October 31, 2022

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus!

Yesterday's All Saints worship service was well attended and Spiritfilled. Our hope is those who participated found comfort in the midst of grief. If you were unable to pick up a memorial candle, we have some available outside Pastor Becky's office.

A pledge card for your 2023 financial giving to St. Paul Church is included with today's mailing. Throughout the stewardship season, we have focused on gardening metaphors: Planting Seeds, Taking Root, Rain Come Down, Thriving, and Harvest. Stewardship Sunday is November 13. During this service, you will be invited to bring your completed pledge card forward. If you do not plan to attend worship that Sunday, please mail your completed card in the envelope provided.

Beginning this weekend, you can pick up your giving envelopes in the sanctuary.

Speaking of this weekend, worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Veterans' Recognition will be offered on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel and Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Amy Opperman is leading a Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 6:30 in the theatre room and library. Please feel free to join them!

You may have noticed that Daily Devotions have not been offered recently. We are seeking volunteers to take one week at a time to film/record devotions. Please see Pastor Becky if you are interested in this ministry.

As a gentle reminder, our primary tasks as Christians is to love God and love our neighbors. This includes keeping one another safe and healthy. If you have tested positive for Covid19, we kindly ask you to stay home until your five-day waiting period is over, as prescribed by the CDC. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

May you experience the joy of Christ!

Blessings,

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Rev. Becky Erb Strang Senior Pastor

#### Financial Information as of October 31, 2022 **Operating Fund** Local Aid

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Sacrament of Baptism-Anastasia Marie Hill was baptized Saturday, October 29, 2022. She is the daughter of Jacob and Brittany (Kuhn) Hill. Sponsors are Sherrie Colon and James Hill. She is the granddaughter of Tim & Barb Kuhn, great granddaughter of Larry & Ann Kuhn. Congratulations!!!!!





#### November 6, 2022, Elisha Heals Naaman 2 Kings 5:1-15a [15b-19]

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Loving God, Naaman's pride almost prevented him from receiving the gift of your healing. Give us the humility to come to you for help in all things, that we might receive wholeness in you. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

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 leprosy!" (2 Kings 5:10-11)

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Naaman learned that he could be healed of his leprosy by a prophet of Israel. But when the prescription was to his distaste, he nearly passed on the opportunity to find healing and to find God.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who in your community stands out as one who will stand up for the oppressed, poor, or silenced? How might you support such a person in their work?
- What miracles have you witnessed? Where have you seen God at work in the world this week?
- For the littles: Do you swim or take baths? Do you like the water? Why or why not? God can do many things with water.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

God who blesses all, help us hear your word and obey it. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Visit someone who is sick. Bring a meal, send a card, or simply sit and visit.



**Go Deeper:** Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, 2 Kings 2:13-18, *Elisha Succeeds Elijah* Tuesday, 2 Kings 2:19-25, *Elisha Performs Miracles* Wednesday, 2 Kings 4:1-7, *Elisha and the Widow's Oil* Thursday, 2 Kings 4:8-37, *Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son* Friday, 2 Kings 4:38-41 *Elisha Purifies the Pot of Stew* Saturday, 2 Kings 4:42-44 *Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men* 



## WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

### <u>ARMY</u>

Tim Bowers Dennis Bushman Don Dammeyer **Dennis Dicke** Melvin Fledderjohann **Bob Fontanini** Tina Fontanini **Dennis Hainline Brenda Haynes** Dean Heitkamp **Dick Howell** John Knost **Robert Paul** Kris Poppe Lowell Quellhorst Stan Quellhorst **Dale Schaefer Don Scheer** Lloyd Schroer Jim Tontrup **Ron Tontrup Richard Watcke George Weiss** 

## **MARINES**

Adam Lesher

#### AIR FORCE

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## Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior. May every blessing be yours.

November 5 and 6, 2022 Stewardship Week Four: Thriving Veteran's Recognition Holy Communion

## Worship Leaders

Ministers Rev. Becky Erb Strang June Oaks Katie Brautigam Tracy Oldiges Diane Gilberg Jim Strang The Congregation Senior Pastor Liturgist (Sunday) Accompanist Sr. Deacon Sr. Elder Bell Choir/Music Director

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF CANDLES: You are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Camp Washington Dr. Jeff Paul St. Paul UCC will once again sponsor the November mission for children's gifts to the members of Washington UCC Cincinnati. This encompasses approximately 100 families and 350 children. A Christmas tree can be found in the Narthex of the sanctuary that will have tags on. We ask that if you wish please take a tag or two and shop for a child. Please return the unwrapped gifts and the tag and place them under the tree. If you'd like to make a financial donation, return your donation to the church office by this date by marking monthly mission on your giving envelope or with "Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger" on the envelope or donating online under monthly mission. Thank you for your generous giving.

## VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY RECOGNITION

Brenda Haynes (Saturday) Roland Dicke (Sunday) We Remember All Those: A Prayer for Veterans Day

One: Let us pray. Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

One: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

## People: We ask your blessing.

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

## WELCOME SONG



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We praise you, gracious God, for your presence among us. **People: We come to offer thankfulness and praise.** 

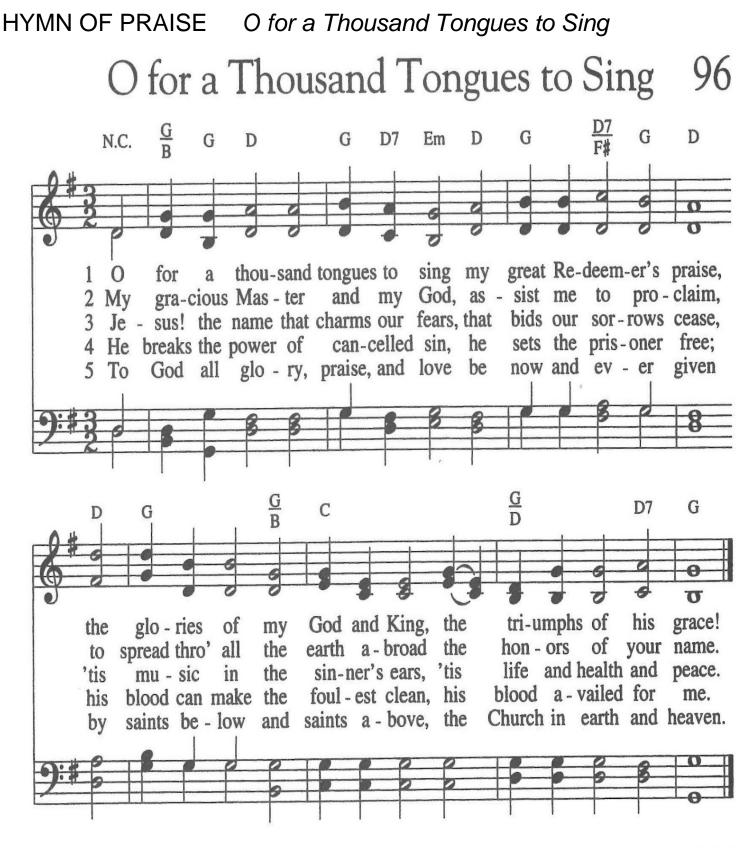
Leader: Our God is great, and greatly to be praised.

People: We come to worship in community.

Leader: God watches over us all, and is near to those who call.

People: We come with faith to celebrate God's presence.

Leader: Let us worship God.



WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) AZMON C.M.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

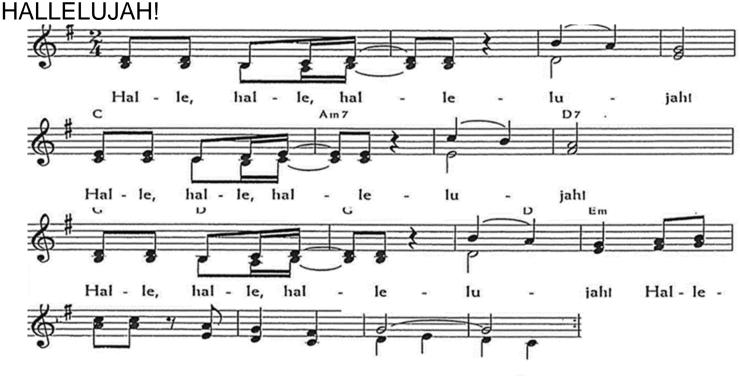
Almighty God, too often we forget your promises. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we want to tamper with the lives of those around us for our own ends. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve you more faithfully each day. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Your past is accepted. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands to you afresh each day.

## People: Thanks be to God!



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## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** The gift of our military veterans and active service members. **Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Kerri Loney, Betty Bushman, Terri Goodwin, Terri Mullins, Rob Paul, Ethel Mesloh, Greg Maurer, Bart Maurer, Karen Vornholt, Shannon Shupp, and Dee Schroer.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Leader: Let us pray. Certain of your justice and mercy, O God, we pray today for the church, the world, and all in need. SILENT PRAYER

Leader: Loving God, we come before you this day as your children, placing our hope, our trust, our lives, into your hands. Pour your abundant mercy on all people, that all might come to you in love and faithfulness. Merciful God,

#### People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: In the waters of the Jordan, many have been healed, baptized, and blessed. In the rains that fall upon our gardens and fields and yards, remind us that your reign is among us. You are our Creator and the Author of all of life. Teach us to nurture and care for all you have made. Merciful God,

#### People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: No leader is above needing your help. Teach all who lead and all who follow that you are our God who creates, guides, and loves. Merciful God,

### People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Wash in your healing waters all who are in need of wholeness of body, mind, or spirit. Cleanse and heal all who come to you for help. Merciful God,

#### People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Make us ever mindful of the suffering of those in our communities and in nations near and far. Help us to be faithful stewards of all you have given us, so that we might share your blessing with all the world. Merciful God,

#### People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who have gone before us, who modeled the humility to accept your help. May we follow their example and turn to you, until the time when suffering is no more. Merciful God,

## People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift all for whom we pray into your loving arms, Gracious God, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray as a family...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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **BELL CHOIR ANTHEM**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NRSV) So, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one of you says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labors of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God! People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God! SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Today marks week four of our five week stewardship series. Throughout these weeks, we've used the imagery of planting, growing, thriving, and harvest. Today, we focus on what it looks like to thrive as a Christian community, as St. Paul Church, as generous givers.

Thriving is more than surviving. It is more than trudging through our days. Thriving implies joy and growth and reaching beyond the self. Thriving in life—physically, emotionally, spiritually—does not mean that life is without road bumps and roadblocks. But it does mean that despite life's difficulties, we continue to grow and love and reach out to others.

In today's reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, it is clear they are not yet at the thriving stage. They are still newbies to the faith and are not ready for solid food. And yet, Paul is abundantly clear with the Corinthians—neither he nor any other Christian—will cause the believers to thrive. That is a job for God.

In today's brief passage, we get a sense of conflict among the Corinthians. Specifically, who they are looking to as their leader. Would it be Paul? Apollos? Someone else?

We also hear that there was jealousy and quarreling among them a reminder that, as much as we want to fully BE the Body of Christ, far too often it is our confession that we are the broken body of Christ. We talk behind one another's backs. We spread rumors. We get jealous of one another. We live with brokenness because it is comfortable rather than making the supreme effort to live with Spirit-led wholeness.

Quarreling, conflict, and hard-heartedness do not allow us (or anyone else for that matter) to thrive. Paul addressed this head-on—reminding them of who is in charge: God.

The word "Quarrel" as defined by dictionary.com:

- 1. an angry dispute or altercation; a disagreement marked by a temporary or permanent break in friendly relations.
- 2. to disagree angrily; to squabble.
- 3. to end a friendship as a result of a disagreement.
- 4. to make a complaint; find fault.

And what of us? Are you locked in a quarrel with a neighbor? Are you alienated from a family member? Do you avoid certain social or religious settings because of past squabbles? Is there brokenness of any sort in your life?

I found it fascinating that dictionary.com has yet another definition of "quarrel": the blunted tip of a crossbow. The quarrel of a crossbow is designed to batter and stun an animal—not penetrating its skin or damaging the fur—to keep the skin more marketable. Somehow, this definition seems equally fitting. When we quarrel, squabble, and fight amongst ourselves, we generally don't want to leave visible scars—but we **do** want to batter and stun one another into submission.

In this stewardship season, we are called to examine our lives that we might thrive as individuals and as a faith community. Part of that examination is to evaluate the quarrels and the broken spaces of our lives that we might seek healing and wholeness. Part of that examination is to reflect on how we cause injury and harm to others, to creation, to the communities in which we live. It is only then, that we will thrive.

We cannot do this alone. Paul reminds us that when we look to God, we will grow and mature and thrive as Christians. I would add: when we follow Jesus fully—loving, forgiving, and reaching out to the people at life's margins, we will experience joy.

Take a moment to think about the most joyful moment you have ever experienced. What was it that brought you joy? How did you respond to that moment/that event?

My guess is, that when we are at our most joyful, we want to share that moment with others. The same can be said of our stewardship: of the blessings God has given to us. When we anchor our lives deeply in God's love and the abundance of the blessings he has given us, we cannot help but become people of generosity and joy.

This generosity is most certainly about the sharing of our financial resources, but it is also much, much more than that. Generous givers share their time, their listening ears, their gifts and talents with family, neighbors, friends and faith communities. When we make generosity a way of life, we are no longer bothered by quarrels and drama and conflict. We build bridges rather than slinging arrows.

So where do we go from here? Like the Corinthians, we are preparing to be weaned of milk that we might partake in the bread and cup of salvation—that we might be new people in Christ Jesus. Like Christians throughout the centuries, we are called to examine our places and spaces of brokenness: between one another and within ourselves that we might truly be the Body of Christ in this time and place: living generously and joyfully.

Paul ends today's reading by reminding those early Christian believers that our life of faith is NOT about following human leaders; it is about following Christ Jesus. It is about serving God joyfully.

Paul's final image is one that resonates with we who farm the land or cultivate flowers and vegetables in our yards. Paul reminds us that WE are God's field. The Word is planted within the rich soil of God's grace. WE are the field. We are the garden.

The choice is ours to make. Will we fill our lives with quarrels and weeds? Will we fill our lives with rocky and dry soil? OR, will we allow the love of God we experience through Jesus to shape our day-to-day living?

The choice is ours to make. I invite you to grow and thrive and share Christ's joy with others. Amen.

## DEDICATION OF CHAPEL MEMORIAL GIFTS (Saturday)

The psalmist declares:

Sing and bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation day after day.

Majestic and grand is God's presence; strength and splendor are in God's temple.

Give to the Lord glory and strength. Bring a gift and come to God's court.

Bow to the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the world. (Psalm 96:2, 6-9)

#### LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for this congregation whose mission is to love you and love our neighbors. We offer thanksgiving for opportunities to worship: in-person and online. We thank you for our beloved worship spaces.

### People: We celebrate the good news that through Christ Jesus, you have given us new life. We celebrate today our Chapel's upgrades.

Leader: We remember before you, O God, Johann Klein, your faithful servant. It is in his memory we offer the altar cross, vases and candlesticks.

## People: We dedicate these gifts to you, Gracious God.

Leader: We remember before you, O God, Mildred Riegle Browder, your faithful servant. It is in her memory we offer the Chapel and Assembly Room lights and ceiling fans.

## People: We dedicate these gifts to you, Loving God.

Leader: We consecrate these gifts given in memory of loved ones. May they serve to illuminate your love for us and for all your creation.

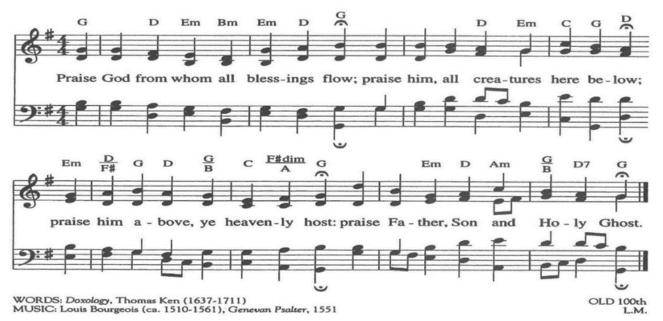
# People: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor be to you, our God, forever and ever! Amen!

## WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING INVITATION: This morning we will joyfully present our offerings of money to God. But we will offer not just our money: we will present also the bread and wine which will be consecrated then given to us in remembrance of Jesus who gives us everything. We come to this time thankful, joyful, and generous. Amen.

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Touch our hearts, O God, with your love so that we may share our many resources with others. May your grace shown to us in Jesus make us generous givers. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Let us pray.

## COMMUNION PRAYER LITANY

Leader: Holy God, you are mighty in power yet abounding in mercy. While our world was marred with sin, so much so that we had no hope of redemption, you made a covenant with your people. You promised to renew your creation. You promised to give hope amid the sorrow, healing in place of sickness, and wholeness in place of emptiness.

People: You stepped into our darkness in the person of Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Savior lived among us. He came quietly to a young unwed mother through the power of your Holy Spirit. He experienced our human joys and sorrows. The Lord of the universe became a helpless boy. He ate, he drank, he grew. He was like us, but without sin.

Leader: Then the King of kings showed us how to live. He healed the sick, cared for the least of society, and took time for children. He forgave sins and performed miracles. He loved and he served. He gave up his very life for his friends. He died the disgraceful death of a criminal for us. Yet you raised him out of the tomb. He triumphed over death so that we, too, may live.

People: On the night before our Lord died, he ate with his disciples. As we so often do, Jesus began with prayer. He took the bread and the cup and he shared them with his friends.

Leader: So, loving God, we do, in obedience to your command, eat the bread and drink from the cup. As we do, we remember in awe and gratitude the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Amen

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: On the night of Jesus' betrayal and desertion, he and his disciples shared a Passover meal. During the meal, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his closest friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper that same evening, Jesus took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it for the forgiveness of sins." The gifts of God for the people of God! All things are now ready!

## SHARING THE GIFTS

Leader: The bread of heaven! Take and eat! Leader: The cup of blessing! Take and drink!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison):

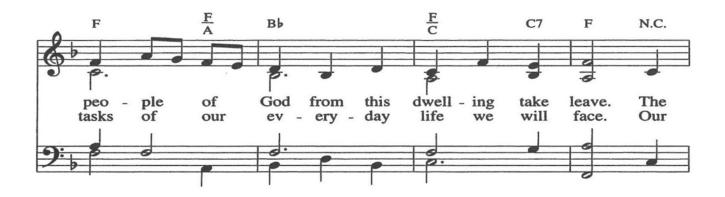
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at the table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

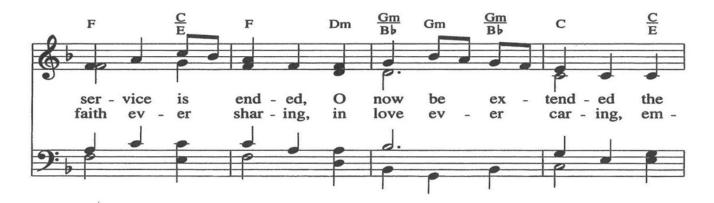
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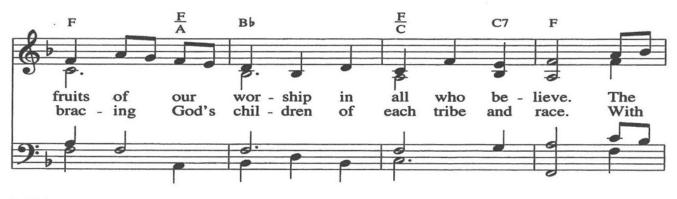
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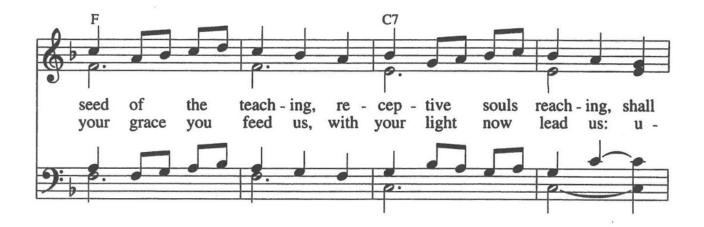


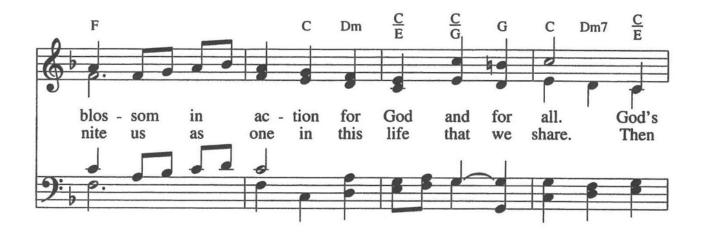


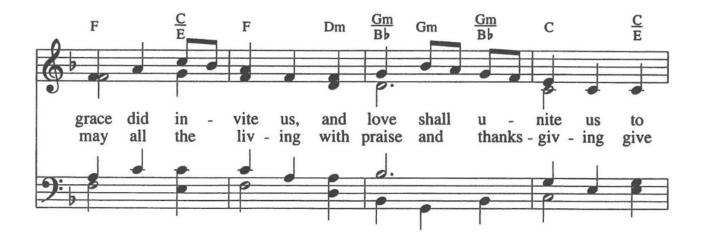


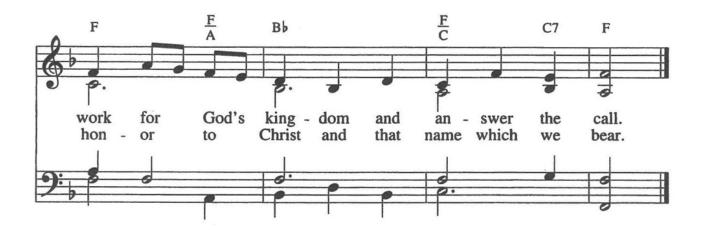


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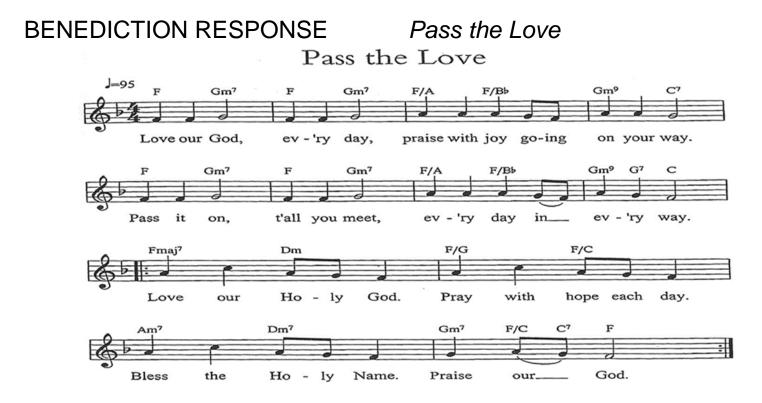








BENEDICTION: As you leave this place today, may God's love sustain you and may you love those who surround you. May God's Spirit empower you, and may you empower all those you meet. May God's joy fill your hearts, and may this joy overflow to the ends of the earth for God's glory, now and forever. Amen.



#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are in loving memory of the Poeppelman and Knost Families by Nancy and John Knost.

**Participants-** October 23-Sunday School-22, Teachers-4, Worship Online-173, In Person-54, Wednesday October 26, Splash-5, Jr/Sr High Youth Group-17, Confirmation-3, Leaders-9.

**Sundays in November-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am. **Saturday, November 5-Worship** will be in the chapel at 5:00pm with Holy Communion.

**St. Paul Church Nursery-**is once again fully staffed during the entire Sunday worship service. Please spread the word to let young parents know this is available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please contact Justine Homan, Nursery Champion.

**Daily Devotions-**Please join us, Monday-Thursday, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH. They will be saved to our Facebook page.

**Women's Bible Study-**We will be following along with one of Beth Moore's DVD Bible study series. Beth Moore is passionate about women knowing and loving the Word of God. We will be studying her series titled "The Basket Case" in which she will guide us to turn our worry and anxiety over to God. We will meet on Thursday evenings November 10 and 17 at 6:30p.m. in the theater room.

**Women's Service Group-**will be going to the Do Good Restaurant for lunch on November 10 at 11:30 am. We will meet at 10:45 in the St. Paul church parking lot and ride together to Osgood. Following lunch there will be a brief meeting before returning to New Bremen. Guests are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Julia Paul by November 7th if you plan to attend. Thank you. **Widow and Widower Luncheon-**The next Widow, Widower Luncheon will be at 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 9th. All are welcome to come for a time of eating, sharing and laughter. Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall, Kettlersville.

**Mission Team-**will meet Sunday, November 13 following worship in the middle Sunday school room. December's meeting will be Sunday, December 4 following worship in the Assembly room. Any questions? Please contact June Oaks.

Free Thanksgiving Community Meal by New Bremen New Knoxville Rotary-at St. Paul, Monday, November 21, 2022. Dine in or carryout meals will be available from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Assembly room. Menu is tentatively Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetable, Roll and Cookies. All are welcome!

**2023 Altar Flower Chart** has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up for the date(s) you would like. You may also call the church office Monday-Thursday to sign up. 2023 altar flower price will increase. Thank you.

Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins are available for download on our website stpaulnb.org. Just click the yellow BULLETINS box in the upper right hand corner.

Want to be part of the Prayer Chain? Please contact Prayer Chain Champion, Jeff Paul. The St. Paul Prayer Chain has two formats: texting and email. All are welcome.

Blessing Pantry-is accessible during these hours - Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. All Donations Welcome–Blessing Pantry Needs-Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Softener Sheets, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Q-Tips, Vaseline, Garbage Bags. We can always use Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner, Disinfectants, Pull Ups. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

**November/December Upper Rooms**-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

Calendar-Week of November 6, 2022		
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School
-	9:00am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:15am Worship-In Person & via Facebook Live w/Holy Communion & Veteran's Recoginition	
Monday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop @ NB Coffee
Tuesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	7:00pm	Church Council
Wednesday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Splash
	6:30pm	Youth Dinner
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	7:00pm-8:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		Devotions via Facebook Live
	10:45am	Women's Service Group
		Do Good Restaurant
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Friday	Noon	Office Closed

## E-Giving @ St. Paul

Online – Make a donation on our website: stpaulnb.org Text – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

**How To Give by Text (Example -** *my amount for the example is* \$25 *(minimum amount is* \$5.00))

➢ For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)

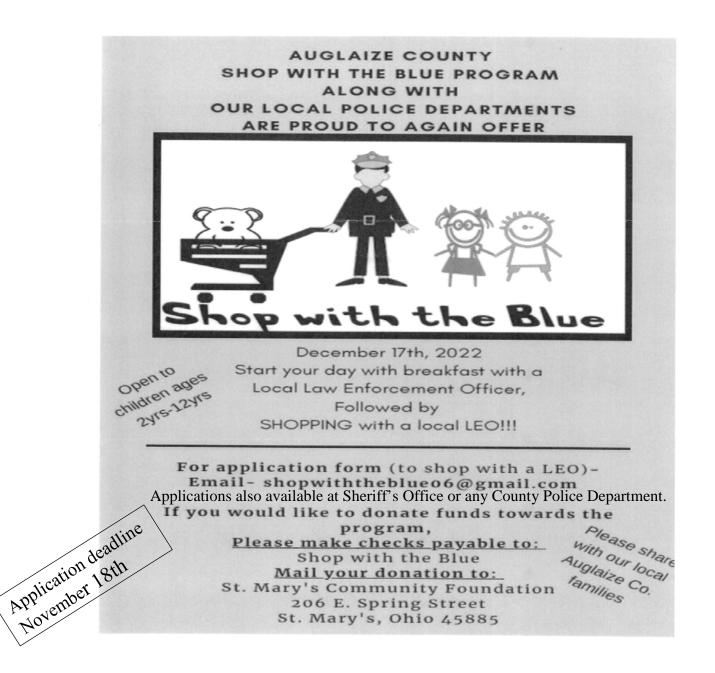
For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)

For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)

For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)
Once a text amount is sent:

**Registration Link**- Sent via text the first time a donation is made. Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

Donation Confirm- Sent via text each time a donation is made



Save the date for the Christmas Market! This year's Christmas Market will be held at St. Paul in the educational building on Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to 1 pm. Join us for this extraordinary holiday shopping event with over 20 local artisans, craftspeople, bakers, and more! Enter through the West double doors, Herman St. side. Admission is \$1 at the door. All proceeds help support the Blessing Pantry. For questions please contact Jennifer Snider.

# Let's "STRIKE" up some fun!

Sunday, November 20, 2022

THERE'S NO TIME TO "SPARE" WE ARE GOING BOWLING AND WANT YOU THERE!

11:30 AM-1:30 PM All ages welcome for pizza & fellowship after worship! Sponsored and compliments of St. Paul UCC

New Bremen Speedway Lanes 455 N. Herman Street New Bremen RSVP: 419-629-2502