

I am the **living bread**
that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will
live forever.

John 6:51, NRSV

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

8:00 & 9:30 am Worship Services

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

“Purpose: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.”

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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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 34:9-14 (*read responsively*)

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good. R**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- ¹ ten to me;
I will teach you reverence ¹ for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- ¹ sure in life
and desires long life to en- ¹ joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your ¹ tongue from evil
and your lips from ¹ lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil ¹ and do good;
seek peace ¹ and pursue it. 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Proverbs 9:1-6
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Ephesians 5:15-20
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Burkhart

* **Song**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

Offering

Offering Song

(If you have not already deposited your offering, please do so now.)

"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.



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.



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



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. Give thanks!

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* 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 and grape juice are also available.

Intinction Communion Distribution (8:00 am)

(For folks with difficulty walking on the grass, remain seated in the first row and communion will be brought to you.)

Continuous Communion Distribution (9:30 am)

Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6 ft. distance in the aisle. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.

* **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.

**C: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.
Thanks be to God.**

* **Postlude (9:30 am)**

* Stand if you are able

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Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

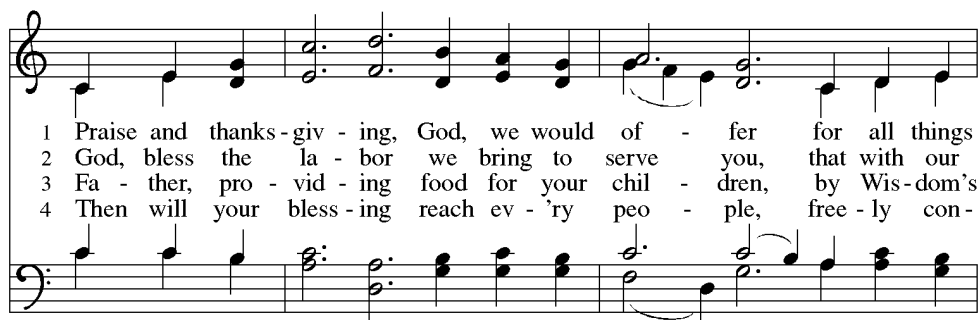
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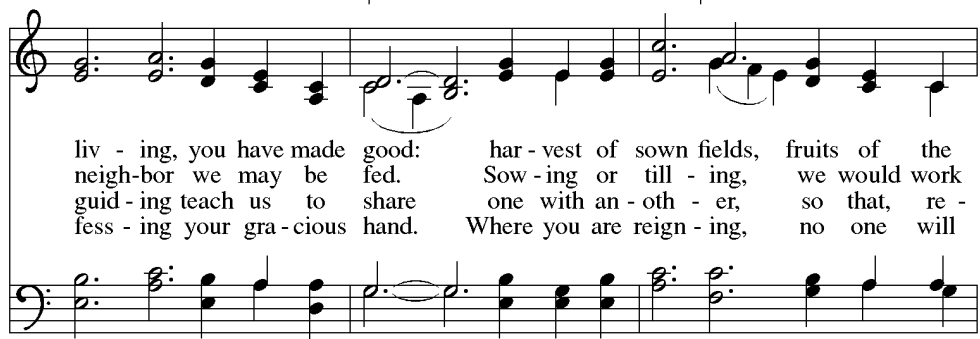
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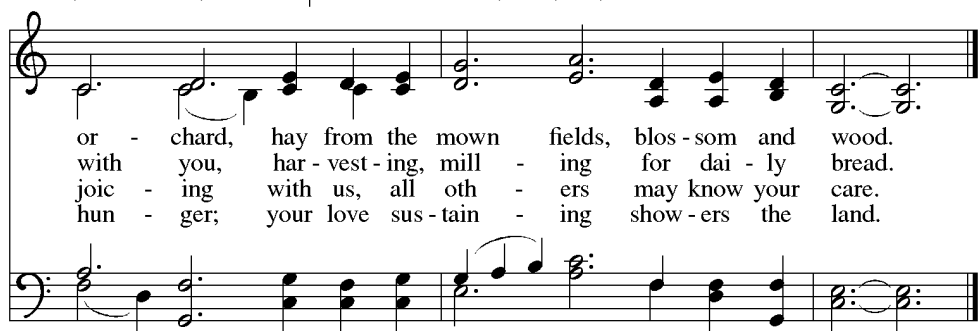
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
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: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Gervis F. Sponseller by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Kenneth R. Wolfe on his birthday August 13 by Nadine and family.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God by a friend.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Radio – Sept. 12, 19 & 26 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – Sept. 12 (2 vases) & Sept. 26 (1 vase) (\$20/vase)

Communion Bread & Wine – Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$12)

Bulletin – August 22, Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – August 22, September 5, 19 & 26 (\$10)

CARD SHOWER: Mildred Geiman will be celebrating her 100th birthday at a party on August 28. Her actual birthday was on August 14. We encourage an outpouring of birthday greetings from the congregation to:

Mildred Geiman
2161 Grandview Road
Hanover PA 17331

YOUTH AND FAMILIES: something new this fall!! We will gather on the third Sunday of each month for a meal and fellowship time. Join us on September 19 for our first gathering. We'll gather for lunch and praise time before each "group" -SPYKids, SPY, and parents- separates for their own activities. At this point, we will be meeting after late worship till 2:00. All youth grades K-12 and their families are invited! Contact Nancy Smith or Bill Sowers for more information.

BOUNDLESS—this is the theme for the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering! We hope to send youth (entering 9th through 12th grade) to this once-in-a-lifetime event in Minneapolis. Plans are starting now, but look for more information coming soon. Join us on September 19 (after worship) as we begin this journey together! See Deb Sowers for more information.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION are invited to a retreat in November (12-14) at Mar-Lu-Ridge. "Pray Always" is our theme and there are many options for you as to how to participate. Check out our Evangel for more details or contact Deb Sowers.

OUR GROCERY MINISTRY IS IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEERS to help in various ways. How can YOU help us serve our neighbors?

- **unloading and organizing** donations received (Fridays from 3:00 - 4:00)--some heavy-lifting is involved BUT we are also in need of good organizers and sorters (no lifting)
- **visioning** team (time TBD by volunteers)--to what is God calling us; how can we improve on what we are called to do?
- **communication** team (on your own time!)--send thank you notes; PR in the community
- **distributors** (9-11:30 Saturday mornings)--no need to come every Saturday...but WHICH week could you serve?
- **donations** -- we continue to seek monetary donations for the items we purchase (eggs and produce each week)

Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) or Nancy Smith to volunteer.

PROPERTY IS GOING TO HAVE A WORKDAY EVENT Saturday, August 28 starting at 8:00 am. Pressure washing, landscaping, cleaning and odd end jobs will be performed. We should be wrapping up by noon or 1ish. Please come and help if you are able to do so. Property Committee thanks you for any assistance you are able to do. Russell Johnson, Property Liaison

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at the home of Becki Davis at 6:30 pm. In order to carpool we will meet at the church at 6:00 pm. No chairs are needed. We will be discussing "*A Higher Calling*" by Adam Makos and Larry Alexander. " Hope to see you there.

FAITH IN ACTION IS COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL KITS again this year. Needed are notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, blue and black pens, and crayons (16 or 24). See Evangel for specifics. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. – Ephesians 5:15, 16*
 God gives all of us the same abundance of time – 24 hours in every day, and it's so easy to waste! Steward disciples pray for wisdom to live each day to its fullest, and to turn away from the world's evils.

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	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
Offering Deposit Team:	Dave Maus Tom Miller	Peg Sennett Jon Shaw
Sound System:	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
Ushers:	Team 5	Team 5
Altar:	Team 4	Team 4

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00 AM TO NOON.
 The pastor is available during these hours unless called away.
 Appointments are preferred.
 Pastor Burkhart can be reached by phone 24/7.
 If there is no answer, please leave a message.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (in person)
 Monday – Thursday – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (by phone)
 Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (by phone)

SUN., AUG. 15	8:00 am	Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather)
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
THURS., AUG. 19	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
SAT., AUG. 21	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Book Club)
SUN., AUG. 22	8:00 am	Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather)
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Lancers Flag Line Practice