

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 22, 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

**Presentation of Boy Scout Awards – 9:30 only**  
**BSA Troop 102: Good Turn Awards**  
**Scout Allen Landis: God and Life Award**

### † 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 34:15-22 (read responsively)

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. R**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe | all their bones;  
not one of them | shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. 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

*"Canticle of the Turning"*

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### \* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer: C: Amen.*

### First Reading:

L: A reading from Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from Ephesians 6:10-20  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 6:56-59

**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**

*“O Word of God Incarnate”*

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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)**

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\* Stand if you are able

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# Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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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.

	<u>August 22</u>	<u>August 29</u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Frank Hueske	
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Peg Sennett Jon Shaw	Nancy Smith Laura Silver
<b>Sound System:</b>	Christopher Johnson	John Markle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Altar:</b>	Team 4	Team 4

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

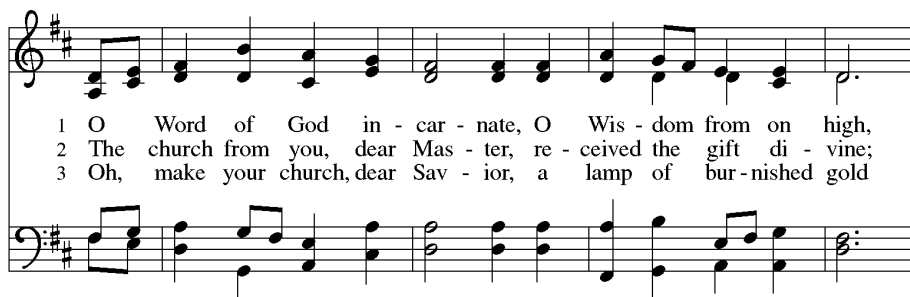
Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (in person)  
Monday – Thursday – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (by phone)  
Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (by phone)

**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.

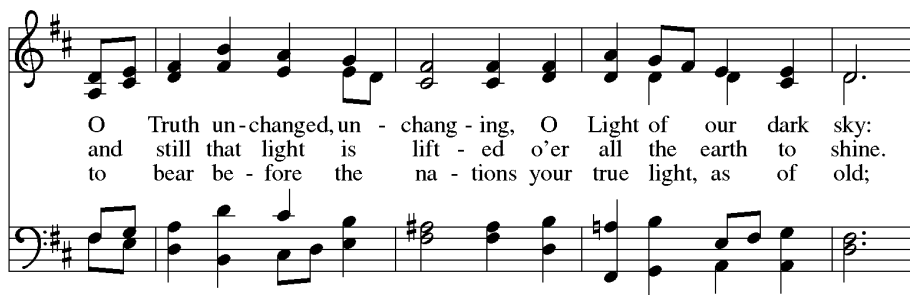
**CARD SHOWER:** Mildred Geiman will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at a party on August 28. Her actual birthday was on August 14. We encourage an outpouring of birthday greetings from the congregation to:

Mildred Geiman  
2161 Grandview Road  
Hanover, PA 17331

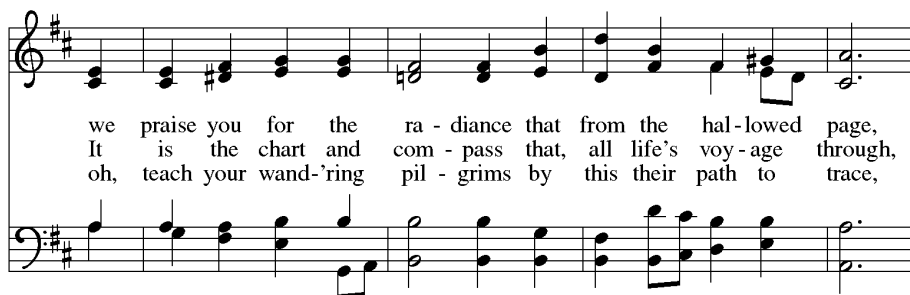
# O Word of God Incarnate



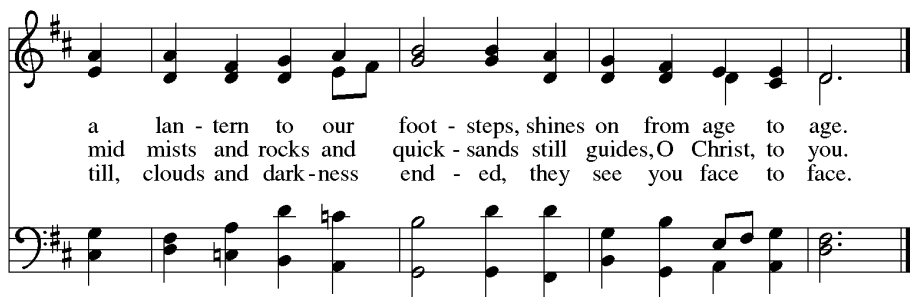
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Mabel Barrick's birthday on August 23<sup>rd</sup> by her daughters, Elaine, Joan and Brenda.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Lottie, Virg, Kristie and Margaret Loss, and John Lawrence by the Loss family.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Lois Brandt's birthday on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Mabel Barrick's birthday on August 23<sup>rd</sup> by her daughters, Elaine, Joan and Brenda.

**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 –Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame –September 5, 19 & 26 (\$10)

**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 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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

**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](mailto:debsowers@gmail.com)) or Nancy Smith to volunteer.

**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:** John 6:68 – Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We hear so many voices in our culture luring us to follow by promising us prosperity, power, fun, escape, prestige, etc. But steward disciples know that only Jesus has the words of true life, eternal life. We listen only for Jesus' words.

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<b>SUN., AUG. 22</b>	8:00 am	Outdoor Worship (inside if inclement weather)
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Lancers Flag Line Practice
<b>THURS., AUG. 26</b>	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts – Court of Honor
<b>SAT., AUG. 28</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Book Club)
<b>SUN., AUG. 29</b>	8:00 am	Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather)
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service