# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024

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### 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.

## Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

# **Guiding Principles:**

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

# **Important Worship Notes**

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

**P**: Pastor

C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

### THE GATHERING

### WELCOME

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence for reflection

Gracious God.

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.



### \*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.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

# C And also with you.

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little

children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish(man) and ishshah (woman).

- L The First Reading according to Genesis 2:18-24
  - <sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 8 read responsively

- A <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- C <sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

L The Second Reading according to Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



\*GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

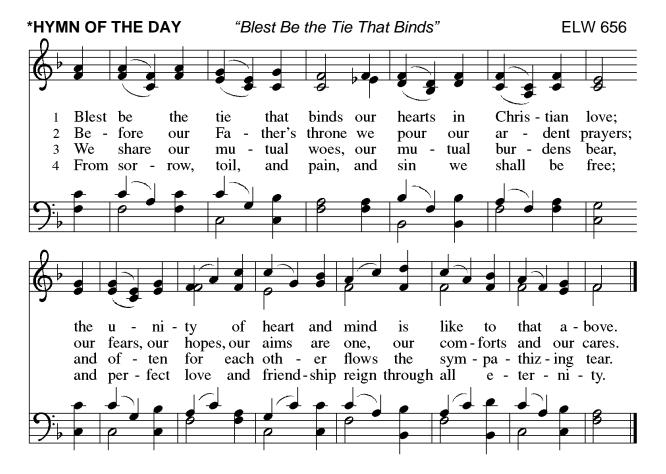
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- P This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SERMON



## \*APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet (especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today). God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

#### Amen.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

### THE MEAL

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Gift of Love"
Adult and Youth Choirs

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Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <a href="https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.">https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</a> If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God,

C source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# \*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C 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

P 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:

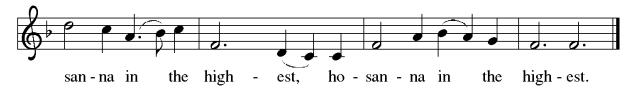
## \*SANCTUS





heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we

are able; we ask 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, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

ter - nal

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

peace with

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.



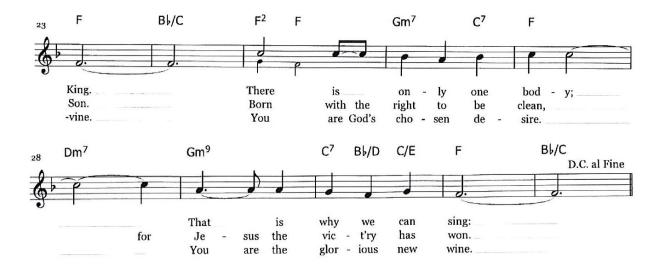
God you made: give us your peace, we

# **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**









### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

# \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

### THE SENDING

Children and Faith Formation leaders are dismissed to start Sunday School time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# \*BLESSING

- P God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.





#### \*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

\* Stand if you are able

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	October 6	October 13
Assisting Minister:	Gretchen Walter	Bill Sowers
Acolyte:	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader:	Jon Shaw	Bill Sowers
Communion Distributors	Janet Haack	Josh Baringer
	Michelle Johnson	Steph Baringer
Ushers:	Wayne Butler	Wayne Butler
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler
Altar:	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the glory of God and wishing a happy heavenly birthday to Richard Angel, Sr., always in our hearts, by Kitty and children.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Pete Shovlin, by Maureen Kaltreider.

**CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AFTER COMMUNION** (approximately 10:30 am) during the announcement time. From 10:30 - 10:50 will be music time with Ms. Gretchen. From 10:50 - 11:30 will be Faith Formation time with rotating teachers. All children are welcome!

**CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA** - Please join us following worship on Sundays, October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 and as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

**DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes,** will be held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge,** to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30 am.

This class will not be held on October 20 & 27, November 3, 10 & 17 so that everyone can attend the Congregation Conversations.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SERVE! Just a few weeks ago we celebrated God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. Consider being God's hands in helping distribute food to our neighbors! Meet the Fabulous Friday crew in the gym at 3:00 (til 4:30) to help set up for grocery distribution AND//OR on Saturday at 9:00 (til 11:00) to pack and distribute. NO HEAVY LIFTING required and there are jobs for all ages and abilities. Come check it out and spread some joy!

**FALL IS HERE** and the Men in Mission's Used Book Sale will be held on Friday October 11th, 9am to 3pm, and Saturday, October 12th, 9am to 12pm. If you would like to donate any books, DVD's, or puzzles, please place them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office for arrangements for someone to pick them up prior to the day of the sale.

Also on Saturday, October 12th we will be having a Pancake, scrambled eggs, and sausage breakfast along with a beverage from 7am-10am. A suggested donation of \$5.00 is requested. All donations raised from these two events are used to support our Youth.

**OCTOBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING** will go toward our sponsored church in Tanzania. Funds that we send to our sponsored church will greatly help them in establishing a building where they can worship along with other necessities for their use. In building a relationship with our sponsored church, we can help spread the word and love of our God, not only to the members of our community, but to people in another part of the world.

**HERITAGE CHOIR** will rehearse on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am in the sanctuary.

# SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at <u>finance@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio-Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Oct. 27 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Oct. 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

**CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK - THE WORSHIP BULLETINS** were sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Harry Dusman's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 9/30 by Ralph and Gay Dickson.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** was sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Harry Dusman's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 9/30 by Matthew and Jared Dickson.

9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Service – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am
Immediately following Worship	Coffee Hour – Lounge Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
<b>MON., OCT. 7</b> 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Somethings Brewing Bible Study - Lounge
<b>MON., OCT. 8</b> 6:00 pm	Finance Committee - Lounge
THUR., OCT. 10 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Boy Scout Troop 102 - Youth Room & Gym Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
<b>FRI., OCT. 11</b> 9 am – 3 pm 3:00 pm	Men in Mission Used Book Sale – Fellowship Hall Grocery Ministry prep – Gym Sisters in Faith Retreat – Mar Lu Ridge
SAT., OCT. 12 7 – 10 am 9 am – 12 pm 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Sisters in Faith Retreat – Mar Lu Ridge Men in Mission Breakfast-\$5 donation–Fellowship Hall Men in Mission Used Book Sale – Fellowship Hall Grocery Ministry – Boy Scouts Saturday Evening Service - Lounge Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., OCT. 13  8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am  Immediately following Worship	Sisters in Faith Retreat – Mar Lu Ridge Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Followed by Faith Formation at 10:50 am Coffee Hour – Lounge
	Daily Discipleship Class – Nursery room – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Youth Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary