

Who
do you say that
I am?

MARK 8:29



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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 www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzkJo_Xvbdkxn2IYIg. You may also view the service at a later time on YouTube.

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of husband George and loving memory of son, Michael Kemper, by loving wife and mother, Ann Kemper.



Flowers This Week

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Please wear a mask while in worship and 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 to the Chancel step alternating pulpit side (left) then font side (right).*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*
- *Return to your pew by the side aisle.*

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.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 12, 2021
Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Emma Lou Diemer

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**

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



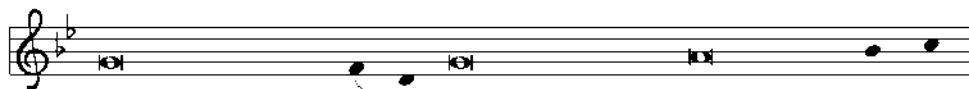
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

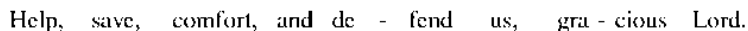


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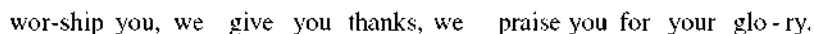
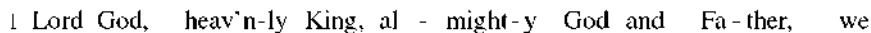
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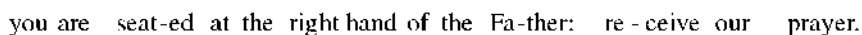
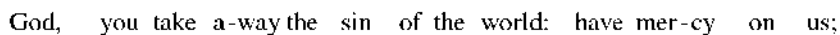
HYMN OF PRAISE *The refrain is sung by all. The verses are sung by the cantor. The assembly joins in singing the final “Amen”.*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

(back cover)

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-9 *The refrain is introduced by the Cantor and repeated by the assembly. Then it is sung by all at the appointed time.*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the

LORD in the land of the liv - ing.

Stand

VERSE

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38 (back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to **St. Mark**. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Stan Reep

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Once He Came in Blessing (ELW 312)*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us; still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if you have known him, not a - shamed to own him,
4 Those who then are loy - al find a wel - come roy - al.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us; would to truth con - vert us
nor have spurned him cold - ly, but will trust him bold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us; hope and free - dom gave us.
from our fool - ish er - ror ere he comes in ter - ror.
he will then re - ceive you, heal you, and for - give you.
let us here con - fess you, till in heav'n we bless you.

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.

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**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.

Lord, you have made yourself known through the blessed sacraments. Nurture the church in its sacramental life so that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You bring healing in many and various ways. We pray for all who have asked for our prayers this day, (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our Redeemer, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

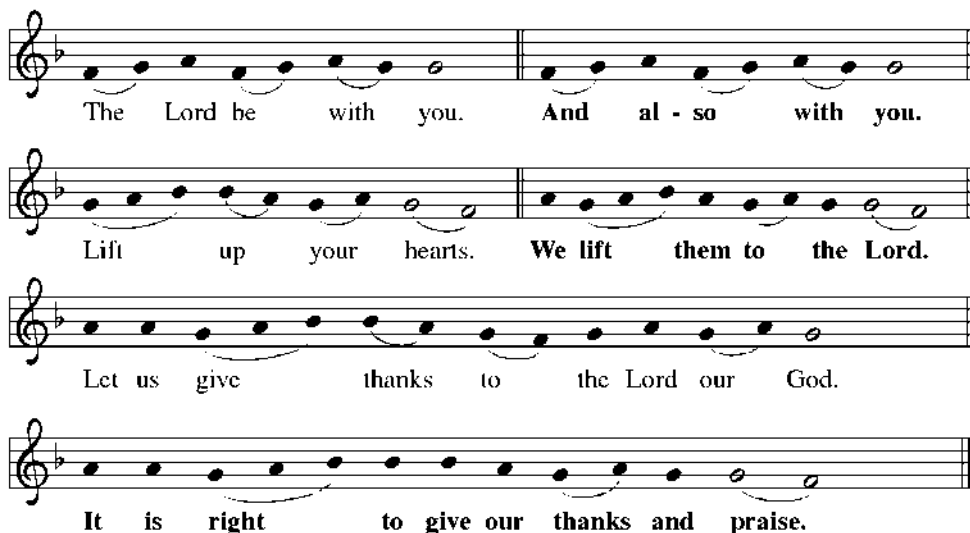
Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

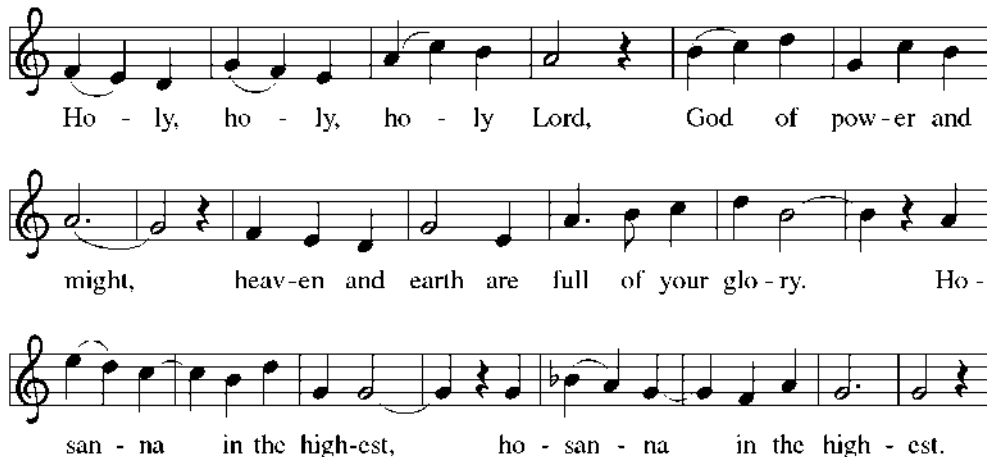
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

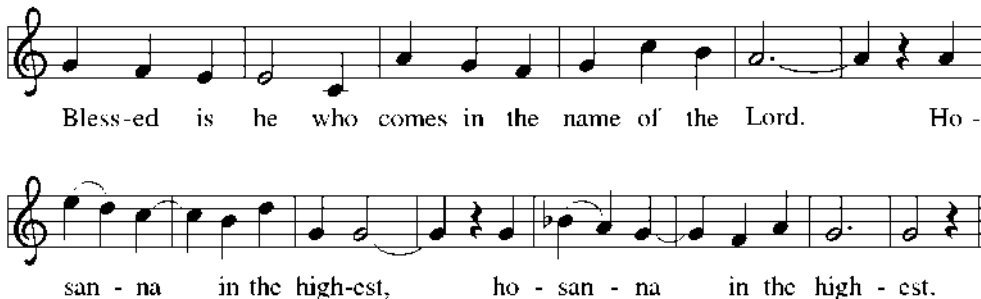


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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.

10:30 AM *“God’s Work Our Hands” is sung by an ensemble during the distribution.*

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

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

The congregation remains standing until the procession and ministers have taken their leave.

Sit

POSTLUDE

Lead on, O King Eternal

Michael Helman

I am an observer when it comes to in-service days for teachers. I observe what hopes and dreams are articulated prior to the academic year. I observe room readiness. I observe buckets and cleaning supplies heading off to school. I observe cheerful countenance prior to such events and I observe the disappointments that often follow.

Teachers don't have an easy time of it. I have been surrounded by teachers within my family system; an aunt and uncle, a sister, a wife, mother-in-law, father-in-law, and most recently added to the list, daughter. In parish ministry I have been blest to serve in four congregations all of which included teachers. So when the Prophet Isaiah begins "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher," I sit up and take note. The skill, craft, giftedness of the teacher is the ability to "know how to sustain the weary with a word." At least that's the prophet's take on teachers.

I observe the prophet Isaiah acting as teacher. And he has observed that the people are weary. God's people were weary from being in exile. They were weary of being in a foreign land, with foreign religion, leaders, and landscape. They were weary of being put under, pushed toward spiritual defeat. The Lord God addresses such weariness through the Prophet Isaiah. This message about being given the tongue, the ability to speak, like a teacher, is better rendered as the ability to speak as "those who are taught." What appears like first person singular is more accurately rendered as communal, plural, group, faith community. The word for the weary is a word of redemption, a word of future, a word of hope, a word of return. Not a return to the way things used to be, but a return to the land of the living; where there is life lived in the presence of God. To buffer all of the weariness the prophetic word advocates that the community stand up together. They are united in mission, in focus, and in a shared future. The future is not more of the same old weariness, but of a new morning awakening us to what God declares. God's declaration is one that sustains you. What God declares gives life.

We are a people who have grown weary. Weary of COVID-19. Weary of masks. Weary of political polarization. Weary of brutality. Weary of conspiracy theories. Weary of restrictions. Weary of interruptions in the supply chain. Weary of war. Weary of natural disasters. We are just plain weary. I am weary of all of the words that aren't life giving. There are so many words that are leading people further from one another and further from God. Words of politicians, words of reporters, words posted on social media, words sent via emailed, words spoken in frustration, hatred and prejudice.

Isaiah was weary of the people listening to such words in his own time. He listened to what the people were saying and it drove him to deep despair. He used his best vocabulary to shock the people, attempting to move them to a place where they could recognize how far they had drifted from the Lord God; how far they had slipped from using their tongue to sustain the weary with a word; how far they are from being teachers of God's life bringing word.

God's declarative word is made known to us most clearly in Jesus. Jesus, God's son is the Word made flesh, the one dwelling among us. This is what we celebrate at Christmas and sing in carols. This is the word coming into a weary world. He enters into our human existence bringing life. He forgives sins and grants salvation. And as a 16th century teacher by the name of Martin Luther puts it in his teaching pamphlet "where there is forgiveness of sins there is life and salvation."

Too often we become observers rather than teachers of the Divine Word. We observe that training is offered but don't engage. We observe hopes and dreams that are articulated prior to an academic year but remain on the sidelines watching to see what if anything will come about. We observe room readiness. We observe those with buckets and cleaning supplies. We observe the cheerful countenance of some and the disappointments of others. But as observers we are hesitant to speak a word, God's word that is life giving, hope filled, a word of new day things, awakening others to hear God and know of God' love, acceptance, and promised future.

Isaiah knew that his people, his community dwelling in exile, living in a foreign land, that they had grown weary. They needed to be sustained by God's life giving word. We are sustained by God's life giving Word, Christ Jesus. He comes among us sustaining us in our weariness and awakening us with Easter's joyful news of life and hope and future. We receive that Word in the bread of Holy Communion.

In Bible study this week I invited the participants to complete the sentence "I love God...;" It was a joy to hear what those gathered were saying. Their words were life giving.

I love God because he first loved me.

I love God because he forgives my sin.

I love God because of grace.

I love God because of Jesus, the Word of life.

I love God, writes the Psalmist, because God listens to me, God hears prayers.

All that they articulated were things that they were taught; through sermons, scripture, catechism, hymns, liturgy, Sunday school. All of these sustain us, especially in times when we grow weary.

Jesus is teaching his disciples. He's sorting out what is known and what is unknown. Through a series of questions he is discerning what the disciples are hearing about him. Some think he is John the Baptist. Others think he is Elijah. There are others traveling around with them who think that he is one of the prophets. But then in a moment of absolute clarity Jesus presses in on the disciples "But who do you say that I am?" It is Peter who answers. "You are the Messiah." Then Jesus proceeds to teach them about the suffering and rejections inflicted by the religious leaders and how he will be killed and after three days rise again. Such an extreme situation was more than Peter could bear. Jesus called them to set their minds on divine things, life giving things, hope filled things, new day things. It seems that people were observing a great many things about Jesus. Jesus wanted them to move from observers to teachers. He challenged them to take up their cross and follow. Active participation! Through discipleship the weary are sustained.

You may not teach in school, you may not think that you have the tongue of a teacher. But through the scriptures we observe that God uses human voices to speak his word to sustain the weary. God speaks a life giving word to us in Jesus, awakening us to a new day. Amen.

This Week at St. Paul's September 12-19
Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Tues—Thurs

Sunday, September 12 God's Work Our Hands

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School Intergenerational
event-Water Education
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
6:30 PM Confirmation class Youth Rm
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, September 13

6:00 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting
7:00 PM Council Meeting Christ Hall
7:00 PM Scout Meeting—ZOOM

Tuesday, September 14

9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM CREATE—Youth & Music

Wednesday September 15

10:30 AM Bible Study

Thursday, September 16

6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Chancel
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Music Room

Saturday, September 18

10:00 AM Acolyte Training
2:00 PM Rodriquez Wedding

Sunday, September 19

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School Live Stream & In-person
9:15 AM Pantry shelf stocking
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

In our prayers we remember...

Karen Missising, Nancy O'Connor, Luna Lambert, Richard Griffin, Jerry Briggs, 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, Barbara Ruppert, Chuck Oelsner, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, Jessica Arnold, Betty Mehrling, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, the family and loved ones of Brian Hoover.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Brian Hoover. Brian, our brother in Christ, died last Sunday. Details regarding his funeral will be communicated at a later time.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Cantor	AV Team	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
9/12	Early	Tony Culp	Denise Rider	Harold Sargeant			Alex Bastian	Pat Scarborough
	Late	Bob Reed	Larry Becker	Leah McComas	Carolyn Kapoun	Lipp	Sandy Dickensheets	Deb Becker Patsy Griffin

Food Pantry—September

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”.

Announcements and Updates

This morning we present Bibles to children and youth who are at a particular interval in their development. Infants are presented “Jesus Stories”, a board book. First graders receive “Paraclete Bible for Kids”, which features brightly colored illustrations. Fourth graders receive “Adventure Bible”, a complete version of the scriptures with beginning study helps. Seventh graders receive “Youth Study Bible”, an NRSV translation with study notes, overviews of each book to aid them in their Confirmation classes.

Today’s “God’s Work our Hands Project” supports the ongoing work of Lutheran World Relief supplying wells and water for people in need. Simply mark an envelope “Wells” and your financial gift will be added to the \$500 given through our Benevolence Fund grant. Please make your check out to “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church”.

Gifts for ELCA Domestic and International Disaster Relief can be made at any time by simply writing your check to “St. Paul’s Lutheran Church” which will then be forwarded with others from our congregation. Place your check or cash in an offering envelope with “Disaster” written on the outside.

During hurricane Ida we had flooding in the lower level community rooms. Thanks to our church sexton for making sure it was all cleaned up, dried up, and the rooms ready for use.

There was a great deal of glass that needed to be repaired in our church building. Most all of it has been professionally repaired. A few remaining pieces of glass will soon be replaced.

You may have noticed the bright yellow paper with red marker signage posted with blue painters tape around the building. The Property Committee has approved the final draft of the signs and they are now in production. The completed interior directional signs will coordinate with the room name and number signs that were added during construction.

Jackson Elementary school is in need of many items to help the children. The Social Ministry Committee is securing more school uniforms, head lice kits, and personal care kits. They will need your help as we approach the Christmas season with some special gift items.

Please send a card of greeting to *Betty Mehring*, Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 998 S. Russel St. York, PA 17402 and to *Bill Banta* at SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village @ Sprenkle Drive, 1801 Folkemer Circle, Room 301, York PA 17404. His phone # is 717-900 6724.

Please communicate all pastoral care needs through email or telephone. Don’t expect that the pastor will see something that you have posted on social media.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 116:1-9

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole

body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."