

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15,
NRSV



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 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

Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries

Lori Rebling, Hand Bell Director

Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music

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Missionaries: Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson and family

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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 15 (read responsively)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ^l tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ^l holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ^l what is right,
who speak the truth ^l from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ^l to their
friends;

they do not cast discredit up- ^l on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who ^l fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ^l back
their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
ribes a- ^l gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ^l overthrown. **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

"He Is Exalted"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from James 1:17-27

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Burkhardt

* Song

"This is My Father's World"

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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,



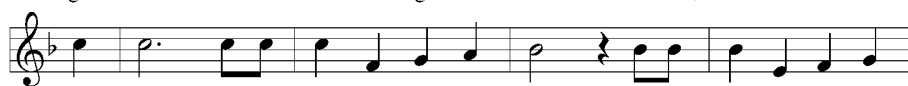
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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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

HE IS EXALTED

VERSE

F F/A B \flat B \flat /C C 7

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

5 F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C D sus

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

CHORUS

10 D Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B \flat F/A

He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign.

15 Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B \flat F/A

Heav - en and earth re - joice in His ho - ly name.

19 Gm B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /C F

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!

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This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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.

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)

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 6, LABOR DAY.

August 29

September 5

Assisting Minister:

Russ Kaltreider

Offering Deposit Team:

Nancy Smith

Frank Hueske

Laura Silver

Russ Johnson

Sound System:

John Markle

Christopher Johnson

Ushers:

Team 5

Team 6

Altar:

Team 4

Team 2

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of my sister, Donna Weber's birthday by Gary and Nancy Martin.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor my dear friend, Betty Markle, by Sally Lovelace.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of my grandson, Kolten Scott Long, who was born July 1 by Sally Lovelace.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of all of St. Paul's members who so willingly give of their time and talents by Sally Lovelace. Thank you so much!

THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of Deb Sowers for, once again, leading the Sisters in Faith Retreat by Sally Lovelace.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Gladys George's birthday on August 21 by her daughter, Sally Lovelace.

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)

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00 AM TO NOON

The pastor is available during these hours unless called away.

Appointments are preferred.

Pastor Burkhardt can be reached by phone 24/7.

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN YESTERDAY'S WORKDAY!

SEPTEMBER'S SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit New Hope Ministries.

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT will be held on **Wednesday, September 8th**, at 7:00 pm. If you are on a committee, check with your chairperson as to whether your committee is meeting and, if so, where and how they plan to meet.

- **2021 Annual Reports are due in the office by August 31st. These reports should contain information from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021.**
- **2022 Budget figures are due in the office by September 27. Year-to-date expense reports for your committee will be emailed sometime next week.**

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.

FALL FUN FAITH FORMATION for children 3 years through 6th grade begins September 19th. Please Join Us!!!

We will meet in the courtyard on the 2nd floor of the education wing every Sunday at 9:30am, concurrent with the 9:30am indoor worship service. We will focus on a different Bible story every four weeks while rotating through crafts, games, songs, and theater activities designed to reinforce the principal concepts of the story. We will finish in time to bring the children down to the sanctuary to commune with their family and participate in the conclusion of the service. Once a month we will also share a musical offering with the congregation at this time.

If you would like to assist with Rotation Faith Formation either as the required 2nd adult present (no planning or participation required) or by leading a rotation, please sign up for the Sunday of your choice on the volunteer bulletin board by the office or contact Gretchen Walter (stpaulschildrensmusic@gmail.com). Thank you!

YOUTH AND FAMILIES: Join us on Sept. 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 1:00. All youth grades K-12 and their families are invited! Contact Nancy Smith or Bill Sowers for more information.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet September 29, 2021 at Peg Sennett's home at 7:00pm. We will be discussing "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride. " Hope to see you there.

MEN IN MISSION FALL BOOK SALE will be held Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9. Donations of used books, puzzles, DVD's are being accepted. You can place your books along the right-hand wall in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit our youth.

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 Sept. 19 (during our Youth and Family time) as we begin this journey together! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office 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.

STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!! Our Grocery Ministry is in search of volunteers to help in various ways. How can YOU help us serve our neighbors? Volunteers needed for:

- + **unloading and organizing** donations received (Fridays from 3:00 - 5:00)--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); we could also use more (dozen-size) egg cartons

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

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: James 1:17 – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, "I thank God for" Do this every day and see how you feel.

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COVID-19 UPDATE – August 19, 2021

The Task Force had hoped to announce a full return to a pre-COVID worship and building use. However, with the Delta Variant and additional emerging variants, life continues to be uncertain.

All of us watch the news, the CDC announcements and Gov. Wolf's press releases. They all show that a large number of Pennsylvanians are fully vaccinated and our State is better than some others in new cases and hospitalizations. But unfortunately, the rising tide of the variants is lifting case numbers in all states and counties. Additionally, children under 12 and folks with compromising health issues cannot receive the vaccine, leaving them exposed to COVID.

Therefore, until further notice:

INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDING:

MASKS – For everyone, masks are required inside the church building including: Worship, meetings, visits to the office, Scouts, Music- In-Motion. Hand sanitizers are available. When working in the building in isolation, including the Pastor, staff, housekeeping, etc., a mask is not required, but must be worn when others enter the room.

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY – Masks are required. Marked off pews and hand sanitizer use will continue. Maintain 6 ft. of social distance and refrain from touching, hand shaking, etc. When receiving the Eucharistic elements, keep your mask on and consume the elements at the cup disposal station. The Pastor and Communion Assistant will be masked for Communion distribution; they may elect not to be masked when speaking from the pulpit, lectern, altar. (The Worship and Music Committee will inform you of any changes to the worship service schedule as cooler weather arrives.)

BUILDING USE – Masks are required for meetings, gatherings, visitors, Scouts, Music-In-Motion, Choirs, etc. The Kitchen and Lounge Kitchenette remain closed. Food preparation, coffee hour, and food for receptions/meetings is not permitted. Hand sanitizers at the building entrances will continue to be supplied. With revised CDC guidance, we are not returning to fogging or wipe down of high-touch areas.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON THE LAWN, PARKING LOT:

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – Masks continue to be optional and are not required for worship attendees. For Communion: hand sanitizer use will continue, please consume the elements as you proceed back to your seat, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be masked for distribution. (8AM Service on the Lawn will continue as long as weather permits.)

HOME COMING – the October 9th planned “Home Coming” activities scheduled for outside including: children’s fiesta, yard sale, entertainment, refreshments outside and in a tent will be held with mass being optional. Any activities held in the building, such as a book sale, will require masking.

BECOMING ILL WITH COVID SYMPTOMS OR TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The following protocols remain in place:

1. If you become ill with COVID symptoms and you were in the church building or in contact with staff or a member of St. Paul’s, you are responsible to promptly notify Pastor Burkhart or a Task Force member.
2. Any member of the Staff or Council who becomes aware of an individual ill with COVID symptoms is responsible to notify Pastor Burkhart or a Task Force member.

From Gov. Wolf: “Vaccination is an important way that all of us can keep our family, friends and community members safe from more contagious and more dangerous variants of COVID-19. Low case counts and high rates of vaccination in eligible people are what keep all of us, including the immunocompromised and children under twelve, safe.”

We welcome your input, suggestions, concerns. Please feel free to contact any Task Force member: Pastor Burkhart, Suzanne Butler, Carla Hausmann, Russ Johnson, Peg Sennett (Chair), or Council President, Russ Kaltreider.

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| SUN., AUG. 29 | 8:00 am | Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather) |
| | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| MON., AUG. 30 | 6:00 pm | Girl Scout Leaders meeting |
| TUE., AUG. 31 | 6:30 pm | Cub Scout Leaders meeting |
| THURS., SEPT. 2 | 6:00 pm | Boy Scouts |
| | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:00 pm | Sr. Choir rehearsal |
| SAT., SEPT. 4 | 10:00 am | Grocery Ministry (SPY Kids and Youth) |
| SUN., SEPT. 5 | 8:00 am | Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather) |
| | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| MON., SEPT. 6 LABOR DAY | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| WED., SEPT. 8 | 7:00 pm | All Committee Night |