# I AM THE BREAD OF

JOHN 6:35

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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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.

<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo\_Xvbdkxn2IYIg</u>. 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.

## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

With the reduced cases of Covid-19 in the county, current CDC guidelines, and increasing vaccination rates among participants at St. Paul's, the Congregation Council moved to make masks at St. Paul's optional for those worshipers who are **fully vaccinated** for Covid-19. We continue all of our mitigation efforts; social distancing, wiping surfaces, running the HVAC at highest filtration levels, drawing the maximum amount of exterior air into the building and keeping service times under one hour. Please remain thoughtful and considerate of all participants especially our children who are not eligible for vaccine at this time. If you are not feeling well or have been sick or travelling out of the area please utilize the digital live stream as an option before returning to St. Paul's in person. Thank you.

#### Entering and Leaving the Church:

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 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).
- 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. 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).

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 8, 2021 Holy Communion 10:30 AM

#### PRELUDE

Bread of the World

David Cherwien

## 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

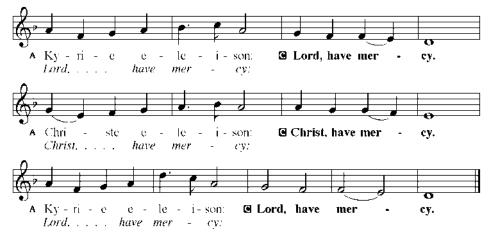
ENTRANCE HYMN O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts (LBW 356) stanzas 3&4



#### **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**

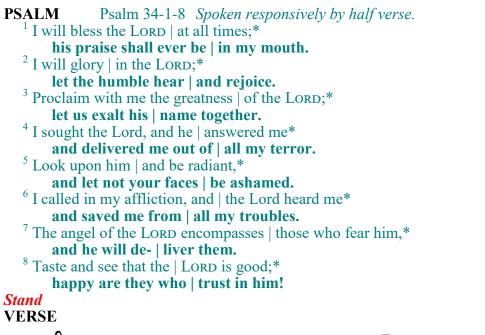


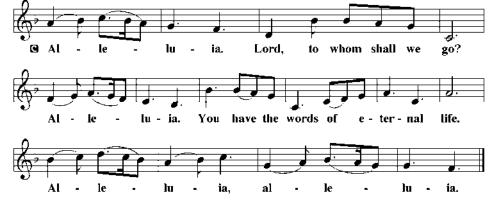
#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### *Sit* FIRST READING





#### Stand

HOLY GOSPELJohn 6:35, 41-51(back cover)The Holy Gospel according to St. JohnGlory to you, O Lord.At the conclusion of the Gospel.Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sit** 

#### **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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church of Christ, for mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, for judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

For all who cry out to you in affliction; for exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, and who are uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

For this assembly gathered around your table for those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration . Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord have mercy.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those who have been raised to eternal life, for all the saints. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.We lift them to the Lord.Let us give thanks 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. *Continued on next page...* 

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.



*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

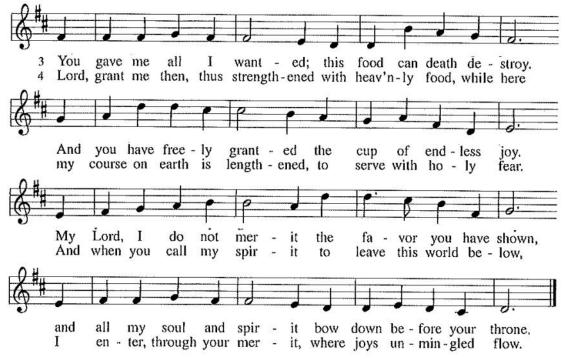
# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 O Living Bread from Heaven (LBW 197) stanzas 3&4



# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### *Sit* POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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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.* 



A special thank you to Rev. Tom McKee for serving as supply pastor while Pastor Reep is on vacation.

#### Newsletter deadline: Sunday, August 15th.

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

#### In our prayers we remember...

*Nancy O'Connor, Brian Hoover,* Luna Lambert, Richard Griffin, Jerry Briggs, Tina Llorente, Rick Lloyd, The Hawkins Family, Deirdre McManama, Nancy Smith, Jim Gilbert, Roland Craig, Julie Stephan, Elaine Mummert, Orven Cook, Martha Spillman, Ron Stiffler, Ann DeMille, Terry Kaczor, Barbara Ruppert, Chuck Oelsner, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, Jessica Armold, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.

#### St. Paul's Food Pantry – Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday Morning and Tuesday Distribution

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 four 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.

We can once again safely bring clients into the building to select their own groceries. With this return comes the need for additional helpers on Tuesday mornings. Please help if you can.

#### Food Pantry—August

**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 August 8-15 Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs

#### Sunday, August 8

Holy Eucharist—Outside
Pantry Volunteers
Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
AA meeting Community Rm
August 9
Council Meeting
Boy Scout Meeting– ZOOM

Tuesday, August 10 9:30 AM Pantry

Thursday, August 127:00 PMPreschool Meeting—ZOOMSunday, August 158:00 AMHoly Eucharist—Outside10:30 AMHoly Eucharist - live streamed.6:30 PMAA meeting Community Rm



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in honor of DJ Zart's 13th birthday by his family and in honor of Pastor Judy McKee on her August 10th birthday by her family

#### **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.

# Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Prayers	Lector	Ushers	AV Team Livestream	•	Communion	Altar Clean-up Communion 10:30AM
8/8	- ,	Harold Sargeant		Jeff Riese Alex Bastian			Norma & Ron Riese	
					Andrew Max			Ann Anstadt Ellie Rosenmiller

#### Let us welcome two new staff members!

Leah McComas has accepted the position of Bell Choirs Director and Cody Messersmith has accepted the position of Youth Choirs Director. You can reach them at the emails listed below. Our September newsletter will have more information about these two stellar educators and what their plans are to enrich our Music Ministry. Welcome!

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# FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

## Psalm 34:1-8

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

# GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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Next Sunday's Readings: Mary, Mother of Our Lord Isalah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55 OR 12th Sunday after Pentecost Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.