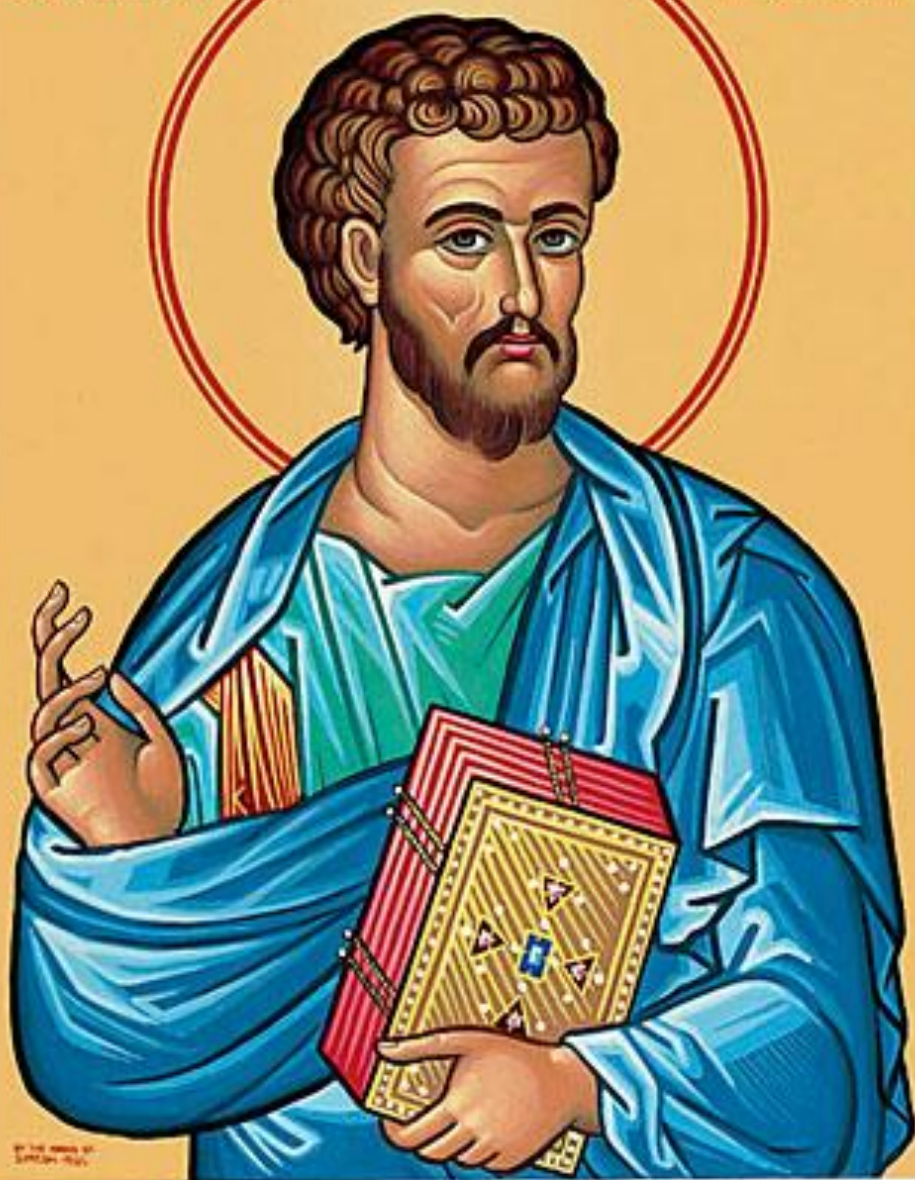


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BY THE GRACE OF  
GOD, 1985

# 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 (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

The Nursery, which is accessed from the double doors, front right, is available for any family needing a space away. We are currently gathering names of individuals willing to staff the Nursery.

**Our Communion** is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of  
Mary Elizabeth Yinger by Gale & Jon Yinger*



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](http://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.

**St. Luke the Evangelist**  
**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
**Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

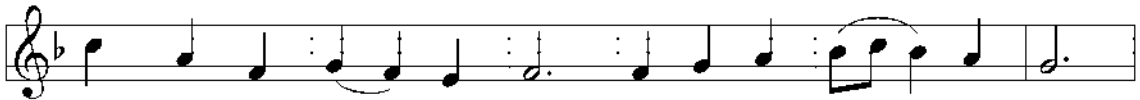
**PRELUDE**

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Gerald Near

**Stand**

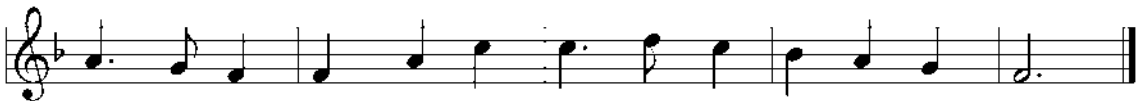
**ENTRANCE HYMN** *God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW 400)*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth your flight: move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light!  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

**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.



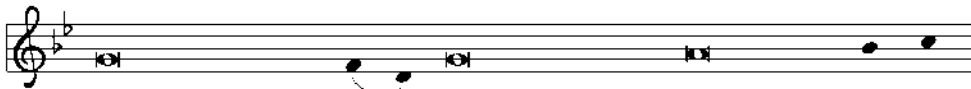
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

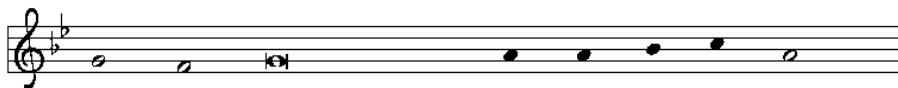


praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

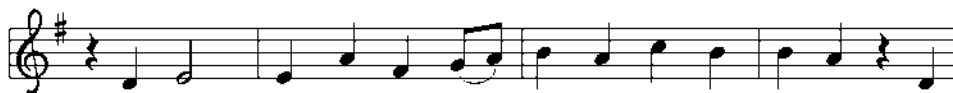


A - men.

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



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



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Continued on next page...*

*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.**

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Sit**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

<sup>9</sup>Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true."

<sup>10</sup>You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup>I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

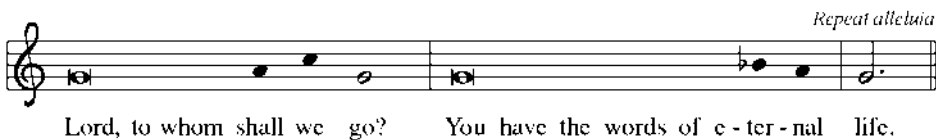
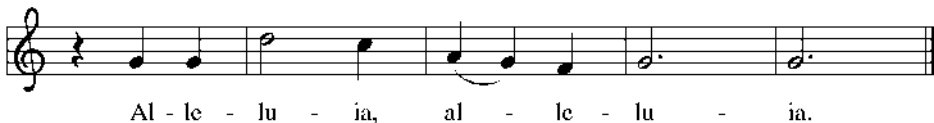
<sup>12</sup>I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

**PSALM** Psalm 124 *Spoken responsively by half verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> If the LORD had not been | on our side,\*  
**let Isra- | el now say;**  
<sup>2</sup> if the LORD had not been | on our side,\*  
**when enemies rose | up against us,**  
<sup>3</sup> then would they have swallowed us | up alive\*  
**in their fierce | anger toward us;**  
<sup>4</sup> then would the waters have | overwhelmed us\*  
**and the torrent gone | over us;**  
<sup>5</sup> then would the | raging waters\*  
**have gone right | over us.**  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed | be the LORD!\*  
**He has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.**  
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;\*  
**the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.**  
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name | of the LORD,\*  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

**Stand**  
**VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

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

<sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and

the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Stan Reep**

*Stand*

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Let us pray for all who suffer, that all in pain or grief or any kind of suffering may find strength and peace in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whose hearts are broken and whose hope has vanished, that their trust in God's promises may be renewed in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness, that God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering, may mercifully hear our prayers and grant to *(names)* healing power, that in Christ their sickness may be turned to health and our sorrow to joy. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**



Let us pray for those who serve in the professions of healing, that God may guide physicians and nurses and all those called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your spirit so that the health of all people may be promoted and Christ glorified. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Give strength and gentleness, patience, and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their love be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be made known. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all those who depend upon our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANNOINTING**

*Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing may come forward by the center aisle to one of the stations. Worshipers may kneel or stand at the station.*

10:30 A.M.    Handbells    *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*    arr. Susan E. Geschke

*Stand*

## **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.*

*The minister prepares the altar for Holy Communion*

## **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 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** *Please sing in 4-part harmony*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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

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

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



## 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.*

**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 Solo

*O, Healing River*

arr. David Cherwien

Cody Messersmith

**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. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

## HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (LBW 559)*



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
- 5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.  
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.



## POSTLUDE

*Postludium*

Gordon Young

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

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### ***Serving the Lord with Gladness***

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Cantor	Acolytes	AV Team	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
10/17	Early	Harold Sargeant	Denise Rider	Tom Ruth	Needed			Alex Bastian	Ann & Axel Ulrich
	Late	George Fitch	Tom Gibson	Bill Snyder	Aaron Jacobs	Riley Jones DJ Zart	Max Jacobs Andrew	Bob Reed Richard Griffin	Larry & Janet Moore

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

***Steph Reid, Betty Hoffmaster, Bill & Lyda Horn, Karen Missising, Rick Lloyd, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell and the family and friends of James Bowman .***

#### **Altar Flowers**

The Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board has the sign-up sheet to sponsor flowers for available dates for the rest of the year and for 2022. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

#### **Food Pantry—October**

**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”.

***Christ in Our Home*** devotional booklets for Oct/Nov/Dec are available in the narthex and in the Good Shepherd Room.

## Faith Formation Opportunities

### Sunday Morning Classes      9:15—10:15 AM.

#### **Classes for Children**

*Children up to Grade 3 are gathering at 9:15 AM in the church nave with Pastor Reep. They then move to their classrooms upstairs.*

Infants- Pre-K: Red room #213

Kindergarten-Grade 1: Yellow room #214

Grades 2-3: Orange room #204

Grades 4-6: Go directly to their classroom #202 at 9:15 AM

#### **Adult Classes**

Youth room, upper level.

*By What Authority? Rethinking Early Church History*

Next week: *Isaiah: Messages of Hope*

### Sunday Evening      6:30—8:00 PM

**Confirmation Instruction**      Youth room, upper level

### Monday Evenings      7:00—8:00 PM ZOOM

#### **Adult Study**

*Christian Conversations: Connecting Sunday worship with daily life.*

Contact the office 717-843-8155, or Patty Snyder for the Zoom link.

### Tuesday Evenings      6:00—7:15 PM

#### **CREATE**

*Youth and music activities for ages 2—grade 6*

### Wednesday Mornings      10:30—11:45 AM

#### **Adult Scripture Study**

Christ Hall.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzkJo_Xvbdkxn2IYIg). You may also view the service at a later time on YouTube.

## This Week at St. Paul's October 17-24

Church office open Tues—Thurs, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. & Fri, 7:30—11:30 a.m.

### Sunday, October 17

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

### Monday, October 18

6:00 PM Mpuguso meeting—ZOOM  
 7:00 PM Scout Meeting—ZOOM  
 7:00 PM Mid-week Adult Studies—ZOOM  
 7:00 PM Finance Committee—ZOOM

### Tuesday, October 18

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

### Wednesday October 20

10:30 AM Bible Study-Christ Hall

### Thursday, October 21

TBD Pantry Delivery  
 6:30 PM Handbell Choir  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Music Rm

### Sunday, October 24

#### Preschool Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.  
 11:30 AM Reception  
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class-Youth Rm

## UPDATES AND NEWS

Bill Banta has had his room changed. He is now in Room 308A with a new phone #717-900-6736.

Betty Hoffmaster is now at Country Meadows West, 1920 Trolley Rd., York, PA 17408. Her mailing address is 1395 Church Rd., York, PA 17404.

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate recognize two of our former preschool teachers who retired at the end of the 2020/21 school year; Sue Deppen (2 year old teacher) and Kathy Monk (4 year old teacher and Assistant Preschool Director). On that day we extend an enthusiastic welcome to our preschool children and families and are planning to have our own St. Paul's children lift their voices in song.

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“Paint what you see” Professor Wert instructed the class of Painting One university art students. They began with individual still life images arranged at their painting stations. Professor Wert called them “Kitchen Sketches.” He wanted students to begin with something that they knew well and with which they could easily relate. “Bring something from your kitchen, not something fancy, bring something ordinary, common.” A small cutting board and an orange sliced in half, a paring knife resting on the side, and all of this placed on a dark blue placemat.

You set out on your picture with eagerness and before you know it you are adding orange paint and blue paint and you aren’t really looking at what is before you. The difficulty with painting a still life comes of course when you begin to think that you know what something is or what an object looks like and so you start painting without really looking. You start, “making crap up.” Professor Wert used more colorful language to describe this phenomenon. But those situations always ended with the mantra “paint what you see.”

This morning we have St. Luke who does his best to get us to look more carefully at what is before us. The difficulty of course for us, who have been raised in the church, is that we are familiar with so much, that we begin to make crap up. We stop looking carefully at what has been placed before us in the Incarnation, God taking on human flesh and dwelling among us. Luke uses the language of story and common, familiar things, to get us to look, and to listen, and to experience God. Luke paints pictures for us:

Elizabeth and Mary, two pregnant women consoling one another  
Shepherds on a hill side tending their flock at night  
A baby wrapped in blankets and placed in a feed trough  
An unexpected catch of fish  
A Samaritan helping out when no one else would  
A father with two sons who loved them more than they could comprehend  
A repentant thief ready to exhale his last breath  
Friends walking along, talking, consoling one another, sharing their disappointment with recent events

Luke writes words that spring into action, like a paint brush on a canvas, words, stories, images bringing comfort to those, to all who need comforting.

In Luke’s day, like in our own, there are so many who need to be comforted. Such comfort brings healing. And that I believe is why St. Luke the Evangelist is known as Luke the Physician. His gospel account is set down in an orderly way so that God fearing people will know the comforting message of God’s love in Christ Jesus. Luke wants people to stop making crap up (I set out to write, put down, an orderly account he begins in the gospel) and to look deeply into the story of God, who is always



working to bring about deliverance, making a way, providing opportunity to reimagine what repentant life brings. We hear of this from Isaiah in the Old Testament reading and from the Psalmist who acknowledge that the Lord God is on our side.

Luke tells the whole story of Jesus weaving together the ordinary aspects of daily life. He tells of disappointment, unbelief, and those who believe so confidently that they; call out for mercy, call out for healing, call out for Jesus. They call him Master and Lord. They redirect their lives because of him. They willingly take up cross and follow, without counting the cost of discipleship. Luke tells of blind eyes opened of skin diseases cured of hungry people filled with good things.

Luke is an artist. He was ahead of his time. Today we might even think of him as an art therapist. But in those days, he was one of the disciples, who utilized his entire being to open humanity to the message of God's love; love that heals, love that forgives, love that binds, love that comforts, love that brings and gives and bestows hope.

This morning we come with our blind eyes, our wrinkled skin, and a hunger for life different than how we currently experience it. We are in the presence of the Risen Lord. We are called upon to look and see, not to make crap up. In faith we continue telling the story of Jesus who journeys with us. Through Luke we are reminded to look carefully and to see:

the importance of consoling one another,  
the beauty of moon light on a hill side,  
sheep who need a shepherd,  
the need to help those who are down trodden,  
dysfunctional family systems that need more love than is humanly possible,  
giving breathe when it seems that the oxygen is all but used up,  
and recognizing the one walking with us during days of deep disappointment.

Luke with his orderly account, his creative use of story and prose, and his incarnational theology, makes sure that we listen and hear what God promises. Luke isn't going to take any chances. He doesn't want us to make crap up. He provides an orderly account of the gospel assuring us of the "power from on high" of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke knew how much that gift is necessary in order to live another day. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that empowered him to set down a love story, ink on velum, of God's unending love for the lowly, hungry, sick, blind, lame, dying, disappointed; for folks like you and me caught between days of unbelief, and faith so strong that we call out like those who encountered Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, *Lord, Master, you are the healer of every ill*. Luke captures that healing, that comfort, that hope that we know in Christ.

Professor Wert reminded us to "paint what we see." Luke reminds us to look deeply and listen attentively to the love that God bestows in Jesus; because that is the love that heals. Amen.

## Prayer to St. Luke the Evangelist

(Prayer for Physicians)

Almighty God, you inspired Your servant  
St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to  
demonstrate the love and the healing  
power of your Son. In faithfully detailing  
through the Gospels, the humanity of  
Jesus, he also showed the divinity of  
Jesus and His genuine compassion for  
all human beings.

Inspire our physicians with your  
professionalism and with the  
divine compassion for their patients.  
Enable them to cure the ills of both body  
and spirit that afflict so many in our day.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.



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