



The night
is far gone,
the day is near.

Romans 13:12, NRSV

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

Cong.: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Cong.: Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40 (*read responsively*)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way ^l of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ^l to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall ^l keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ^l all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of ^l your commandments,
for that is ^l my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to ^l your decrees
and not to ^l unjust gain. R**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ^l holding falsehood;
give me life ^l in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise ^l to your servant,
which is for ^l those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach ^l that I dread,
because your judg- ^l ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for ^l your commandments;
by your righteousness en- ^l liven me. R**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Song

"Gloria, Gloria" (sung twice)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



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Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Response to the prayer: **C: Amen.**

First Reading:

L: A reading from Ezekiel 33:7-11
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 13:8-14
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Created for this occasion by Bishop J. Dunlop Pastor Burkhardt

Song

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.
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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the People

Each petition ends with these words:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.

Offering

Offering Song (Sung while offering is collected.)

"Give Thanks"



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



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Last time



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

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.

Invitation to Communion

All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Distribution of the Communion Wafer

(Please stand and remain at your chair. As the usher approaches, hold out an open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The usher will place a wafer in your open palm. Do not touch the usher's hand. Do not touch the paten or other wafers. Such actions would cause contamination. Please take your seat after consuming the wafer so the ushers will know who has communed.)

Blessing

Response after the blessing: C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Response: C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of our parents, Jay & Lettie Dusman and William & Dorothy Shaffer by Harry Dusman.

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Rosalind Adams by Karen McDermitt and family.

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SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – September 20 & 27 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – September 27 both vases (\$20 per vase) Note: flowers can't be delivered

Bulletins – September 20 & 27 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – September 20 & 27 (\$10)

DID YOU KNOW that Lutheran World Relief (LWR) had 3 cargo containers destroyed in the Beirut port explosion? This means THOUSANDS of quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, and Baby Care Kits were destroyed. Can you help? SPYKids are collecting completed Personal Care kits to send to LWR. Please consider putting together a kit (or several). Contact Deb Sowers at debsowers@gmail.com or 717-586-0596 for more information. You can also visit lwr.org and navigate to "Personal Care Kits" to research what to include and how to put it together. Completed kits are due by Sept. 27 and can be placed in a box in the elevator (parking lot) entrance. Thanks for your consideration!

R3 GROCERY MINISTRY UPDATE: We will no longer require shoppers to purchase items for our food kits. We are receiving an abundant amount of food from our two partner organizations and do not need any additional supplies. However, we need help picking up those supplies. If you have a pickup truck or trailer and are available to pick up cases of food from East Berlin on Saturday mornings, please speak to an R3 team member. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry.

ST. PAUL'S R3 TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER! With the help of many volunteers we have been providing food (non-perishables, produce, etc.) to over 50 families each week. We are looking to change that plan slightly. While we welcome "drop in" volunteers any Saturday morning (9:30-11:00), we're looking to start putting together TEAMS of volunteers to distribute on a posted schedule (similar to our PAL Lunch teams). In this way, individuals could serve just one Saturday a month (provided we have enough volunteers). Again, volunteers are welcome to just "show up" if they are available more than once a month. Are you interested in being part of a team? Contact the church office or Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) or 717-586-0596 for information or to sign up as a member of a team. Thanks for helping us continue this vital ministry to our neighbors during this difficult time!

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is excited to share that Rotation Sunday School for PreK through 6th grade will resume on Sunday, September 13. The sessions will be similar to the summer Children’s Time that we have done during previous years. The children will leave the lawn service when Pastor Burkhardt begins his sermon and return at end of service. Someone will be near Middle Street entrance to escort the children to the Gathering Room on the second floor. Children are to wear masks. Miss Gretchen will be leading the sessions with help.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. - Romans 13:10*

Striving to keep the two commandments to love God with all our being and love our neighbors as ourselves, we naturally care for the common good. We learn that what affects one really affects us all.

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THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

until the end of September. Here is an updated list of what is needed:

- 178 – 70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" by 10½"
- 32 – pencil sharpeners
- 168 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- No more pencils or erasers are needed.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES are available near the bushes by the altar. Please take one home and fill it. There is a brochure in the box telling you what is needed. **Return the filled boxes as soon as we are meeting back inside the church building.** The final date for boxes to be returned is November 15, 2020. Thank you for caring.

	<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 13</u>
Assisting Minister:	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider
Ushers:	Bob Myers Leroy Zellers	Allan Brandt Leroy Zellers
Offering Deposit Team:	Russ Kaltreider Diana Leppo	Dave Maus Tom Miller

REMOTE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Friday – 8:00 am to noon
(The physical church office will remain closed until further notice but can still be reached by phone or email.)

SUN., SEPTEMBER 6	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service
WED., SEPTEMBER 9	7:00 pm	All Committee Night
SAT., SEPTEMBER 12		Grocery Ministry
SUN., SEPTEMBER 13	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service