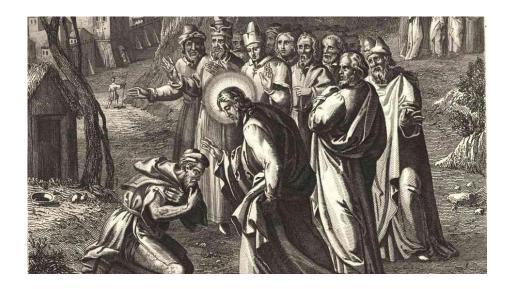
ORDER OF WORSHIP 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HEALING SERVICE

October 11/12, 2025



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME! Today we give thanks to God for our pastors—those He has given us "according to His heart" (Jeremiah 3:15, KJV), to lead, teach and care for His people with faith and love. May this time of worship bless them, even as they continue to bless us.

IT'S A MIRACLE! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

WORSHIP BEGINS in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

THE BLUE WELCOME PAD in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

LEAVING THE SANCTUARY during worship, please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for October 18/19: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5, Luke 18:1-8.

IF YOU'D LIKE someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

GATHERING

PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.

PRELUDE

Prelude on We Come to you for Healing, Lord

Healey Willan

BELL, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Sunday] BAPTISM OF Sienna Hope Roman and Jacob Steven Cohen

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Stand as you are able to face the font for the confession.

[Saturday] CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

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.**

Stand as you are able for the hymn.

GATHERING HYMN # 610

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

Sit.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

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

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

A reading from 2 Kings:

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his

company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Spoken responsively by whole verse by the lector and congregation.

¹¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

²Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them.

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵You give food to ¹ those who fear you, remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ ness and justice; all of your pre- ¹ cepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever; holy and awesome ¹ is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

A reading from Second Timothy:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.



Give thanks in all | circumstances;* for this is the will of God in Christ Je- | sus for you.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Remain Standing.

HEALING INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and lord. **Amen.**

Sit.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come to the predella step by the center aisle and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach the predella step by the **center aisle**. The minister lays both hands on each person's head, then anoints the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross with these words.

Receive this oil + as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

Response: Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BLESSING PRAYER SHAWLS

Let us also give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we dedicate these Prayer Shawls, signs of God's healing and presence, to the praise and glory of God.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen. Today we praise you and give you thanks as we dedicate these prayer shawls to your glory and praise.

Bless them that they may be a sign of your presence, healing, and wholeness to those who receive them, and a ministry of love and joy to those who make them, according to your gracious purpose in all things; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore our sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

MEAL



OFFERING PRAYER

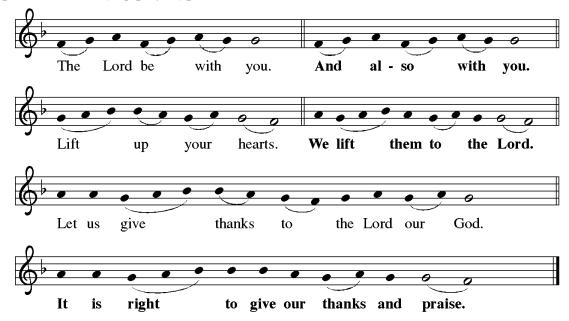
The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

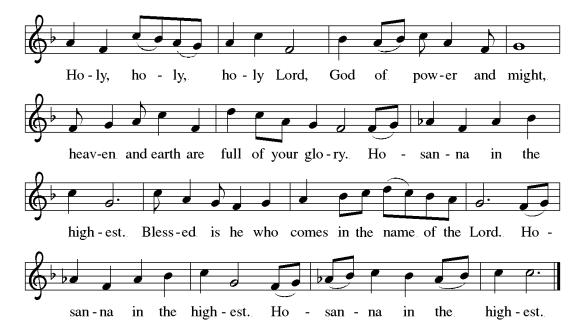


The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

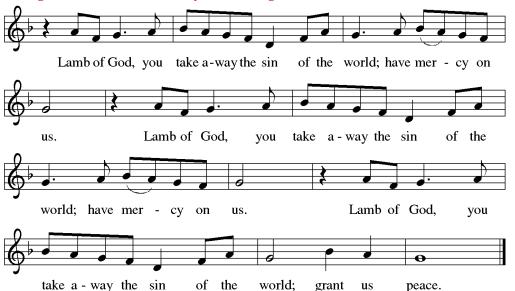
We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass of juice for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine. When you have communed, return to your seat by the opposite end.

We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

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.

During the distribution, Lamb of God is sung:



Stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our goods with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

The service concludes with the blessing and the dismissal.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #839 Now Thank We All Our God

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter: Lois Gdovin Acolyte: Gail Ide

Assisting Minister: Trish Brosious
Lector: Jon Moelling
Communion Bread: Dianna Smith
Saturday Altar Set Up: Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up: Gail Smallwood
Minister of Technology: Marissa Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Paul Policare, given by his family, Cathy, Emilia and Michael.

WE WELCOME into the membership of St. Paul's by Holy Baptism, Jacob Steven Cohen, son of Mitch & Amanda Cohen & brother Nathan and Sienna Hope Roman, daughter of Christopher & Bethany Roman and brother Christopher. Jacob's sponsors are John Thompson and Gabrielle Lanza; Sienna's sponsors are Jennifer Moelling, Jamie Yost and Joseph Fiorello. The red roses are given in honor of Jacob's and Sienna's Baptism, by Dorcas.

IT'S FLEECE BLANKET making time! Please join the Social Ministry Committee in the Social Hall to make blankets for the children attending grief and special needs camps at Hillside Farm on any of the following dates: Monday 13, 20, 27 and 11/3; Wednesday 15, 22, 29 and 11/5. We will meet at 10 am. No special skills are needed and bring a friend if you wish. Call Marianne Mancke at 570.675.9858 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for supporting this Social Ministry project!

THE DORCAS SOCIETY will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at 1:00 pm. All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

NEXT LABYRINTH WALK will be Wednesday, October 15, from 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm; the Grief Support Group meets at 6:30 pm on October 16.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: singers, instrumentalists, bathtub whistlers, anyone who can carry a tune! The music program at St. Paul's has dwindled due to age, illness, and infirmities. We need volunteers to help lead worship and to provide special music at worship services. The ability to read music is not required. Beginning on October 16, on Thursdays at 7pm, anyone who would like to participate is welcome to gather in the music room to review the hymns for the next Sunday, to practice easy anthems and, in the time remaining, to sing any hymns you wish or would like to recommend for future anthems. We plan to sing one anthem a month and for festival services. You need not attend every rehearsal and can leave whenever you like; anyone who has attended at least one rehearsal of an anthem is welcome to sing with us. So mark your calendars and come make a joyful noise!

THERE WILL BE a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 1; the sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers are posted in the Narthex. As usual, take-outs will begin at 3:30 pm; dinner will be served from 4:00 till 6:30 pm. The price of tickets is \$16.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12.

COUNCIL UPDATE: The ELCA recently approved revisions to its model constitution, and the revised document will be made available to St. Paul's members for adoption at the January 2026 annual meeting. Church Office: the office will get a new computer to replace its old computer that can no longer be updated; all other office computers will be updated to Windows 11. Christian Education: The committee met and has scheduled all the Sunday School events for the 2025-26 school year; the first event will be Sunday, October 26 (Reformation Sunday) and will feature a bonfire and pumpkin decorating. Other events include the Turkey Decorating Contest in November, an Advent Event on November 30, the Sunday School Christmas Play, Hanging of the Greens and Birthday Party for Jesus on Dec. 21, the Bible Bowl on Feb. 8, a Palm Sunday event on March 29, the Head Start Project on April 19 and an Old Testament Project on April 26. Evangelism: St. Paul's table at the Harvest Festival enjoyed many visitors. Four people will join Gail Ide in work on the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) project. **Head Start:** Four people have volunteered to read stories to the children. Social Ministry: The committee will be working on several projects in November & December. Thirty-two pairs of sneakers were donated to the Head Start program. **Property:** Work on the broken outside window frame, and on all the windowsills in the classrooms has been completed; gaps in the sidewalk expansion joints and between the bricks in the columbarium will be filled. Old Business: The finance committee will begin review of the church budget in preparation for a new budget beginning in January 2026. 100th Anniversary: The committee encourages everyone to bring photos of deceased family members for the All Saints display on Sunday, Nov. 2. Planning is underway for the Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 21. Money that the committee raised throughout the year will be distributed to Pastor Grube's Helping Hand fund, the meditation garden, the general fund and disaster relief. New Business: Nominating committee was formed for council elections which will be held at the January Annual Meeting.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today: 8:30 am Chime Practice; 9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Scout Den Meeting; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Monday: 10:00 am Fleece Blanket Project

Tuesday 1:00 pm Dorcas Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00 am Fleece Blanket Project 3:00-6:00 pm Labyrinth Walk

6:30 pm Back Mountain Railroad Club meeting

Thursday: 6:30 pm Grief Support Group meeting

Saturday: 5:30 pm Worship – Reformation

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PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. Pray for the Congregations of St. Matthew United, Scranton, St. Peter, Scranton and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Linda Ash, Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Sandra Weaver-Charney, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Sandi & Wayne Fassett, Marge Fritzinger, Morgan Holbrook, Brad Ide, Robert Kline, June Lorah, Pat Peiffer, Rachelle Pryor, Alan Pugh, Wally Richardson, Greta Ruckno, Dave Scheff, Jack Traver, Anita Weiss, Peter & Carol Wittkamp, Alyson Wood, Shirley Zimmerman.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Ed Banaszak, Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, Judy C., Michelle Casey, Marjorie Catania, Ken Charney, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Bonnie Goodrich, Nancy Harm, Jenn Hubbard, Ashley Hutchins, Christine Ide, Jack Jones, Michael Kaminski, Debbie Kertesz, Bradley Kessler, Alice Laskowski, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Rob Merritt, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Robin Rosencrans, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, John Sheeran and family, Nancy Shymanski, River Grace Siperko, Dorothy Smith, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Carl & Ruth Zimmerman, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Justin, Jim, the M family, Evan (no last names given).