

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*September 29, 2024*  
**10:30 am**

**Welcome to St. Paul's!** *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

**Prelude**      *"Festive Gloria"*

Aaron David Miller



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Presider,*

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.**

# Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #734

# Glory Be To the Father

All sing,

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G3, F3, Eb3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The system concludes with a final chord of G3, Bb3, D4, F4.

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Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of music continues the melody. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes: G3, F3, Eb3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The system concludes with a final chord of G3, Bb3, D4, F4.

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shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The bass line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes: G3, F3, Eb3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The system concludes with a final chord of G3, Bb3, D4, F4.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit for the readings.*

### First Lesson

**Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19:7-14

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*Sung by the Cantor and Choir.*

- 7 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; \*  
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often one offends? \*  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

## The Epistle

James 5:13-20

A Reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

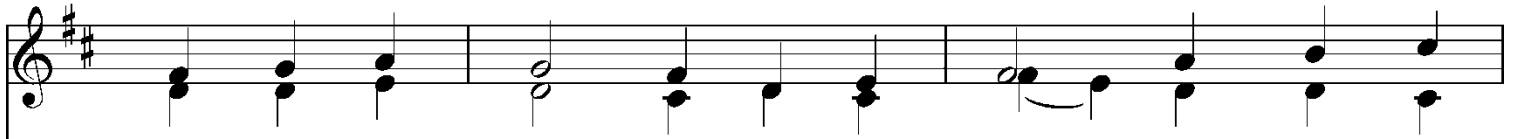
*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

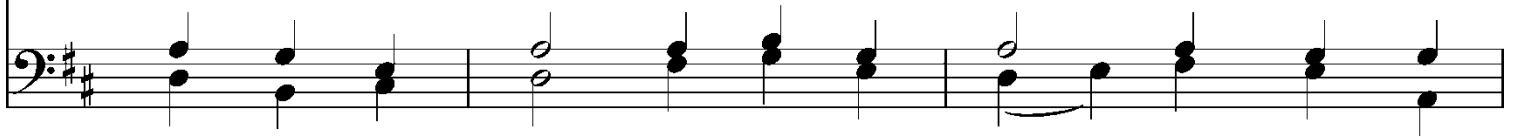
*All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.*

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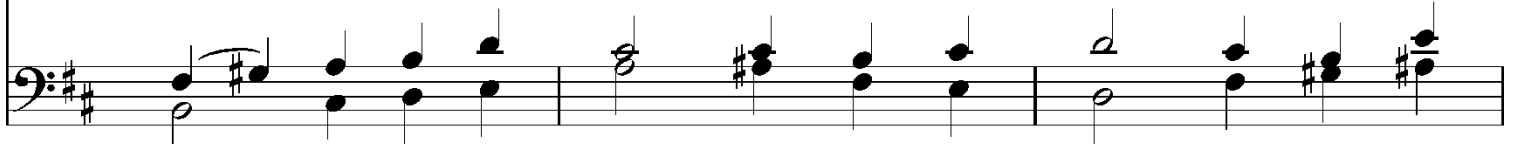
*Lord make us servants of your peace*



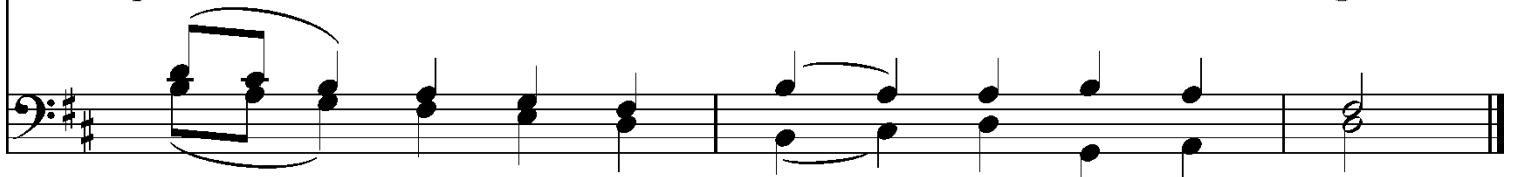
1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.





## The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
                         according to Mark.

*People*                **Glory to you, O Christ.**

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*Presider*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff

*All stand as they are able and say,*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers to our God, who gives life and breath to all creatures.

I ask your prayers for the ministry of St. Paul's, and the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors or restorers of God's creation in ways large and small. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for *[those on our parish prayer list]* and all who we name now silently or aloud *[the People offer names and intercessions]*. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

I ask your prayers for all who have died, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works, and all who we name now silently or aloud *[the People offer names and intercessions]*. God of glory: **hear us and help us.**

*The Presider offers a concluding collect.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God our Creator.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* 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

*Presider* Peace with yourself.  
Peace with Creation.  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.*

## The Offertory "Aria"

G. F. Handel

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**Doxology** *all stand & sing,*

*Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #34, v. 3*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider,*

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here in the fertile plains of a beautiful peninsula bounded by great inland seas, studded by fields and forests, rivers and lakes. We praise you from an ancient valley of what we now call the Grand River, at a time when city and farm, wilderness and industry, coexist in this place together.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, with robins and brook trout, painted turtles, golden eagles and white-tailed deer, we join our voices with all creation to honor you with praise:



*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*Mass of Creation, Marty Haugen*

4 *Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,  
 God of pow-er, God of might. Heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
 ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues,*

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough for the animals. He was baptized in the Jordan River and tested in the wilderness; he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

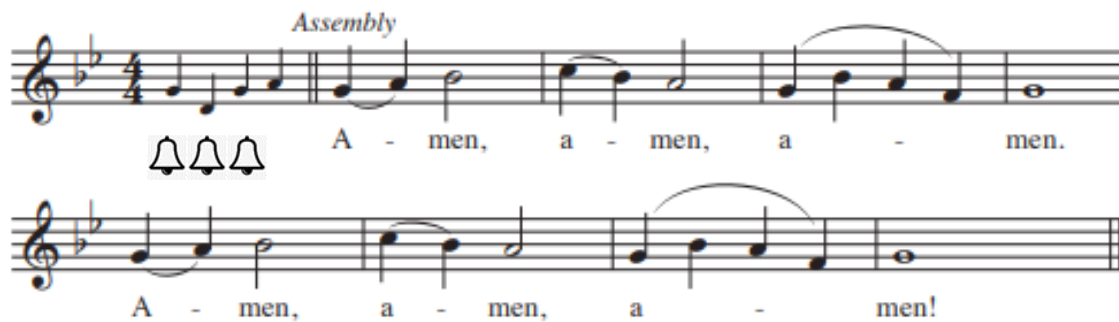
Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you drink it, do this to remember me. 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Heavenly Creator, send your Spirit upon these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your heavenly commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and all sing:

*Lamb of God*  
*Mass of Creation, Marty Haugen*

*Cantor*

Je - sus, .....

*All*

..... you take a - way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy on us. *Repeat*

*3<sup>rd</sup> time:*

*All*

Je - sus Lamb of God; you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

*Presider*      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.

*Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Please ask for gluten free bread if necessary. To receive a blessing instead of the Bread or the Wine, cross your hands over your chest.*

*“O Food To Pilgrims Given”*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



*After Communion, the Presider prays,*

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

*The People stand, as able.*

*Presider and People,*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent,*

*Presider:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*The Presider blesses the People, and they respond: Amen.*

The Hymnal 1982 #597

*O day of peace that dimly shines*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



prom - ised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Presider*  
*People*

Let us bless our God and all Creation.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## *Dedications*

ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Sarah Holsinger-Friesen in honor of her husband Tom and their 23rd anniversary and in honor of Samuel Holsinger-Friesen on his 17th birthday, and

IN LOVING MEMORY of Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Cook III, Barbara Cook, A. P. Cook, Sr., Miss Ruth O'Dwyer, Mrs. Hiram Blackman & Cynthia Cook Gilbert.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE burns this week TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of the Reverend Milton and Eunice Austin by the Women of St. Paul's (ECW).

## *Worship Ministers*

*The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff, Presider*

*Jackie Livesay, Organist*

*Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor*

*Jen Yocum, 1<sup>st</sup> Reader; Sandra Kilian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader*

*Christopher Lock, Intercessor*

*Joe Lathrop & Natalie Magnusson, LEM & Acolyte*

*Floyd Covey & Ron Kapuga, Ushers*

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## Announcements

- **Wonderful Wednesdays -This Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - Bible Study meets in the St. Paul's library at 10:30 am followed by mid-day Eucharist at 12:15 pm.
  - Wednesday evening at 6 pm, Good Brews at Oak Tree Lounge, 617 Oak Street. For more info contact Tom Holsinger-Friesen at (517) 416-1277.
- **Join us next Sunday at 4:00 pm for the Blessing of the Animals** in the St. Paul's Memorial Garden. Please enter through the back gate or through the front doors of the glass narthex.
- **Koinonia groups are relaunching!** Koinonia groups are groups of 8-10 people who meet together every month or two, usually over a meal, for fellowship and support. If you're interested in being a part of a group, please sign up on the bulletin board in the glass narthex, or you can call, text, or email Sarah Holsinger-Friesen or the church office.
- **The next meeting of the Women of St. Paul's will be on Saturday, October 12th**, with social time at 10:30 am and the meeting at 11 am. Our guest speaker will be Ella Hephzibah with Big Guy Catering. Food \$5.
- **It's time again for the ECW nut sale!** Once again, all sales are pre-order/pre-paid only. Forms are available on the table outside the church office, or you can contact Romelle Frey to place your order also. Forms can be turned into Romelle Frey, Jo Alipit, or the church office. For questions, please call Romelle at 517-414-3768. Orders need to be submitted by Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Next week, ECW will start their annual collection to help the Priceless Gift Toy Store** by collecting gently used (or new!) toys, games, puzzles, books, stuffed animals, sports equipment for children and teens of all ages. You can also donate hats, gloves, batteries, and personal hygiene items though the month of October.



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