

Gather the wheat into my barn

MATTHEW 13:30



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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. William Snyder for serving as our Presiding minister and Preacher 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 our mother, Emma V.(Zirkle) Sweitzer by her daughters, Charlene Graffius & Shirley Haugh And in loving memory of Neil Shue by Norma and Family

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 23, 2023
Holy Communion 9:15 AM

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata in e minor, II Andante

J. S. Bach

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,

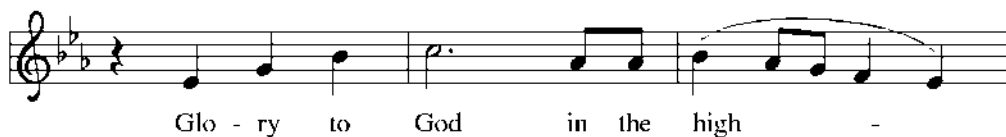
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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





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



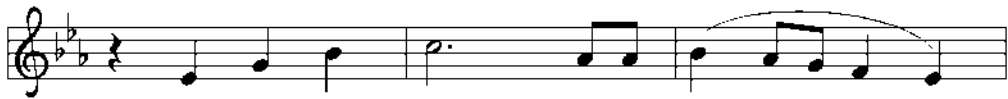
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8 (*back cover*)

PSALM 86: 1-3

*Children Lead the Psalm with the Congregation
Teach Me Your Way* by Timothy Shaw

RESPONSE: **Teach me your way, teach me your way,
Teach me your way, O Lord,
And I will walk, walk in your truth.
Teach me your way, O Lord.**

- ¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
for I am poor | and in misery. **RESPONSE**
- ² Keep watch over my life, for | I am faithful;*
save your servant who puts his | trust in you. **RESPONSE**
- ³ Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you | are my God;*
I call upon you all | the day long. **RESPONSE**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25 *(back cover)*

Stand
VERSE *Sung by all*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *(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

Rev. William Snyder

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.

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks to follow your Word and share it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters, especially in areas affected by wildfires and flooding. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Bring peace where there is strife. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction (*especially*). Sustain your people living with disease, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, especially those who visit our food pantry. Strengthen our ministry to equip us for faithful living, that we may enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, *including Birgitta of Sweden, whom the church commemorates today*, so that we live into that same hope. 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

I Would be True

Christian Elliott

Stand

OFFERTORY *The gifts of bread and wine and monetary gifts are presented at the altar.*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

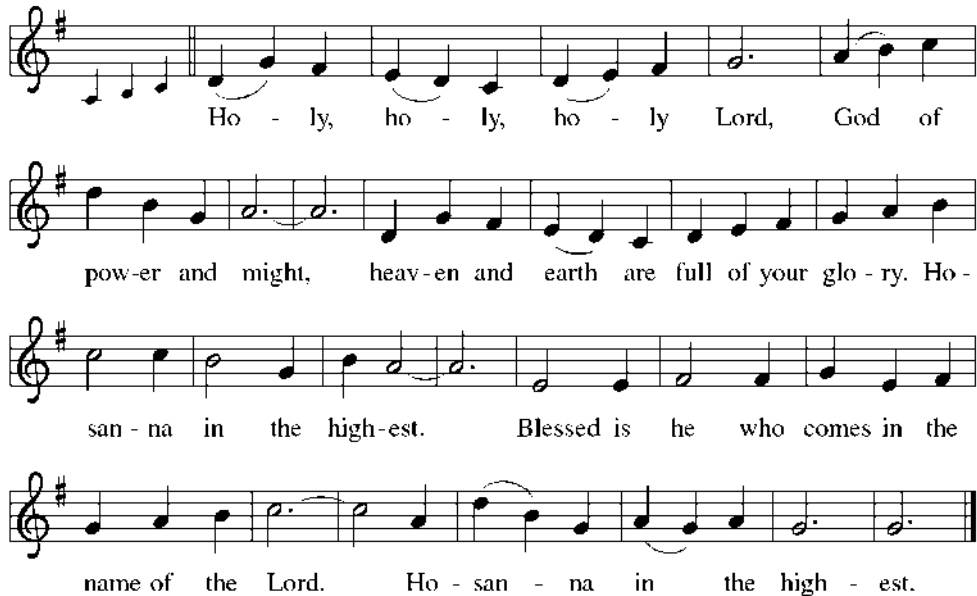
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for-
giveness 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

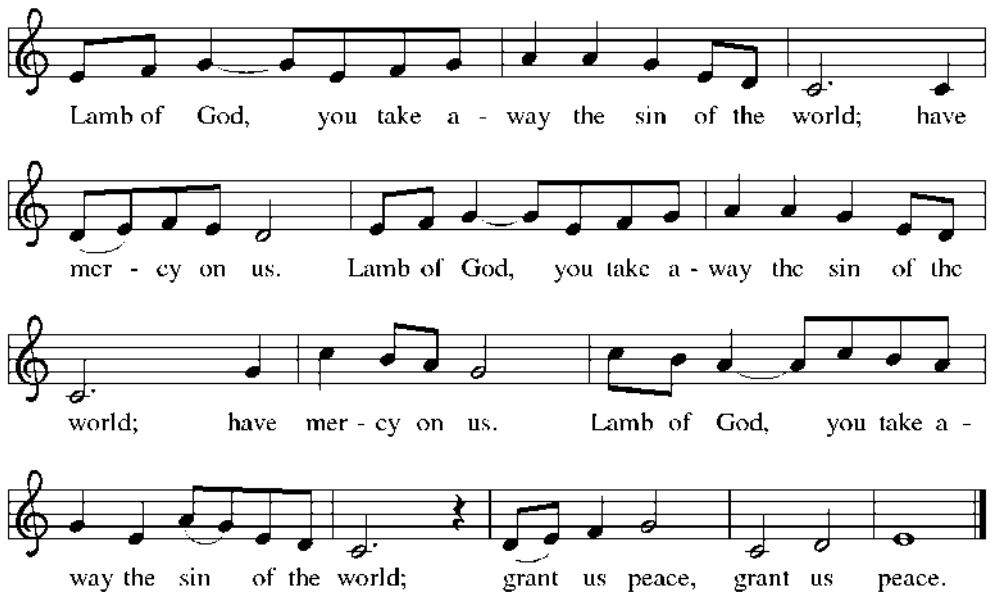
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.*



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

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 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest (ELW 694)*



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring.
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave.



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease.
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall.



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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

Postlude in G

Christian Cappelen

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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”.

On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text.

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff shows a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the second measure. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three lines of text.

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

The third system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three lines of text.



NEXT SUNDAY – BACKPACK DAY

We hope you can join this ministry which is for the benefit of our Food Pantry clients and their children. With a team, packing 125 backpacks will be both efficient and fun. We'll see you in Christ Hall following the service on July 30th.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, July 23

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Tuesday, July 25

9:30AM Food Pantry
12:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg ZOOM

Sunday, July 30

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm
10: 15 AM Backpack Day—Christ Hall
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm



HARVEST DINNER

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, Irmgard 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

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Clean-up	Children's Sermon
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	Julianne Jones
7/30	9:15 AM	Janet Fitch	Tony Culp	Ed LeCates	Harold Sargeant	Pat Rudacille, Gerry Briggs, Norma Shue, Jim Mummert	Norma Shue, Dan Garber, Kem Vaught	Ron & Norma Riese, Kat Lemke	
8/6	9:15 AM	Tonya Cave	Denise Rider	Scott Herdson	Sandy Dickensheets	Martina Uffelman, Cheryl Riefsteck, Ann & Axel Ulrich	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Kem Vaught	Ron & Norma Riese	Allison Lehr
8/13	9:15 AM	Bob Reed	Jennifer Ports	Leah McComas	Ken Hinkle	Leah & Sean McComas, Carolyn & 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 Ericson	Carol Woodbury, Barb Young, Tim & Melissa Yakim	Alex Bastian, Dave Kopp, Dan Mays	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Leah McComas
8/27	9:15 AM	Larry Moore	Kirsten Barnes	Janet Moore	Larry Becker	Deb & Larry Becker, Ann Anstadt, Sandy Dickensheets	Larry Becker, Norma Shue, Kem Vaught	Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave	Alexis Heistand
9/3	9:15 AM	Tristan Ericson	Tonya Cave	Deb Becker	Janet Fitch	Cliff & Janene Beck, Bob & Judy Hoover	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Dan Mays	Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave	

Food Pantry—July

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to
come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

or **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19** [not printed]

Psalm 86:11-17**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning

in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

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