You are of more value than many sparrows

MATTHEW 10:31

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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 187 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Postlude It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

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 is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Currently, we are working to secure volunteer staff for the Nursery. Carrie Oberholtzer is coordinating a schedule. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Thank you to Rev. Robert Hoover for serving as our presiding minister this morning And to Tristan Ericson for serving as our preacher.

If you are in need of Pastoral care this week please contact Pastor Robert Hoover at 717-858-1832



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for 59 years of marriage by George & Janet Fitch.

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 25, 2023 Holy Communion 9:15 AM

PRELUDE

The Gift to Be Simple

Dale Wood

Stand

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . .O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Snyder



SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Stand

VERSE





Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

(back cover) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Tristan Ericson

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis (*especially*). Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially*). Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for (*Philipp Melanch-thon and*) all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

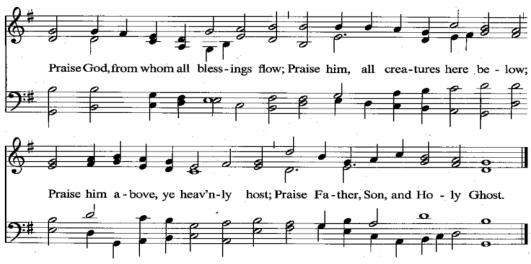
The peace of the Lord be with you always.And also with you.The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit OFFERING

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Charles Ore

Stand OFFERTORY The gifts of bread and wine and monetary gifts are presented at the



altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

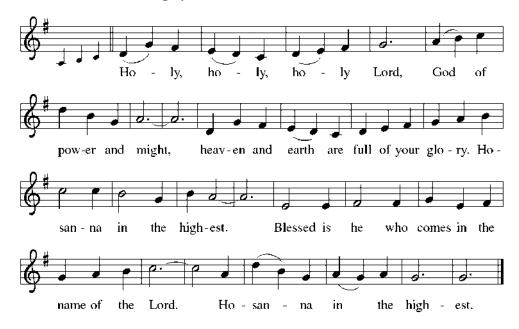
DIALOGUE

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 *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*

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

Sung by all.



THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;

you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will

and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving Passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,

we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought, but as we are able;

and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,

and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen

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

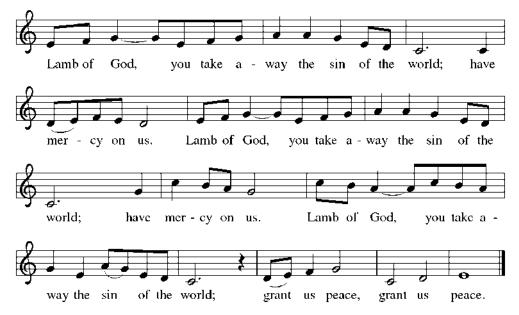
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 A brief silence is kept

AGNUS DEI Sung by all.



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

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

1. Come to communion using the center aisle.

2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).

3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.

4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.

5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.

6. Consume the communion host.

7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.

8. Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.

9. *Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.* 10. *Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

COMMUNION HYMN How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)



Stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

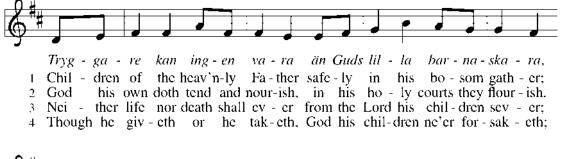
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)





stjär-nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet, nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them, un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God arr. Fred Bock

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Mission Trip to Tanzania—Our delegation has been assembled. We are blessed to have a group of 30 representing St. Paul's as we travel to our sister congregation next June. If you would like to help defray the cost of our delegation please use a special envelope located in the pew rack and mark it "Tanzania Trip".

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Tues—Thurs, 9 AM—12 Noon

Sunday, June 25

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm **Monday, June 19** 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Tuesday, June 20 9:30 AM Pantry 12:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg—ZOOM 6:00 PM Property Committee Sunday, July 2 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Harvest Dinner Tickets are on sale. The dinner will be held on September 30, 2023. Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry. This year will feature select regional wines and local microbrews

Our "Vintage" members with birthdays in June are: Betsy Smith, Byron LeCates, Peggy LeCates, Harold Sargeant **July birthdays are:** Audrey Houck, George Fitch, Phillip Wysocki.



Sunday Coffee Hour Donations Requested. If you would willing to help by contributing baked goods, fruits or veggies for Fellowship following any of our Summer 9:15 AM services simply notify the church office or sign up in the Good Shepherd room and we can add you to the schedule. The desire is to have fellowship opportunities following worship each Sunday throughout the summer. A

Family Summer Picnic and Adventures at the Park—Families with children and youth.

Tuesday, July 11	Rocky Ridge Park	Grey Squirrel Pavilion
Tuesday, August 8	John Rudy Park Blue	Spruce Pavilion
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5:30 – Family Picnic 6:00 – 7:00 – Story, Camp Songs and Family activity.

Join us for a picnic adventure at a different County Park each month. Each family is asked to bring their own picnic dinner to enjoy as we gather. The evening will include a story, family activity, camp songs and fellowship with their friends. All Pavilions are located close to the park playground so your children can enjoy time playing with their friends. Restrooms and parking are located within walking distance.

Please let us know each month if your family is planning on attending, so we can plan appropriately and can let you know if the picnic is cancelled due to inclement weather. Mrs. Jones and Miss Kelly

Food Pantry—June

Items needed: PEANUT BUTTER Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, tomato sauce and soup. 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".

Volunteers are needed Tuesday mornings to help our neighbors shop. This is especially needed during the summer months. Middle school, Highschool and college students are welcome! Call Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer. PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED DATE

DATE	TIME	DATE TIME Assisting Minister	Crucifer Lector		Communion Greeters Assistants		Ushers	Altar Set-up & Clean-up	Children's Sermon
6/25	9:15 AM	Janet Fitch	Larry Becker	Dale Smith	Tristan Eric- son	Dale & Betsy Smith Carl & Peggy Jacobs	Bob Reed, Ron Riese, Jeff Riese	Deb Becker, Isabel- Patty Snyder la Lehr	Patty Snyder
7/2	9:15 AM	Jennifer Ports	Tonya Cave	Carol I Woodbury	Ken Hinkle	Gail Kerchner, Tina Llorente, Joan & Steve Langeheine	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Dan Garber	Janet & Larry Moore	Nikki Herd- son
6/2	9:15 AM	Bob Reed	Larry Moore	Connie Reed	Janet Moore	Kathleen Lemke, Dan Mays, Peter & Nancy O'Conor	Norma Shue, Sandy Dicken- sheets, Dave Kopp	Janet & Larry Moore, Kat Lemke	
7/16	9:15 AM	Ken Hinkle	Janet Fitch	Dan Gar- , ber	Janet Fitch	Bob & Connie Reed, Denise Rider	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Bob Reed	Ann Anstadt, Kat Lemke	
7/23	9:15 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Kirsten Barnes	Ed LeCates	Kathy Monk	Ron & Norma Riese, Teresa Rohrbaugh, Lois Ann Schroeder	Sandy Dickensheets, Dave Kopp, Dan Mays	Ann Anstadt, Kat Lemke	Julianna Jones
7/30	9:15 AM	Janet Fitch	Tony Culp	Earline I Jones	Harold Sargeant	Pat Rudacille, Gerry Briggs, Norma Shue, Jim Mummert	Norma Shue, Dan Garber, Kem Ron & Norma Vaught	Ron & Norma Riese, Kat Lemke	
8/6	9:15 AM	Tonya Cave	Denise Rider	Scott Herdson	Sandy Dick- ensheets	Sandy Dick- Martina Uffelman, Cheryl Rief- Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, ensheets steck, Ann & Axel Ulrich Kem Vaught		Ron & Norma Riese Allison Lehr	Allison Lehr
8/13	9:15 AM	Bob Reed	Jennifer Ports	Leah McComas	Ken Hinkle	Leah & Sean McComas, Car- olyn & Molly	Norma Shue, Jeff Riese, Ron Riese	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Kathryn & Dan Garber
8/20	9:15 AM	Harold Sargeant	Ann Ulrich	Chris Lipp	Tristan Eric- son	Carol Woodbury, Barb Young, Tim & Melissa Yakim	Alex Bastian, Dave Kopp, Dan Mays	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Leah McCo- mas
8/27	9:15 AM	Larry Moore	Kirsten Barnes	Janet Moore	Larry Becker	arry Becker Deb & Larry Becker, Ann An- stadt, Sandy Dickensheets	Larry Becker, Norma Shue, Kem Vaught	Sandy Dicken- Alexis sheets, Tonya Cave Heistand	Alexis Heistand
9/3	9:15 AM	Tristan Ericson	Tonya Cave	Deb Beck- Janet Fitch er		Cliff & Janene Beck, Bob & Judy Hoover	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Dan Mays	Sandy Dicken- sheets, Tonya Cave	

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11 [not printed]

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-inlaw;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

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