

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - November 13, 2022  
8:30 am Service is live, 11:00 am is live, live-streamed, and recorded  
Holy Communion, Setting One

*Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book.*

Prelude - *Prelude on 'Ebenezer' by Healy Willian*

**GATHERING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

P Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

**C 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.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Song - Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow**

**327**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

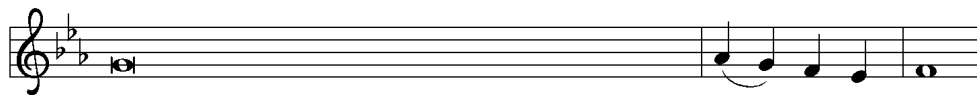
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



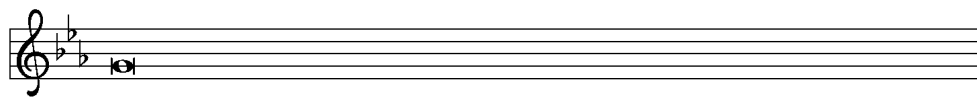
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



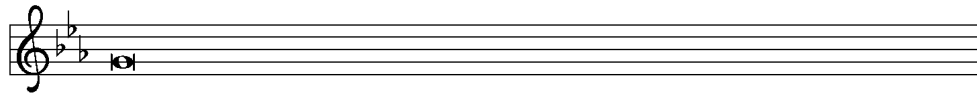
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
 Text st. 1 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress; sts. 2–4 © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P Let us pray

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### WORD

#### First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

#### Psalm: Psalm 98

**Congregation sings *Refrain* and bold verses.**

##### *Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

##### *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who  
comes to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity. ***Refrain***

#### Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

### Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*After the Gospel is announced, the people say: Glory to you, O Lord.*

### Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your

defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

*After the Gospel is read, the people say: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **Children’s Message**

### **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day - Lord of Our Life**

766

## **Blessing of Wildflower Cottage and Thanks for their Work**

### **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**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*), Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis and Larry, Bob and Ellie, Naomi, Pat, Judy, Mary, John, Tom, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **MEAL**

## **Offering**

Offertory - *We will march thro' the valley; spiritual arranged by Alice Parker*

## Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together

**C God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D# and F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.



## Preface

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:

## Holy Holy Holy

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **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.**

**P** Come to the banquet for all is ready.

### **COMMUNION SONG – 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

## COMMUNION HYMN – By Gracious Powers

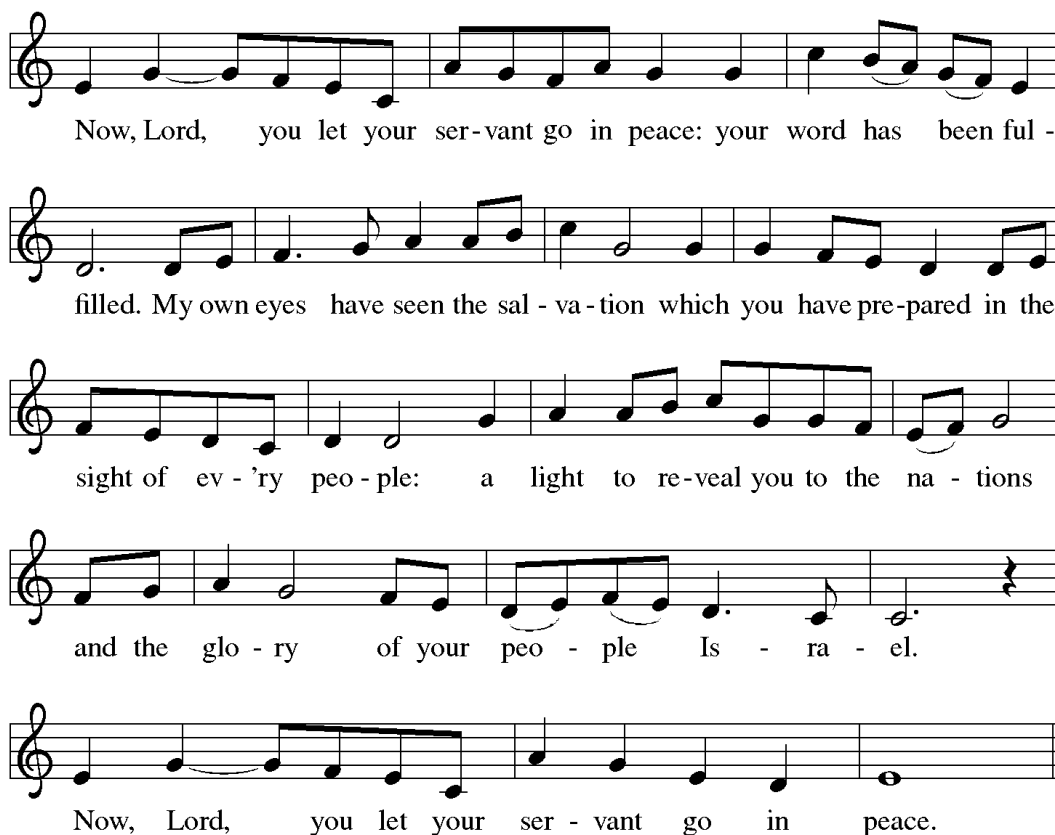
626

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



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.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## SENDING

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.

C Amen

## SENDING HYMN – How Firm a Foundation

796

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Postlude - *Praeludium in d* by Vincent Lubeck

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2014 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #27001. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net ##A-721914.

---

**The Altar Flowers today are given** to the Glory of God with the following recognitions:

✙ To the Glory of God by Hitch Havill and Rachel Harter

✙ In memory of loved ones by Foreman family

**Altar Flowers** – If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, speak with a staff person.

**Prayer of the Church** (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Naomi Watson, Pat Casper, Judy Schlegel, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Tom Kraska

**Prayer List Changes** – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

**Prayer of the Church (Friends):** Kay Matthews and Robert Meissner [Tony Perrotte's mother and uncle], Vickie Ettinger, Lois Horn, Diane Johnson (Penni Perrotte's friends), Gary Hill (cousin of Penni Perrotte), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Cynthia Sund (grandmother of Megan Cunningham), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Josephine Economy and John Bigsby (friends of Bess Line), Jane Taylor (mother of Maria Chi), Wayne Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Debra

Fletcher (sister of Bill Wilson), Marie Watts (cousin of Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Don Rangnow (friend of Robin Winfree), Jim Cunningham (father of Megan Cunningham), Ashley Collins (niece of Deb Tabert), Holly (friend of Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (son of a friend of the Waughes)

**Time with Wildflower Staff and Open House** – On Sunday, November 13, we will have time during the 11:00 am service with Krissy Snyder and some of her staff. They have been getting settled into Wildflower Cottage next door and have invited us to an open house next door after the 11:00 am service today. They have created a wonderful educational and creative space which you are encouraged to visit.

**Articles and information are due for the December issue of Cross Connections on Monday, November 14.** Yes, it is early, but the church office will be closed November 23-25 for Thanksgiving and we want our Advent and Christmas information to go out before the holiday. You may drop the information into Susan Esposito's mailbox, or email her at [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org). "Holy Folders" will meet on Friday, November 18 at 11:00 am to assemble the issue for the post office.

**The Afghan refugee resettlement group** has been hard at work helping our new neighbors from Afghanistan settle in Durham. They are a wonderful family of 10 with another child on the way. The father drove US military personnel in Afghanistan and we would like to purchase a used van for him. Additionally, the oldest son needs tuition for community college in the fall. He dreams of one day being a doctor. In order to help raise funds for these needs we have started a gofundme page: <https://gofund.me/1cf5b6e8> We encourage people to donate (everything helps) and also to share the link. This is an easy way for us as a church to simultaneously help a family in need and to reach out beyond our walls and show everyone the good work we are doing.

The **Dropped Stitch Prayer Shawl Ministry** is returning. They meet the last Friday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, usually in the sofa area in the atrium. This group creates prayer shawls by knitting or crochet.

We welcome back the **Tongue and Thimble** group. This group creates small quilts which are distributed to the nurseries at local hospitals for their critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/Music room off of the Genesis Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

**Do you want a copy of your offering statement?** Please contact our Bookkeeper, Alan Rigsbee ([bookkeeper@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stpaulsdurham.org)), or one of the co-financial secretaries, Phil Hart ([psbhart@gmail.com](mailto:psbhart@gmail.com)) or Rod Runestad ([rodrunestad@gmail.com](mailto:rodrunestad@gmail.com)) to receive a 3rd quarter financial statement. We will mail full-year 2022 statements to everyone in early 2023.

**St. Paul's Readers** – We invite all readers to join us for our discussion of *Damien the Leper: A Life of Magnificent Courage, Devotion and Spirit* by John Farrow. Our final meeting of this year is on Thursday, November 17, at 3 pm in Trinity Hall. Lorrell Strom-Jensen is facilitating the discussion.

We are beginning to make our selections for our reading list for next year. The book club strives to choose books from different genres, both fiction and non-fiction. We request that all those interested please submit two books with brief summations via email to Katherine Trexler. We hope to finalize our list of eight books for 2023 at this November meeting.

**The Giving Tree** – By mid-November, there will be a Christmas tree set up in the Atrium decorated with envelopes. Some will include gift ideas for students from Burton Elementary and others will request a variety of gift cards for the Parktown Food Hub Christmas giveaway. Details will be announced.

**During the past year,** we have enjoyed the result of St. Paul's annual contribution in support of **"Sing for Joy,"** a radio program of sacred music aired by WCPE and their website, [theclassicalstation.org](http://theclassicalstation.org). Now we have an opportunity to renew our \$1,000 annual support of "Sing for Joy" so that St. Paul's can continue to be named on the air as a sponsor of the program. Donors can drop a check, noting WCPE on the check, in the offering plate or the Finance Drop Box in the staff hallway. These checks will be consolidated and a check from St. Paul's will be sent to WCPE when we accumulate the \$1,000 donation. Many thanks to Hitch Havill for helping us support WCPE and "Sing for Joy."

## **PASTA for PARKTOWN!!**

### **Help Stock the St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!**

The folks at Parktown Food Hub love our St. Paul's pasta! THANKS to your generosity the "St. Paul's Dry Boxed Pasta Shelf" stays stocked and ready to help hungry families. To date since starting in August, we have collected 465 packages and 512 pounds of pasta. Please continue to add dry pasta to your shopping list to share with others and keep the St. Paul's shelf stocked! The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze. **St. Paul's Shelf - dry boxed pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

**Music Time for Children – Join us at the 8:30 am service on Sundays** for music time with Ted Turner, our minister of music. Following the children's message, all children (and parents) are invited to come sing some songs and have some fun in Whitesell hall during the sermon at the early service. They will return to the service after the singing to continue worship. We hope to see you there.

**Adult Sunday Class at St. Paul's:** Today, the Adult Sunday School class welcomes Dr. Ron Rittgers as speaker. He is a professor in the Duke University Divinity School. His talk is entitled: "A Widower's Lament: Lay Theology of the Cross in the Late Reformation." Dr. Rittgers is Duke Divinity School Chair in Lutheran Studies and Professor of the History of Christianity.

**Children will be meeting each Sunday downstairs** in the Genesis Room (the larger room with the kitchen). They begin at 9:45 and conclude at 10:45 am. Leaders are Betty Hinshaw and Carole Ostrowski. They will be incorporating the Vacation Bible School curriculum so the children will be learning all about Jesus through bible stories which accompany the series "Rocky Railroad." We welcome all children to this interactive and varied activities program.

**Child Care on Sunday mornings!** We now have an attendant, Courtney, on Sunday mornings who will care for your small children so parents and older children may attend Sunday School and worship. She will be available during the 8:30 service through the 11:00 service. Care will take place in the Parlor which is the room between the atrium and Whitesell Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Join us on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am where we are studying the book of Genesis. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Study notes will be emailed.

**The November Croasdaile Worship** was moved to avoid Thanksgiving so it will be on the third Thursday this month and at 3:00 pm so look for us at Croasdaile on **Thursday, November 17 at 3:00 pm!** Spread the word of the change and invite others to worship.

**Reserve your Space!** We now have more rooms available but we also have some of our previous groups pre-Covid, gathering in their usual spaces. What this means for **everyone** is that you need to book your meeting time and space ahead! Contact Susan in the church office, request your date, time, and room. A location cannot be guaranteed if it is not on the church calendar!

**Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays** on Zoom from 10-11.

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WWVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

**Music Ensembles invite you to join in!** Handbell choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the balcony. No prior ringing experience is necessary, but some understanding of sheet music is helpful. The adult choir, which meets at 7:15 on Wednesday nights, is open to any and all interested in singing, no prior experience is necessary.

**Ted Turner, the Minister of Music**, is available for piano and/or organ lessons. Ted has experience teaching a diverse array of skill levels and ages, no prior experience is necessary. More information is available at [www.tedturnerorganist.com](http://www.tedturnerorganist.com). contact him at 217-898-3467 or [tturner16@gmail.com](mailto:tturner16@gmail.com)

**Our Free Little Library is full** of books, magazines, and puzzles for your use. You are welcome to take or leave one to use and share. Stop by the shelf which is near the water fountain in the atrium.

**We continue to update our photographs in our directory.** To help us – please submit a current photograph of you/your family. It does not have to be a professional photo – many of you probably have selfies and vacation photos handy on your phone. You may send it to Susan Esposito at [admin@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsdurham.org) and it will be uploaded into your family profile. You may also make any changes, such as address, email address, birthdays, anniversary, phone numbers – at the same time. You can get the latest directory on your smart phone app “Instant Church Directory.” Stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium and there are instruction sheets for both Android and Apple phones. As changes occur, the updates are made in the church office and are instantly updated on your app when you use it.

**One easy way you can support the St. Paul’s Preschool & PMO** is by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card. When you link your card to St. Paul’s Preschool & PMO, the Preschool will receive a portion of your purchases from Harris Teeter. The Harris Teeter account number is **3049**. You can link in any store or online and you do not need to be a preschool parent to link your card.

**Worship – We have two services: 8:30 am and 11:00 am**, both using Setting One of the ELW. The 8:30 am service will be in-person. The 11:00 am service will be in-person, live-streamed and recorded. The link to watch the 11:00 service live is: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223>. The link to watch any services which have been recorded is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> then choose the service date or event you wish to watch. We now are offering child-care during the worship times. Our attendant will be located in the room between the foyer and Whitesell Hall.

## **Sign-Up Genius Links**

**We need worship assistants weekly.** Please visit the Sign-Up Genius links which we use to enable volunteers to fill in where needed, now for both services. Click on the link and fill in your date(s).

### **♦ Sunday Morning Worship Tasks**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>

Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, altar guild, video, etc. Staff will be glad to provide assistance for any of these tasks.

### **♦ Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

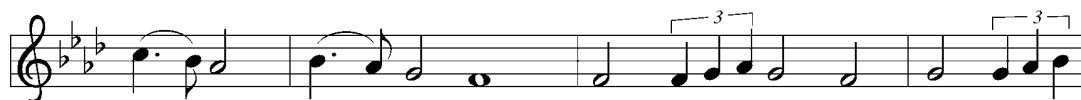
### **♦ Devotions –** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Please send your devotions to Vicar Amanda Spangler at [vicar@stpaulsdurham.org](mailto:vicar@stpaulsdurham.org)

## Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.  
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944



## Lord of Our Life



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our  
 2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your  
 3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can  
 4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned  
 save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when  
 church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.  
 hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:  
 end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt.  
 Music: ISTE CONFESSOR, Poitiers *Antiphoner*, 1746

## By Gracious Powers



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
 5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
 so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
 oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
 we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
 and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906–1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: TELOS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

English text © 1974 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

# How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American