

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 19, 2025

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



*THE ENTRANCE RITE*

*PRELUDE*

*From God Can Nothing Move Me*

Settings: 1. Ralph C. Schultz; 2. Johann Michael Bach

*WELCOME*

*ENTRANCE HYMN      From God Can Nothing Move Me Sts. 1-4*

LSB 713

1 **From God can nothing move me;**  
    He will not step aside  
    But gently will reprove me  
    And be my constant guide.  
    He stretches out His hand  
    In evening and in morning,  
    My life with grace adorning  
    Wherever I may stand.

2 **When those whom I regarded**  
    As trustworthy and sure  
    Have long from me departed,  
    God's grace shall still endure.  
    He rescues me from sin  
    And breaks the chains that bind me.  
    I leave death's fear behind me;  
    His peace I have within.

3 **The Lord my life arranges;**  
    Who can His work destroy?  
    In His good time He changes  
    All sorrow into joy.  
    So let me then be still:  
    My body, soul, and spirit  
    His tender care inherit  
    According to His will.

4 **Each day at His good pleasure**  
    God's gracious will is done.  
    He sent His greatest treasure  
    In Jesus Christ, His Son.  
    He ev'ry gift imparts.  
    The bread of earth and heaven  
    Are by His kindness given.  
    Praise Him with thankful hearts!

*CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION*

LSB 167

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

LSB 168

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.**

**Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God,

**You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**



#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST LESSON (Be seated)

Genesis 32:22-30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said,

“I will not let you go unless you bless me.” And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121 (Sung responsively)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 10:30 CHILDREN'S SERMON

**ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual

coming.’’ And the Lord said, ‘‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*SERMON (Be seated)*

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

The parables of Jesus always make us think. And this parable is no exception, even though Luke tells us, right at the beginning, what Jesus wants us to know. Luke explains that Jesus tells this parable ‘‘to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.’’ In other words, Jesus told it so that his disciples would persevere in prayer.

But even though this point is spelled out for us, the parable also includes certain details which strike us as curious. And these are no doubt intended to have us think a little more deeply than what we might otherwise do.

We’ll look at these curious details in a moment. But first, let’s do a little thinking about what it means to persevere.

Pastor Ludwig Helmbold was 31 years old and serving as a teacher in Erfurt Germany when a horrible plague broke out in the region, in the year 1563. He immediately began to offer extra prayers. And he ministered to the people with extra support, as he could. But as the plague took hold, with thousands of people dying and many others forced to leave the area, he noticed that a lot of his members were losing heart. And this was happening with his own family too, as the grief became overwhelming and the fear kept mounting.

To encourage everyone through the difficult days ahead, Pastor Helmbold wrote a hymn based on Psalm 73 verse 23. There God says: ‘‘*Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.*’’ Drawing on this and other great promises of God, the hymn consoled and heartened the people with lines such as ‘‘I leave death’s fear behind me’’ and ‘‘that day of bliss divine... forever shall be mine.’’ The hymn brought comfort to

many, and it continues to do so still. For this is the hymn we're singing today at the beginning and end of our service – the hymn *From God Can Nothing Move Me*.

Hymns give us great help as we seek to persevere in our prayers. Their beauty touches our hearts and their messages give us words to say in times when our own words fail.

Likewise, the story of Pastor is Helmbold is particularly compelling. His perseverance in faith during a horrible time serves as a fine example.

But we all have stories of times when life brought us difficult circumstances, and we found the help needed to persevere. These are the times life forced us to cry out to God.

You know these times. They're the ones when the doctor tells you they found a lump, or when you begin to wonder whether you and your spouse can conceive that child you'd so like; the times when you struggle to navigate the loneliness of losing a spouse or when you discover that what was once easy to accomplish in your day is now extremely difficult.

In such times it is easy to lose heart – even when you turn to God in prayer and set it all before him. And that's because in our pain and confusion we start to wonder how long we can continue. And we question whether God will ever intervene.

How blessed we are in such times to have a clear and strong word of God that assures us of his help. This word, conveyed to us today in Jesus' parable, and found in many other Bible verses as well, reminds us that God will always extend his care when we ask for it.

When Jesus first spoke this parable to his disciples, he did so with an understanding of how difficult their following of him had recently become. This difficulty came as they heard Jesus share of his upcoming rejection and crucifixion, and as they saw him challenged by the most prominent and powerful religious leaders of the people. It also came as they heard his call to radical forgiveness, and through his hints that they too might be losing their lives.

As we listen to the parable, we find it particularly easy to identify with the widow in the story. And that's because, like her, we also have struggled with injustice or fought to have a voice and been denied a seat at the table or known what it is to be overlooked.

And having identified with her, it would then be easy for us to think that Jesus was simply giving us an inspirational example – one in which a person continued to fight until they got what they wanted. And with that being the case, we could then look at this parable and conclude that Jesus is telling us, “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

But that would be a wrong conclusion to make. Notice how Jesus, instead, leads us away from focusing on the widow. Though we are interested in her story, we don’t hear about her case. Nor do we hear of any strength she has found to carry on. Instead, Jesus leads us to focus on the judge. Jesus, in fact, explicitly says, *“Hear what the unrighteous judge says”* (v 6).

Why on earth would we want to listen to this judge? He’s arrogant and doesn’t care about God or about people. He’s selfish too. The only reason he grants the woman justice is to keep her from bothering him anymore. What good could come from listening to an unrighteous, arrogant, selfish person like this?

Actually... in this case... a great deal. You see, Jesus is making a “lesser-to-greater” argument. He knows that the judge is about the worst person you could encounter. But he wants you to know that if you get justice when you come before an unrighteous judge like this, imagine what will happen when you come before a righteous judge like our heavenly Father.

Jesus wants us to look at the unrighteous judge so that we treasure more fully the righteous judge that God has revealed himself to be. God truly desires to bring about justice. God truly cares about people. And God not only invites people to pray, but he also promises to hear their prayers.

Jesus knows that what motivates us for prayer is not a command that we should pray ever more fervently. Rather, what moves us to pray is God’s promise that he has brought us into his kingdom, where he promises to hear our prayers and answer them.

The unrighteous judge was selfish. He didn’t want to be troubled by the widow’s constant complaining.

Jesus Christ, on the other hand, is selfless. He wants to bear our burdens. He showed this through his willingness to be crucified.

And unlike the unjust judge, Jesus was also righteous. He never committed any sin.

But he was judged unjustly, condemned for sins he didn't commit and crucified in his innocence. This Jesus endured. For us. To pay for our sins and show us his love.

Jesus endured the cross so that he might carry our sins to the grave and rise to rule over any suffering that afflicts us. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has shown himself to be loving and faithful. Through these he forgives your sins and promises you life in his kingdom.

In Jesus, God gives of himself to save his people. And if Jesus is willing to bear your sins and be your Savior, what burden could possibly be too much for him to bear? What prayer would be too great for him to hear?

This God who is greater than any human judge... who is righteous, who seeks to care for his people, and who invites his people to come to him with all their burdens... this God has brought you into his kingdom. He did this through your Baptism, where he promised the gift of his Spirit to guide you throughout your life.

And this same Jesus comes to you today, in this place. Jesus is calling you through this parable and encouraging you never to lose heart.

If you have a prayer request that you are getting tired of making; if you have a burden that you are tired of carrying; if you have a battle that you are tired of fighting, do not give up. Jesus is coming and he encourages you to carry on. He holds the entire world in his hands, and he is working all things together for your good and for the good of all those who love him.

So then, how can we help one another fight this good fight of faith? And what does the needed perseverance look like in action?

As our reading today suggests, prayer is both the right way to start and the right way to continue. God invites us to cry out to him; and God notices our persistence. Prayer, we see, is essential for our ongoing faith effort.

And here we should add one other suggestion about faith's fight. This fight is best done together, with fellow believers, so that we are not fighting alone.

This is not a point made by Jesus' parable, where the widow cried out all by herself. But it is one suggested by today's other two readings.

In our Old Testament reading, Jacob wrestled with God. And this is a story meant to highlight Jacob's persistence and endurance in faith. But the story also points forward to the struggle his descendants would engage in together as a people. We know this because Jacob was given the name Israel – which means “struggles with God.” And this is the name that would later become the name for the whole nation.

In the same way, our New Testament records a conversation where one man of faith gives encouragement to another, which highlights the need we all have to engage in faith's battle with the support of our fellow believers. Paul's words in the section we read center on the importance of the scriptures in our struggle. But when we read on to the next verses, we hear him speak about the struggle of faith in very personal terms, as he tells of his impending death. There Paul says: *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing”* (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Yes, the widow in Jesus' parable was alone. And many of our prayers, too, will be offered in the silence of our own hearts. But when we know Jesus, we are not alone. Jesus promises that he will always be with us, through the Holy Spirit. And he has called us into community with him and with his people so that we are present with one another.

God provides for his people abundantly. And he will give justice to his elect and will not delay long.

Knowing this, let us pray always and not lose heart.

In the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

- 1 **Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength,  
and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 3 **Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**
- 2 **Run the straight race through  
God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 4 **Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Hymnal, back cover*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, heavenly Father, Jacob wrestled with You and would not depart without a blessing. In the same way, we ask that you give us your blessing as well, along with faith to hear and heed the voice of Your Word. Endow us with patience, courage and endurance in time of trial so that we may not despair when we suffer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give faithfulness to pastors and all church workers that they may bear witness to the appearing and kingdom of Christ, who judges the living and the dead. Instill in them patience and sober mindedness, that they may rebuke, reprove and exhort all sinners with sound teaching. Grant to both preachers and hearers a fervent desire for the truth of Your Word, that we may not be led astray by our passions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, guide and protect all families. Grant that husbands and wives might live in faithfulness to each other. Bless mothers with child, all children as they grow, and all who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, bless Donald our president; the Congress of these United States; Glenn our governor; and all the elected and appointed officials who govern us. Guide them to promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people. And give them integrity, so that they may serve the highest good with their full abilities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from all evil. We especially beg You to keep the lives of those among us who face sickness, injuries and

troubles, including Geraine, Sophia, Brooks, June, Peter, Wendy, James, Russell, Yi, Jeannie, Val, Arlo, Marvin, Cynthia, Courtney and Olivia; Beverly and all who mourn, and those we name in our hearts at this time... Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unworthy though we are, O Lord, we come to your table at Your own invitation. Washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are the people of Your promise and the sheep of Your own flock. Grant us faith to receive with repentance the blessed food of Your Son's body and blood. And through this Holy Communion, empower us to bear good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, teach us to pray with persistence, knowing that You love us, provide for us, and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but also trusts in your goodness and mercy. And do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



#### *SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

*OFFERTORY*

LSB 176

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good right and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*PAX DOMINI*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

LSB 180

*AGNUS DEI*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

LSB 180

*THE COMMUNION (Be seated)*

*Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.*

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

- 1 **Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling**  
    Of the glorious body sing,  
    And the blood, all price excelling,  
        Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
    Once on earth among us dwelling,  
        Shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 **Giv'n for us, and condescending**  
    To be born for us below,  
    He with us in converse blending  
        Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
    Till He closed with wondrous ending  
        His most patient life of woe.
- 3 **That last night at supper lying**  
    Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,  
    Jesus, with the Law complying,  
        Keeps the feast its rites demand;  
    Then, more precious food supplying,  
        Gives Himself with His own hand.
- 4 **Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,**  
    By His word His flesh to be;  
    Wine His sacred blood He maketh,  
        Though the senses fail to see;  
    Faith alone the true heart waketh  
        To behold the mystery.
- △ 5 **Glory let us give and blessing**  
    To the Father and the Son,  
    Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
        While eternal ages run;  
    Ever too His love confessing  
        Who from both with both is One.

*PRAYER (Stand)*

*BENEDICTION*

*SENDING HYMN*

*From God Can Nothing Move Me* Sts. 5-7

LSB 713

**5 Praise God with acclamation**

And in His gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation  
Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past;  
But time we spend expressing  
The love of God brings blessing  
That will forever last!

**6 Yet even though I suffer**

The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher  
And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine,  
Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
Forever shall be mine.

**△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,**

Who fashioned us from clay;  
And His own Son fulfilled it  
And brought eternal day.  
The Spirit now has come,  
To us true faith has given;  
He leads us home to heaven.  
O praise the Three in One!

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*DISMISSAL*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## FELLOWSHIP: Preschool Committee

*FLOWERS: Flowers are in memory of saints who have gone before and in thankfulness for the many blessings bestowed on us by God.* By Marge Glass

Those serving:

8:00 a.m.:

Greeter: Steve Janssen  
Comm. assist: Dave Oaks  
Reader: Dave Oaks

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Jason Starck  
Comm. assist: Dede Dixon  
Reader: Janice Sebring  
Acolyte: Natalie Starck  
AV Assist: Hannes Buuck, Andreas Buuck

#### Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; (sts. 1–2): tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (st. 4): tr. Gregory J. Wismar, 1946 Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, 1557, Lyons, alt. Text (sts. 1–2): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship; (sts. 3–4): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326 Tune: Public domain

664 Fight the Good Fight Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt. Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York Text and tune: Public domain

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.  
Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595–1662 Text and tune: Public domain

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; tr. The Hymnal 1940 Tune: Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin, Paris, 1881

Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326 Tune: Public domain

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; (st. 5): tr. Gregory J. Wismar, 1946; (st. 6): tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.; (st. 7): tr. Joseph Herl, 1959 Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, 1557, Lyons, alt. Text (sts. 5, 7): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; (st. 6): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005326 Tune: Public domain

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
7426 IDYLWOOD ROAD  
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22043**

A member congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Leadership Officers, Working Boards, Chinese Ministry, The Preschool,  
Sunday School, LWML, Youth Group, Altar Guild, Choirs,  
Caring Ministry, Safety Ministry, Leisure Group  
Other seasonal and occasional working groups

**CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Mark Shaltanis, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Xinhong “Chris” Yang, Associate and Chinese Pastor**  
**The. Rev. Wayne Lehrer, Pastor Emeritus**

Kantor Aaron Jansen, Director of Music  
Tawni Harrell, Director of Youth  
Linda Fekete, Parish Secretary

Jill Cha, Preschool Director  
Norm Williams Business Manager  
Richard Irwin, Building Manager

**CONTACT US**

Web site: [www.stpaulsfallschurch.org](http://www.stpaulsfallschurch.org)  
Office email: [Secretary@stpaulsfallschurch.org](mailto:Secretary@stpaulsfallschurch.org)  
Business Manager email: [stpaulstaff@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulstaff@yahoo.com)  
Pastor's email: [pastormark@stpaulsfallschurch.org](mailto:pastormark@stpaulsfallschurch.org)  
Safety Ministry: [stpaulsafety@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsafety@gmail.com)  
Office phone: 703-573-0295

For your giving convenience you can scan this QR code.



[Home | St Pauls Lutheran Church](#)