



Here are my mother
and my brothers!

MARK 3:35

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 185 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

The 10:30 AM Liturgy is live streamed on YouTube. Search St. Paul's Lutheran Church S. George, York, PA. or use this link to our St. Paul's YouTube home page.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo_Xvbkxn2IYIg. You may also view the service at a later time on YouTube. Please be aware that conversations may be audible to those viewing from home.

A Children's Sermon will be part of the 8:00AM liturgy. Children are asked to gather at the hula-hoops. The hula-hoops work as marking for social distancing. Children may stand or sit inside a hoop.

We are not relaxing our guidelines at this time. Procedures at St. Paul's are currently being reviewed by our Covid Task Force and by Church Council. Please remain diligent.

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Face masks are required inside,

Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at

www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave:

***Please wear your mask.** Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew. Occasionally an usher may seat a guest in the red zone.*

Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Wearing your face mask, come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host.*
- *Once the minister has moved to the next group, then remove your mask, receive the host, replace your mask and return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 6, 2021
Holy Communion 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

arr. Diane Bish

Stand turning towards the font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

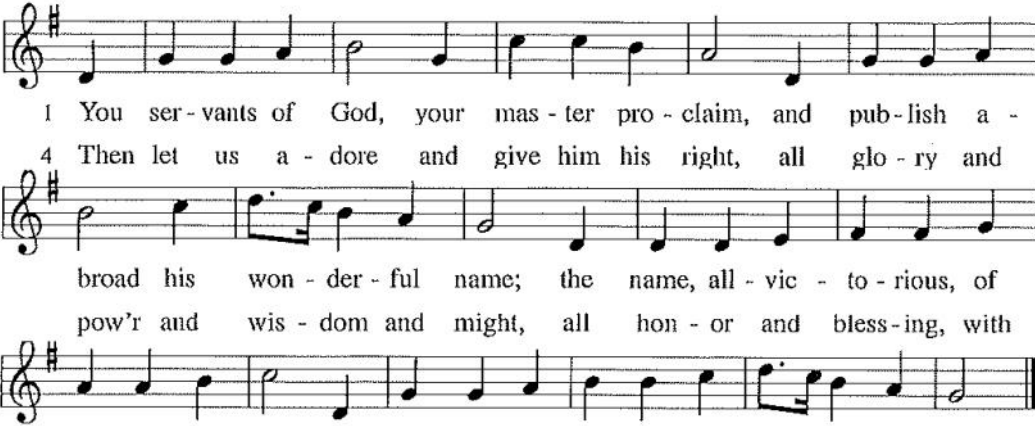
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN

You Servants of God (LBW 252) Stanza 1 & 4

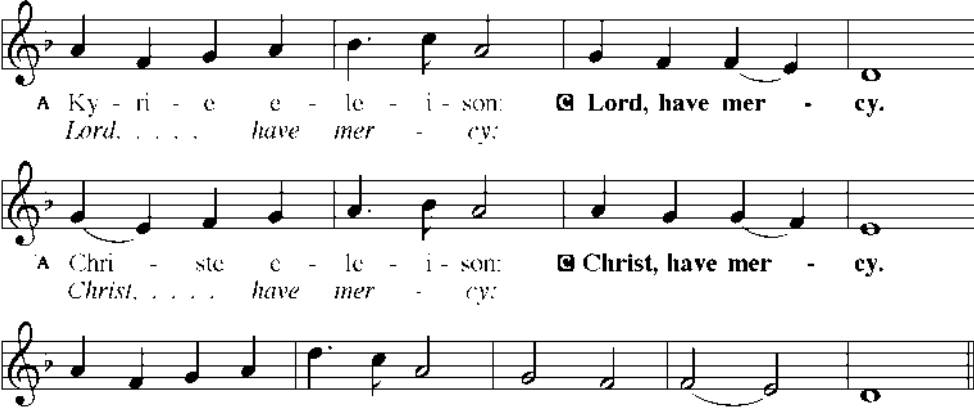


1 You ser-vants of God, your mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and
broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with
Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



A Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son: **☩** Lord, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy:

A Chri-ste e-le-i-son: **☩** Christ, have mer-cy.
Christ, have mer-cy:

A Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son: **☩** Lord, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sit

READING

Genesis 3:8-15

(back cover)

PSALM

Psalm 130 *Spoken responsively by half verse.*

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, | hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.
- ² If you, LORD, were to note what is | done amiss, *
O LORD, | who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgive- | ness with you; *
therefore you | shall be feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the LORD; my soul | waits for him; *
in his word | is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen | for the morning, *
more than watchmen | for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait | for the LORD, *
for with the LORD | there is mercy;
- ⁷ with him there is plen- | teous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

Stand

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

(back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to **St. John.**
At the conclusion of the Gospel.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Reep

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we pray for believers everywhere. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together sharing your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation; teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out greed and fear so that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are oppressed or in need. Encourage those losing heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place.

We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY *As the pastor prepares the altar the people sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

**Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever. Amen.**

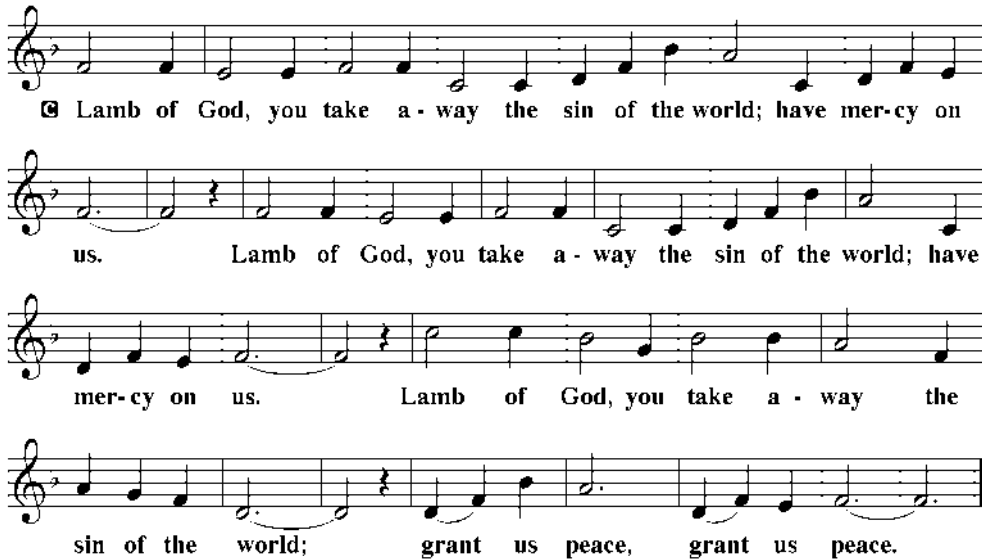
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

THE 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

FRACTION RITE *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI *sung by all*



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (WOV 721) stanzas 1 & 4



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.

4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.

I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.

I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."

Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Please join in fellowship outside on the South lawn.

Please...be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave.

...feel free to gather outside for conversation.

...take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

In our prayers we remember...

Martha Spillman, Ron Stiffler, Ann DeMille, Terry Kaczor, Barbara Ruppert, Rick Hock, Tonya Cave, Amy Hollis, Chuck Oelsner, Chas Ebling, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, Jessica Arnold, Dante Fuligini, Alyuson Bucks, Delores Sergent, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.



Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God .

Altar Flowers

The Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board has the sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers for available dates for the year. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

St. Paul's Food Pantry – Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday Morning

Thankfully, the St. Paul's Food Pantry has been able to remain open, with modifications, throughout the pandemic. In March 2020, pantry volunteers moved quickly to prepackaging food for clients and meeting them outside with groceries. Our highest numbers were up to 80 families per week. Now we are closer to 40 which is in the high range of pre-pandemic times. Every family receives 3-4 frozen meats, 1-2 dozen eggs, milk, cheese, and often a fresh fruit along with cereal, pastas, soups, canned fruits, beans, and vegetables.

While some volunteers were unable to continue serving, some stepped forward and began serving weekly instead of monthly. At least 8 new volunteers have participated as well. For those wishing to help, but unable to participate due to jobs or school during the week, there is a new volunteer opportunity. Twice a month volunteers work between Sunday services at 9:00 AM to stock the shelves. Contact Patty Snyder if you are willing to help in this ministry.

Pantry volunteers look forward to the time when we can once again safely bring clients into the building to select their own groceries.

Food Pantry—June

Items needed: Pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, canned or boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, jelly, boxed rice. We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

This Week at St. Paul's June 6—13

Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs, 7:30 a.m.—12 noon Fri

Sunday, June 6

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
 2:00 PM—4:30 PM Council Retreat - St. Paul's
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, June 7

6:30 PM Scout Leaders Mtg—ZOOM
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting— ZOOM

Tuesday, June 8

9:30 AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 9

10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall

Thursday, June 10

7:00 PM Preschool Committee Mtg—
 In-house & ZOOM

Sunday, June 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Prayers	Lector	Ushers	AV Team Livestream	Outside Set-up Crew	Altar Set-up Communion Both	Altar Clean-up Communion 10:30AM
6/6	Early Outside	Tristan Ericson	Jessica Ericson	John Monk Tim Yakim		Axel & Ann Ulrich	Kathleen Lemke Janet Moore	
	Late	Aaron Jacobs	Nancy Bennett	Jerry Brigg Pat Rudacille	Andrew			Jerry Briggs Pat Rudacille

During the Summer months we will not have a Postlude at the 10:30 AM liturgy. After the dismissal we ask that you move directly outside for a time of fellowship under the shade trees (Springettsbury Ave. side).

Join Lutherans throughout our Lower Susquehanna Synod from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021 for our synod Juneteenth Celebration featuring a keynote from Drew Hart the author of *'Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance'*. Read more and register by clicking this link or log into the Synod's Website. [Journey Towards Justice - Lower Susquehanna Synod \(lss-elca.org\)](https://www.lss-elca.org) Contact Patty Snyder if you have questions.

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There have been a lot of graduations in the past few weeks. This is that time of year when you see posts on social media, family members submit information for church newsletters, and announcements and party invitations are received; all of them rejoicing in the accomplishments of a son or daughter who has reached a graduation mile stone in life. As a parent of a recent graduate I can't believe how quickly the time passed. It seemed like only a little while ago that we were getting to know this new infant daughter, and then bam, before I was really ready for it a young woman presents herself in tasseled cap and gown. The questions go from what will it be like to be a parent responsible for a tiny child, to who will she become as she steps out on her own, becoming a mature adult contributing to the fabric of society.

It wasn't so long ago when we were spending time getting to know our children as infants. We commented daily on aspect or another of their personality, their likes and dislikes, the way they smile when they have gas, or slobber when getting a tooth, or screech at the top of their lungs when they figure out they can be heard. Then they became toddlers, preteens, teenagers and getting to know their likes and dislikes is often blunt, sometimes hard to process.

But then there comes a time, and it is a unique and different time table for nearly everyone, when parenting moves from getting to know the child, to reflecting on who the child may become. Graduation is often the culmination of this process. These are the conversations engaging topics of: vocation, environment, loving household, nurture, good nutrition, appropriate attire, exercise, opportunities. With the contemplation of "who the child may become," great hope and expectations spring forth. And that is why these announcements and invitations and celebrations of graduation are so important. They mark a move from getting to know a child to truly marveling at who they will become.

The gospel reading this morning moves us in a similar pattern from people seeking who Jesus is, to who we may become, through him, with him, in him. Jesus didn't come among us so that we could simply be. He came so that we may become; children of God, disciples, followers. We move from wanting to know things about Jesus; his personality, likes and dislikes, what brings joy to him, and what angers him, what we can get from him (think about the ways in which many prayers are crafted) to whom we are becoming as his children, disciples, followers. This has to do with our growing and maturing in faith.

Jesus has just healed a man with a withered hand, it happened on the Sabbath. Jesus was grieved by the hardness of heart of the Pharisees who didn't think that the man should receive healing because it occurred on the day of rest. The religious elite and the politically powerful conspire on how to destroy Jesus. People pressed in from outlying regions wanting healing for themselves or for their loved ones. Jesus escapes up the mountain and calls together the twelve who will be his disciples and he gives them authority to cast out demons. And then Jesus goes home. The crowd is so persistent that Jesus and his disciples couldn't even eat. And that is how the gospel reading shifts from wanting to know who Jesus is, to whom we may become; sisters and brothers doing the will of God. Through Holy Baptism we are in relationship with him and with one another.

Our leadership, elected council members and committee chairpersons, gather this afternoon in retreat. Underlying the entire agenda is really the question; who are we becoming as children of God? As we are becoming, what will give shape and direction to the faith community as we are moving away from the days marked by pandemic? What education do we need to provide for our children and for our adults because we know that in baptism we don't graduate from Christian life? What will give shape and precedent to our preschool as we seek to meet community needs in light of the gospel? How will we utilize technology to extend God's message of hope and salvation through Christ Jesus using platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, and Zoom? Our leadership has their work cut out for them. But then, in Christ Jesus, we all have work to do. We are becoming.

While graduation is a sign post along the way, it is not the end of living life but a moment in time that allows one to look back and give thanks, and to look ahead with hope and expectation. In the biblical narrative from the gospel of Mark we are in the early stages of the unfolding story of God's great love for us. Who Jesus is for onlookers remains a secret in these early chapters. Who Jesus will become, the savior of the nations, the one opening the kingdom of heaven, is yet to be announced to them by a centurion soldier "Truly this man was God's Son!"

In Christ Jesus, who are you becoming as a baptized child of God? Are you being drawn more deeply into a life of praise and thanksgiving? Are you living life selflessly for others? Are you becoming a bearer of the good news of the gospel of Christ Jesus? Is life in the faith community challenging you to become confident, fluent in kindness, dependent on forgiveness, generous in sharing time, talent, treasure? Time is quickly passing. Who are you becoming? The biblical text this morning is pointing us toward life lived in Christ and the relationship that is formed from it, out of it, because of it.

Oh it is easy to get off track, to slip away on a path that looks more appealing, to ease on down a road that seems broader, wider, and more popular. "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" says Jesus. Doing the will of God has to do with staying rooted, being grounded and anchored in Christ Jesus. Since in baptism we don't graduate, we simply move away from **seeking** the suffering, dying, resurrected One, to **becoming** one to whom life is given and lived **in** the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Life lived with a new pattern yielding a deeper relationship making family life blessed, honest, true, and cherished. Oh we pray in the Our Father "thy will be done." God's will encompasses mission, partnership, service, these are things we know about in our life together here at St. Paul's. "The Father's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer" states *the Small Catechism*, "but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us." That "*coming about in and among us*" is all about creating a family, community, sisters and brothers, doing the will of God.

Today we receive an invitation from Christ Jesus, not a graduation announcement, but his call inviting us into life in him. You and I are becoming family, family immersed in God's will. Christ Jesus forgives our sins, places us back on the right path, and allows for us to have a new day. Great hope and expectation spring forth in our becoming, in our becoming sisters and brothers doing God's will. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 130**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight

momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

[Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

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