

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 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. Judy McKee 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 memory of John and Paige Smith by Sara Atkinson And in memory of John Uffleman, Sr. by his children.

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".

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

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Robert A. Hobby

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





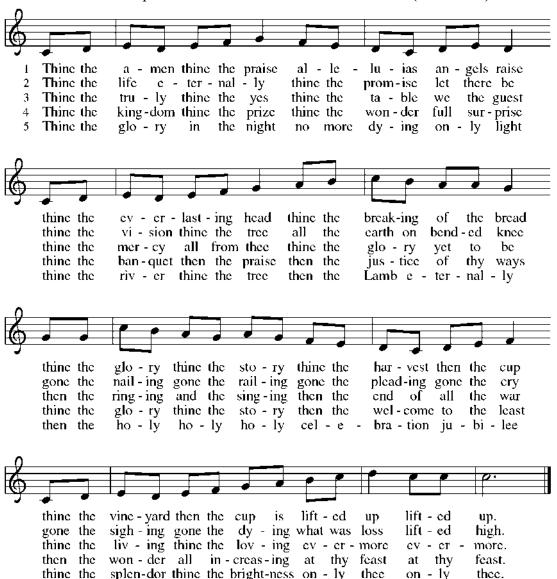
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . . God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON (if applicable)

FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-12 (back cover)

PSALM HYMN Paraphrase Psalm 145:8-15 Thine the Amen (WOV 801)



SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a (back cover)



Sung by all





Repeat alleluia

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (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. Judy McKee

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.

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire bishops, pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Bless Pastor Reep on the occasion of his 35th anniversary of ordination. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Help us to appreciate the wonder of the world this season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send your mercy on all in need (*especially*), and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day gathered around word and sacrament. Encourage children to learn and in growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. 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.

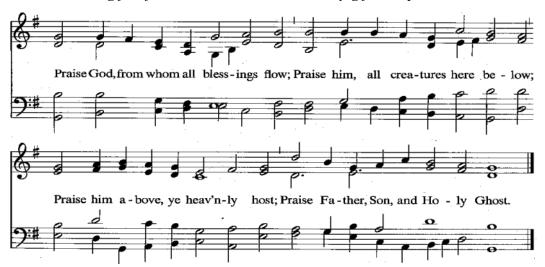
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OFFERING

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

Helmut Watcha

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

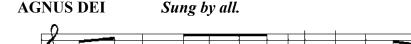
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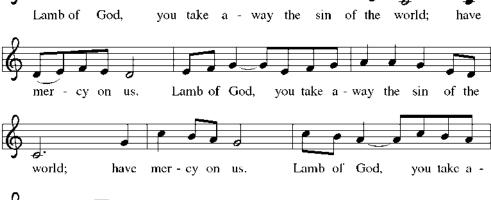
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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







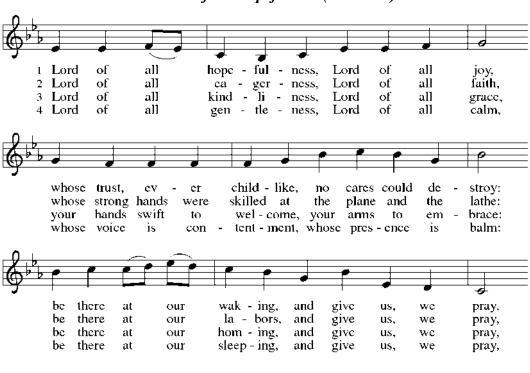
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

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 Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW 765)





Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

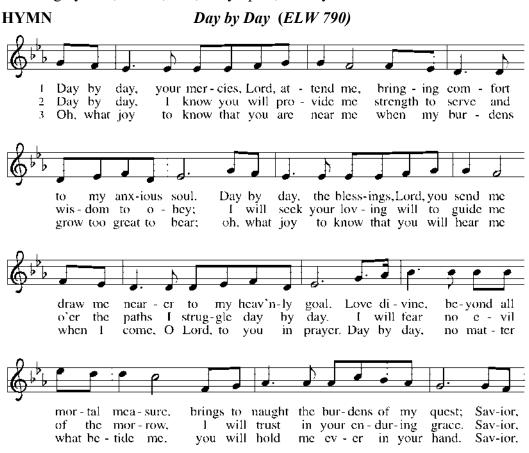
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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.





lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find c - ter-nal rest, help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face, with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

DISMISSAL

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies Robert Lind **POSTLUDE**

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This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon-Thurs, 8AM—4PM, Fri 8-11AM

Sunday, July 9

9:15 AM Holy Eucharist

10:15 AM Fellowship—Good Shepherd Rm

6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, July 10

7:00 PM Council Mtg—Christ Hall

Tuesday, July 11

9:30AM Food Pantry

5:30 PM Picnic in the Park—Rocky Ridg Sunday, July 16 Newsletter Deadline

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. Contact the office for tickets.

Our "Vintage" members with birthdays in July 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 Sum-After mer 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, July 11 Rocky Ridge Park **Grey Squirrel Pavilion**

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	DATE TIME Assisting Crucifer Le	Crucifer	ctor	Communion Greeters Assistants		Ushers	Altar Set-up & Clean-up	Children's Sermon
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- Janet Fitch ber	Janet Fitch	Bob & Connie Reed, Denise , Rider	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster, Bob Reed	Ann Anstadt, Kat Lemke	Nancy Ben- nett
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
2/30	9:15 AM	Janet Fitch Tony Culp	Tony Culp	Earline Jones	Harold Sargeant	Pat Rudacille, Gerry Briggs, Norma Shue, Jim Mummert	Norma Shue, Dan Garber, Kem Ron & Norma Vaught	Ron & Norma Riese, Kat Lemke	
9/8	9:15 AM	Tonya Cave	Denise Rider	Scott Herdson	Sandy Dick- ensheets	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, Carlolyn & 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	Chris Lipp Tristan Eric- son	Carol Woodbury, Barb Young, , Tim & Melissa Yakim	Carol Woodbury, Barb Young, Alex Bastian, Dave Kopp, Dan Tim & Melissa Yakim Mays	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Leah McCo- mas
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 Dicken- Alexis sheets, Tonya Cave Heistand	Alexis Heistand
9/3	9:15 AM	Tristan Ericson	Tonya Cave	Deb Beck- er	Deb Beck- Janet Fitch er	Cliff & Janene Beck, Bob & Judy Hoover	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 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea.

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another.

¹⁷ We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."