

Saint Paul's Parish

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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. John Morrison

10:30 am - Healing & Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.

We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ

as we worship together!

Saint Paul's Staff

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Organist and Choirmaster Sunday School Administrator Prelude

"His Presence Brings Peace"

Eric Lewis

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

"I sing the almighty power of God"

Hymnal 398

The Word of the Lord

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you

no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your

holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Praise

"As for Me"

Your love, oh Lord, is strength to my soul Hope for tomorrow, it won't let go

Your presence is the joy of my life

To You I lift my eyes

Chorus 1

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord

We will sing of Your love forevermore

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord

Serve the Lord

Your word alone a lamp to my feet A light to my path as You're leading me Your ways, oh Lord, are higher than mine

To You I lift my eyes

(Bridge)

Open up every door Write it on every wall Sing it in every room

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant:

Let us pray together. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible

day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65



- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in *Zion;* * to you shall vows be performed in Je-*rusalem*.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh *come,* * because of their trans-*gressions*.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we *are,* * but you will blot them *out.*
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to *dwell there!* * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your *temple.*
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our sal-*vation,* * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far a-*way.*
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your *power;* * they are girded about with *might*.
- 7 You still the roaring of the *seas*, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the *peoples*.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous *signs;* * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for *joy*.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very *plenteous;* * the river of God is full of *water*.

- 10 You prepare the *grain,* * for so you provide for the *earth.*
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the *ridges;* * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its *increase*.
- 12 You crown the year with your *goodness*, * and your paths overflow with *plenty*.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for *grazing*, * and the hills be clothed with *joy*.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with *grain;* * let them shout for joy and *sing.*
 - Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son,** and to the Holy *Spirit*:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be, *** world without end. A-**men**.

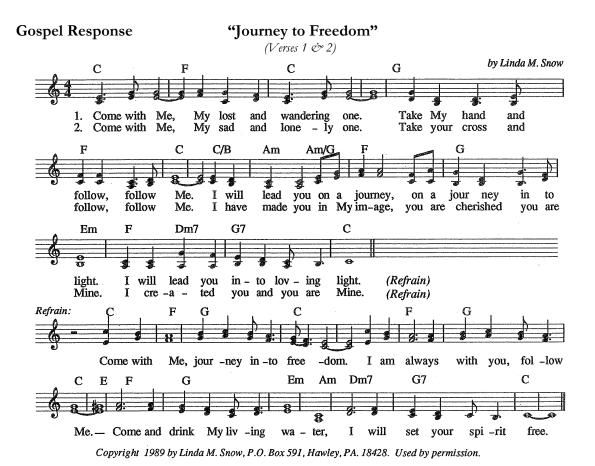
The Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.



(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

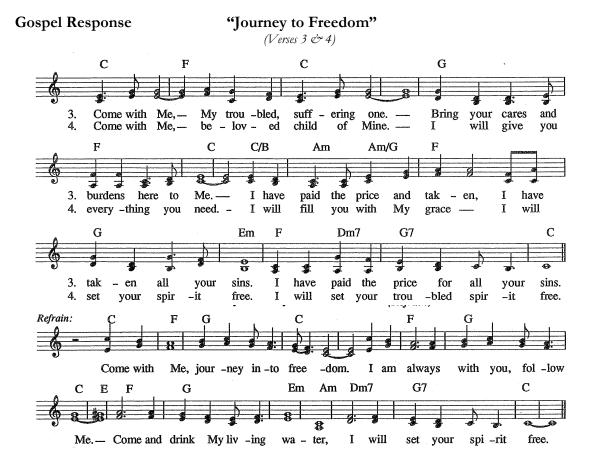
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, `God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, `God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified

rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. John Morrison

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A Litany for Healing

Intercessor: God the Creator, whose will for all is health and salvation:

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: God the Redeemer, who came that we might have life and have it more

abundantly:

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: God the Spirit, whose temple our bodies are:

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: Holy Trinity, in whom we live, and move, and have our being:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: Son of David, you healed all who came to you in faith:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: Son of Man, you sent forth your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the

sick:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: Son of God, you pardon our sins and heal our infirmities:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: Eternal Christ, your abiding Spirit renews our minds:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: Lord Jesus, your Holy Name is a medicine of healing and a pledge of eternal

life:

All: Heal your people, Lord.

Intercessor: We pray that you will hear us, O Lord; and that you will grant your grace to

make the sick well:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will give patience, courage, and faith to all who are disabled by

injury or sickness:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will give speedy healing, relief from pain, and fearless confidence

to all sick children:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will grant your strengthening presence to all who are about to

undergo an operation:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will sustain those who face long illness, bearing them up as on

eagles' wings:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will comfort those who endure continual pain, pouring upon them

the sweet balm of your Spirit:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will grant all sufferers the refreshment of quite sleep:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will restore all who are in mental darkness to soundness of mind

and cheerfulness of heart:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That by sickness endured and sickness observed you will teach us our

mortality, that we may prepare for death with fortitude and meet it with

hope:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors, nurses, and

medical technicians, that with knowledge, skill, and patience, they may

minister to the sick:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

Intercessor: That you will guide by your good Spirit all who search for the causes of

sickness and disease:

All: Hear us, and make us whole.

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Jesus, Lamb of God: All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: Jesus, bearer of our sins: All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: Jesus, redeemer of the world:

All: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, giver of life and health, your Son came into this ailing world to make your children whole. Send your blessing on all who are sick and on all who minister to them; that when they are restored to health of body and mind, they may give thanks to you, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your

ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements Please be seated for the announcements

Healing Testimonies

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Praise

"Take My Life"

Holiness holiness	Chorus
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Is what I long for

Holiness is what I need

Take my heart and form it

Take my mind transform it

Take my will conform it

Is what You want from me

To Yours to Yours oh Lord

Faithfulness faithfulness Righteousness righteousness

Is what I long for Is what I long for

Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness faithfulness
Is what You want from me
Righteousness is what I need

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Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Doxology

All desires are known

From You no secrets are hid	Praise Him all creatures here below
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts	Praise Him above ye heavenly host
And free us from our sin	Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Make us prefect in love	
And worthy to praise our God above	Winds does done Done do de Mario la William Calmall
And worship Him	Words adapted from Prayerbook; Music by William Schrull © 1996 W.J. Schrull; c/o St. Paul's Church, Brookfield CT ARR UBP

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you hear the prayers of all who humble themselves before you and, by your grace, you forgive our sins and justify us, and made us righteous in your eyes.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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,

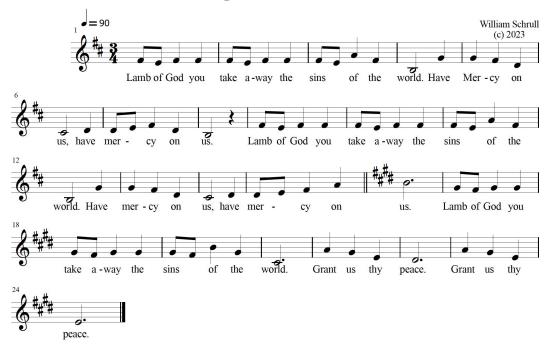
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: Agnus Dei



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that

Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with

thanksgiving.

• Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar steps.

• Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.

Communion Praise "Before you now"

Before you now I worship, I worship you. In the beauty of your presence, I worship, I worship you.

And as I bow

You surround me with your radiance.

I've surrendered to your call upon my heart.
I am captured by your passion and desire.

I worship, I worship you. I worship, I worship you.

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As your loving arms enfold me

I am in awe

At the wonder of your glory

Communion Praise "Cannot Say Enough"

What can we say to describe

Just a glimpse of Your glory

Hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

How can our words portray

But a thread of Your majesty Misc 1

But still we praise our Savior But still we praise our Savior

In spirit and in truth

In spirit and in truth

For we cannot say enough about You For we cannot say enough about You

Chorus

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of all compassion, by the dying and rising of your Christ you

restore us to yourself and enfold us in your love. May we who have been refreshed with the bread of life and the cup of salvation be renewed by your healing Spirit and made ready for the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to

the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, rejoicing in the Lord your God. Fight the good fight; finish the

race; keep the faith. Amen.

And may God rescue you from every evil attack;

May Christ Jesus reserve for you the crown of righteousness;

And may the Holy Spirit flood you with grace and overflow in you with

visions and dreams of glory. Amen.

Recessional Hymn "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord" Hymnal 637

Dismissal

Celebrant: Goin peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above" Franklin Ritter

Announcements

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour as well.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 10:30 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms. Children will return to their parent or guardian before the start of Communion.

Adult Class - The Adult Class meets weekly on Sundays between services starting at 9:30 in the Guild Room.

Trunk or Treat 2025 - Boo! - Our 15th annual Trunk or Treat event is this afternoon in our lower parking lot, 2-4 pm.. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us!

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, October 29th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 145th food drive since we started in April 2020!

Thanksgiving Baskets – Brookfield Social Services is again collecting non-perishable food items or \$30 gift cards for each of their clients. For Thanksgiving, it will be grocery store cards: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, etc. We have a "mailbox" at the back of church for you to put your gift cards in. Please put it in an envelope and mark it clearly. Thanksgiving gifts cards are due in by Sunday, November 9th, if possible. If you have any questions, call Bonnie Wanzer (203) 313-2814 or Angela Haselwood. Thank you.

Blood Drive - In partnership with the Red Cross and the local VFW Post, St. Paul's is hosting a blood drive in Crocker Hall on Saturday morning, November 1st from 8 am - 1 pm. It is by appointment only. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StPaulsCT to schedule.

Coats & Socks Drive - We had our first frost recently which means we've started collecting used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

Lessons and Carols: Save the Date - Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this beautiful service which consists of Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus interspersed with the singing of traditional carols led by our choir. Or better yet, if you like to sing, you are welcome to join our special choir for this service. Rehearsals are on the following three Mondays from 7-9 pm: Nov 24, Dec 1 & 8; and Thursday, Dec 11. The only prerequisites are as follows: 1) you like to sing Christmas music, and 2) you like to be around people who like to sing Christmas music. No previous participation in the music ministry required! Please contact Kirsten Peterson to join: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

The Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "The Priest-in-Charge Weekly," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let him know.

Sword Points - Are you receiving our weekly electronic newsletter, *Sword Points*, and other communications from us online? If not, send your name and e-mail address to StPaulsSwordPoints@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

The altar flowers today are given in memory of Norma Jeanne Sporck.

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Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com

Sun., Oct 26	8:00 am	_	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	-	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	-	Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am	-	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	2-4:00 pm	-	Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot
Mon., Oct 27	7:00 pm	-	Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Oct 28	9:30 am	-	Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 29	10:00 am	-	Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 am - Noon	-	Drive-Thru Food Collection
	7:00 pm	-	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
Thu., Oct 30	9:30 am	-	Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm	-	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 31	10:00 am	-	St. Paul's Walking Group, T.B.A.
Sat., Nov 1	7:30 am	-	John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Guild Room
	8 - 2 pm	-	Blood Drive, Crocker Hall
Sun., Nov 2	8:00 am	-	Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am	-	Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am	-	Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am	-	Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - All Saints' Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am Preacher: Rev. Randy Greve

Readings for November 2nd

<u>Daniel 7:1-3,15-18</u> - <u>Psalm 149</u> - <u>Ephesians 1:11-23</u> - <u>Luke 6:20-31</u>

