type** with the congregation.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

**PRELUDE:** *"I Need the Every Hour"*

*(Jason D. Payne)*

## GATHERING

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

P: God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you, for where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

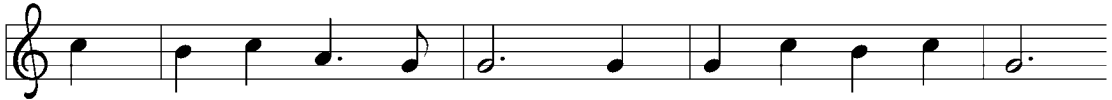
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

### **\*GATHERING HYMN** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

*(ELW 788)*



|   |       |             |           |            |           |       |       |               |                  |
|---|-------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | When  | morn - ing  | gilds     | the        | skies,    | my    | heart | a - wak - ing | cries:           |
| 2 | When  | mirth       | for       | mu - sic   | longs,    | this  | is    | my            | song of songs:   |
| 3 | No    | love - lier | an - ti - | phon       | in        | all   | high  | heav'n        | is known         |
| 4 | Let   | all         | of        | hu - man - | kind      | in    | this  | their         | con - cord find: |
| 5 | Sing, | sun         | and       | stars      | of space, | sing, | all   | who           | see his face,    |



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the\_e - ter - nal Word  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
the\_e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## \*GREETING

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14

*The first readings during this summer tell the stories of the early kings of Israel: so far this summer we have heard stories of Saul and David. Solomon's father, David, had brought the ark of the covenant – the earthly throne of God – into Jerusalem, but God prevented him from building a permanent home for it. Solomon was able to build such a temple, and this reading is part of his prayer at its dedication.*

[<sup>1</sup>Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>10</sup>And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand

to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.<sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

<sup>41</sup>"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 84

(sung to the tune Forest Green ELW 695)

*This psalm is a love song to the temple, sung by those who were coming to Jerusalem for the annual festivals centered there. For Christians, the position of Solomon's temple, as the place where God connects with humanity, is taken by Christ and his body, the church.*



1. How love - ly is Your dwell ing\_ place, Al - migh - ty\_ God and Lord!
2. The spa - row ev - en found\_ a\_ home, the swa - low\_ found a nest,
3. How bless'd are those who find\_ their strength in You, their\_ God and King:
4. They go from strength to strength un - til be - fore God\_ they ap - pear;
5. Much bet - ter is a day\_ with - in Your courts where you a - bide
6. The Lord is both a sun\_ and\_ shield, and fa - vor\_ he be - stows.



1. For my soul yearns and ev - en\_\_ faints to be with - in Your courts!  
 2. Where she may have her young near You, and at Your\_\_ al - tar rest.  
 3. Who set their hearts on pil - grim - age, and in Your\_\_ pres - ence sing.  
 4. O list - en, God of Ja - cob\_\_ and O Lord Al - migh - ty, hear!  
 5. than thou - sands where the wic - ked\_\_ dwell, who are not\_\_ on Your side.  
 6. And no good thing does He\_\_ with - hold from those whose way He knows.

1. My\_\_ heart and flesh cry\_\_ out\_\_ in\_\_ me, for God, the liv - ing God--  
 2. O\_\_ Lord Al - migh - ty\_\_ King\_\_ and God, how bless - ed are those who  
 3. Through val - leys filled with tears\_\_ they pass, make it a place of springs.  
 4. Now\_\_ look up - on\_\_ our\_\_ shield, O God, on Your an - nain - ted one;  
 5. For\_\_ I would ra - ther be\_\_ a\_\_ slave, a keep - er of the door,  
 6. From\_\_ those who walk in\_\_ right - ous - ness, in up - right ways and true.

1. Your pres - ence is where I\_\_ would be; I long for\_\_ You, my God!  
 2. dwell in Your house where they\_\_ may\_\_ be for - ev - er\_\_ prais - ing You.  
 3. The aut - umn rains do co - ver\_\_ it with pools which the rain brings.  
 4. O look with fa - vor on\_\_ the\_\_ face of your an - oin - ted one.  
 5. Than live with those in wick - ed\_\_ tents who do the\_\_ Lord ig - nore.  
 6. O Lord Al - migh - ty, bless'd are\_\_ those who put their\_\_ trust in You.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

*In these weeks we are reading through the letter to the church in Ephesus. This letter is a call to unity to a congregation which was divided between those of Jewish and those of non-Jewish backgrounds. Like many of Paul's letters, it ends with advice about how the community should live out its unity and freedom in Christ.*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for

which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

**Lord, to whom I shall we go?\***

**You have the words of e - I ternal life.**

## \*GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:56-69

*This year most of our Gospel readings are from Mark. That Gospel, however, is too short to cover a full year, so that for the last few weeks we hear the story of the feeding of the 5000 and its aftermath from John's Gospel. In his telling of the Last Supper, John does not mention a shared meal; this passage is his institution of Holy Communion. Jesus has just called himself the Bread of Heaven, and urged his hearers to eat his flesh and drink his blood. Even apart from his scandalous claim to be the source of life and apparent invitation to cannibalism, this instruction by Jesus would have been deeply troubling to his audience: kosher laws forbid the consumption of even animal blood.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the sixth chapter. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil.' <sup>71</sup>He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Word of God Incarnate"

(ELW 514)



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

### \*INVITATION TO BAPTISM

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 to the dead.  
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**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

L: Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

L: God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

L: God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts (*especially*). Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

L: God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys especially Fred Ferguson, Bill Kocher, and Charles Bloom. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

L: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**A: Amen.**

## \*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also with you.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING



Offerings can be made online at [stpaulpgm.org/give](https://stpaulpgm.org/give), mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* (Peter Scheltes)

**OFFERTORY:** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (ELW 884)

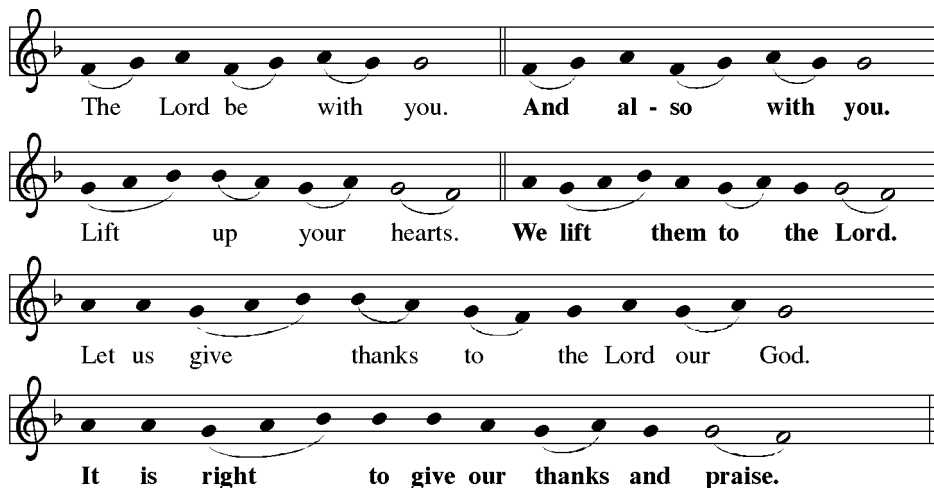
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **A: Amen.**

# \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## \* DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

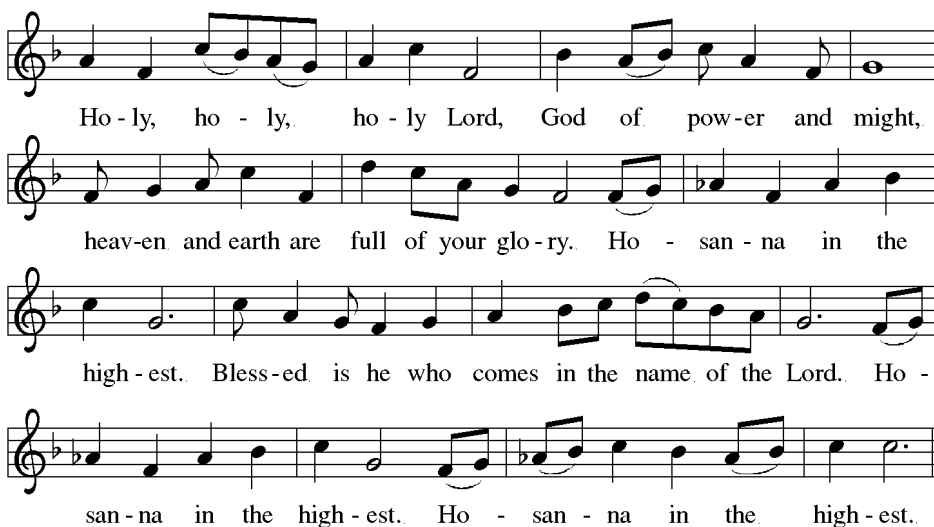
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

P: 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 L: heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



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

heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, Mighty, and Merciful God,  
in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When Sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was handed over,  
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.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,  
his body given up, and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

**A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

**A: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **A: Amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**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;**

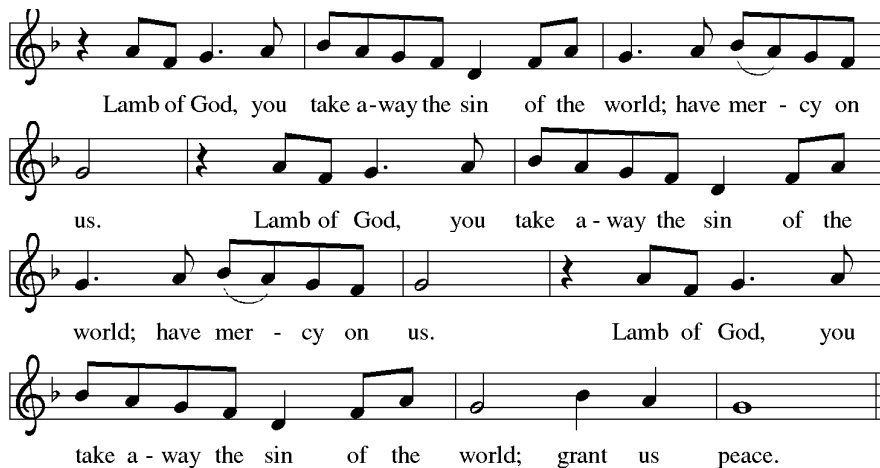
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## \*LAMB OF GOD



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.

## COMMUNION

L: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **A: Amen.**

## COMMUNION HYMN: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(ELW 490)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser-aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,  
pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:  
Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

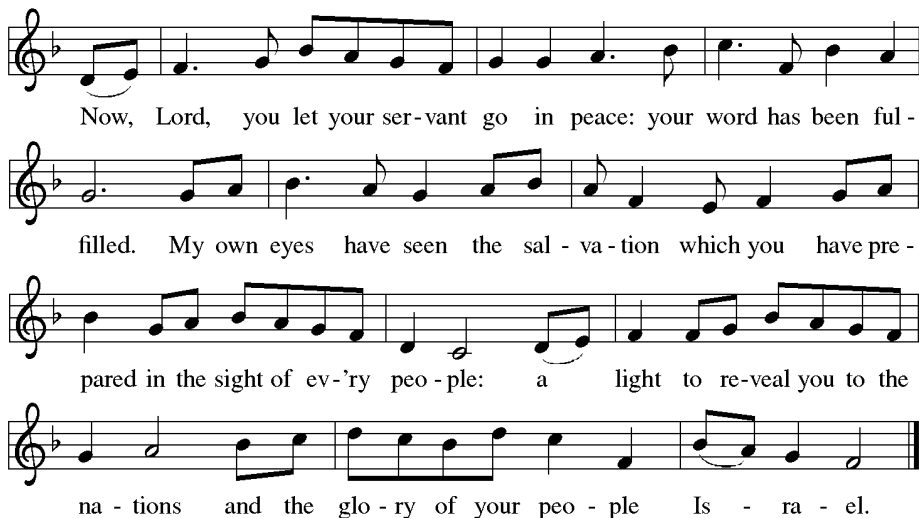
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in grace.

**A: Amen**

## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – *Nunc Dimittis* (Now, Lord)



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **A: Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*SENDING OF COMMUNION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You may be seated.*

### \*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

### \*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

## \*SENDING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

(ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: "How Firm A Foundation"

(Jason D. Payne)



## *Daily Readings for the Week*

**Sunday, August 25**

**Complementary Series**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22 (15)

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

**Semi-continuous Series**

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84 (1)

**Thursday, August 29**

Exodus 32:1-14

James 1:1-8

Psalms 15

**Monday, August 26**

Nehemiah 9:1-15

Ephesians 5:21—6:9

Psalms 119:97-104

**Friday, August 30**

Exodus 32:15-35

James 1:9-16

Psalms 15

**Tuesday, August 27**

Nehemiah 9:16-31

Ephesians 6:21-24

Psalms 119:97-104

**Saturday, August 31**

Exodus 34:8-28

John 18:28-32

Psalms 15

**Wednesday, August 28**

Isaiah 33:10-16

John 15:16-25

Psalms 119:97-104



**SERVING TODAY**

Worship Leader.....Pastor Paul Tomkiel  
Assisting Minister.....Joy Kling  
Musician..... Jim Rearick  
Sacristan.....Karen Magnuson  
Reader.....Linda Govere

**ABOUT ST. PAUL**

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus’ grace and love.

MISSION

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity,  
and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith ♡ Compassion ♡ Generosity ♡ Community

**OUR BIBLE VERSES**

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.  
[Jesus said,] ‘Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.’– Acts 9:3,15

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, where we gather for worship this morning. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenne Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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