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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. Parents are asked to stay with their children.

Thank you to Rev. George Fitch for serving as our Presiding minister and to Nancy Bennet for serving as our Preacher this morning.

Please extend thanks to Christine Kates, our guest organist this morning.

If you are in need of Pastoral care this week please contact Pastors Tom & Judy McKee at 717-848-3419



The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of my husband, John Uffleman, Sr., by his wife, Martina.

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 16, 2023 Holy Communion 9:15 AM

PRELUDE

The Peace Shall be Exchanged

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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. . . Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nancy Bennett

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

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PSALM HYMN Paraphrase Psalm 65:9-14 *Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW 409)*



- we would of fer Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God,
- all things 2 God, bless the la - bor that with our we bring to serve you,
- 3 Fa ther, pro vid ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis-dom's
- 4 Then will your bless ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con-



liv - ing, you have made good: neigh-bor we may be fed. guid - ing teach us to share fess - ing your gra-cious hand.

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SECOND READING

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Romans 8:1-11

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Stand **VERSE**

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Repeat alleluia

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(back cover)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Nancy Bennett

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness in good soil. Inspire your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal those who are sick, O God (*especially*). Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany our brothers and sisters at Mpguso Church in the Konde Diocese, that we may mutually encourage one another in our common faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God. May they be examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

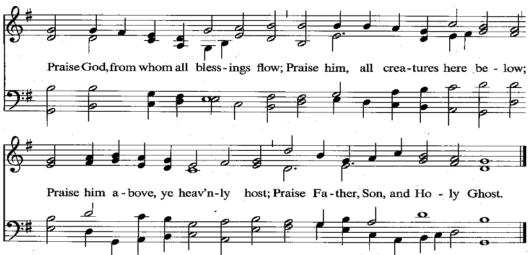
OFFERING

Pastorale in F Major II. Allemande

Bach

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:



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.

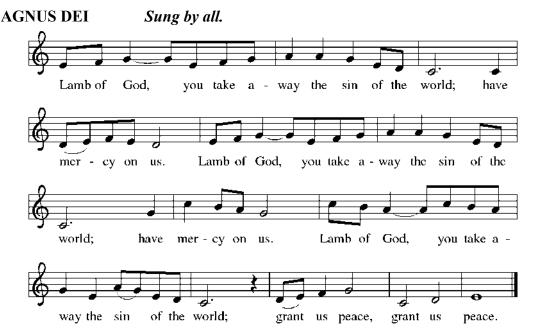
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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



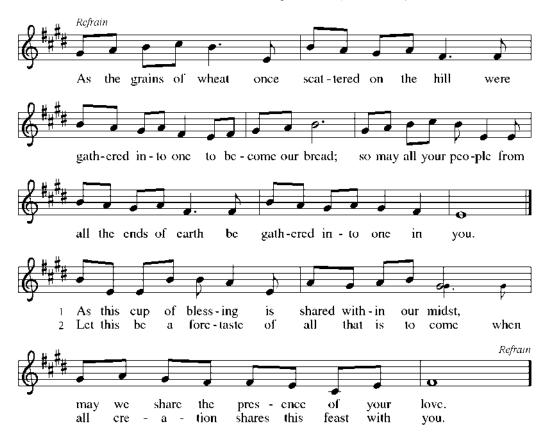
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

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 As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



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

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Prelude to "Te Deum" Charpentier

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Webpage Update - Calendars — We now have two calendars on our webpage. The Calendar tab on the homepage at the top of the page is the monthly calendar you receive with your monthly "Our Church" newsletter and now in the footer at the bottom of all pages, there is a weekly calendar. The problem we were having was updates were being made during the month to the calendar but our monthly calendar was unable to be updated. The weekly calendar will reflect any changes Patee makes to the monthly calendar. The weekly calendar can be viewed from any page on our webpage. All you have to do is scroll down to the bottom of any page and click on the weekly calendar and scroll down on the calendar to view for the whole week. Hope this will be helpful!

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 Donation".

Sent Forth by God's Blessing





BACKPACK DAY - JULY 30

Please join us following the service July 30th to fill 125 backpacks for our Food Pantry clients.

This ministry will be held in Christ Hall, a time of service and fellowship. The backpacks will be distributed at the Food Pantry in time for the start of the school year. Thank you for your help.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, July 16 Newsletter Deadline

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist

10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm

6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, July 17

7:00 PM Finance Committee—ZOOM

Tuesday, July 18

9:30AM Food Pantry

Wednesday July 19

11:30 AM Mpuguso Meeting

Sunday, July 23

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 paired with the menu. Ticket cost is \$100 per person. Contact the office for tickets.



Our "Vintage" members with birthdays in July are:

Audrey Houck, George Fitch, Irmgarde Nicolaysen, and 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 member of the Fellowship Committee will provide oversight for each gathering.

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

Tuesday, August 8 John Rudy Park Blue Spruce Pavilion

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

PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED DATE

ATE	TIME	DATE TIME Assisting Minister	Crucifer Lector		Communion Greeters Assistants		Ushers	Altar Set-up & Clean-up	Children's Sermon
2/16	9:15 AM	Ken Hinkle	Janet Fitch	Dan Gar- Janet Fitch ber		Bob & Connie Reed, Denise , Rider	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Bob Reed	ıdt, Kat	Nancy Ben- nett
7/23	9:15 AM	Tonya Cave	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
08/2	9:15 AM	Janet Fitch	Tony Culp	Earline Jones	Harold Sargeant	Pat Rudacille, Gerry Briggs, Norma Shue, Jim Mummert	Norma Shue, Dan Garber, Kem Ron & Norma Vaught Riese, Kat Le	Ron & Norma Riese, Kat Lemke	
9/8	9:15 AM	Tonya Cave	Denise Rider	Scott Herdson	Sandy Dick- lensheets	Martina Uffelman, Cheryl Rief- Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, 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- Norma Shue, Jeff Riese, Ron olyn & Molly Riese		Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Kathryn & Dan Garber
8/20	9:15 AM	Harold Sargeant	Ann Ulrich	Chris Lipp	Chris Lipp Tristan Eric-	Carol Woodbury, Barb Young, Alex Bastian, Dave Kopp, Dan Tim & Melissa Yakim Mays	l l	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 Anstarry Becker, Sandy Dickensheets	Larry Becker, Norma Shue, Kem Vaught	Sandy Dicken- Alexis sheets, Tonya Cave Heistand	Alexis Heistand
6/3	9:15 AM	Tristan Ericson	Tonya Cave	Deb Beck- Janet Fitch er		Cliff & Janene Beck, Bob &	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Dan Mays	Sandy Dicken- sheets, Tonya Cave	

Food Pantry—July

Items needed: PEANUT BUTTER Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, tomato sauce and soup. We Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. also need paper grocery bags with handles.

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

Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

(717-843-8155) to volunteer.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth:

it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8 or Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

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