

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 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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Lori Rebling, Hand Bell Director

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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 146 (read responsively)

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals | in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in
them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up
those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous. R**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! 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.

* **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Isaiah 35:4-7a

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from James 2:1-10, 14-17

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:24-37

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

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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!

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

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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>September 5</u>	<u>September 12</u>
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
Offering Deposit Team:	Frank Hueske Russ Johnson	Russ Kaltreider Dan Kiser
Sound System:	Christopher Johnson	John Markle
Ushers:	Team 6	Team 6
Altar:	Team 1	Team 1

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

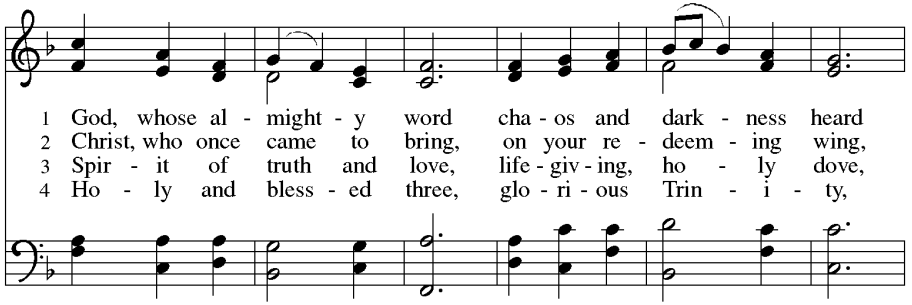
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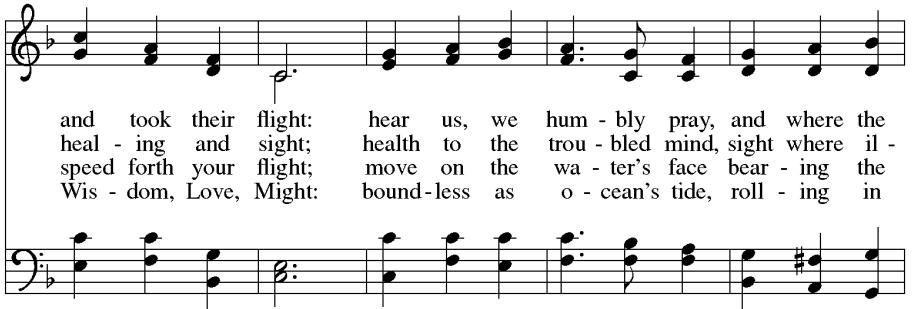
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God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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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.

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.

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

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

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Ed and Eileen Myers' anniversary on September 11 by the family.

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)

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

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. We need 70 blue or black ballpoint pens, 44 notebooks, and 9 scissors. We have enough of everything else to fill our bags. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - St. Paul's will have a booth at the Snack Town Street Fair (formerly Dutch Days) on Saturday, Sept. 18. We will need help with the following:

- Gathering and preparing materials
- Setting up &/or tearing down the booth
- Manning the booth, including:
 - running children's games
 - talking with people

You can sign up for a two-hour slot or do more.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Russ Kaltreider or sign up outside Pastor's office.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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 2:15 – If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

For many of us who have more than we need, it's very hard to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves. The questions steward/disciples have to ask prayerfully are, "How generous am I, really? Is God calling me to be more generous?"

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SUN., SEPT. 5	8:00 am 8:30 am 9:30 am	Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather) Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Indoor Worship (masks are required)
MON., SEPT. 6 LABOR DAY		OFFICE CLOSED
WED., SEPT. 8	7:00 pm	All Committee Night
THURS., SEPT. 9	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts Bell Choir rehearsal Sr. Choir rehearsal
SAT., SEPT. 11	9:00 am 10:00 am	Heritage Choir rehearsal Grocery Ministry (Boy Scout Troop 102)
SUN., SEPT. 12	8:00 am 8:30 am 9:30 am 2:00 pm	Outdoor Worship (inside in inclement weather) Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Indoor Worship (masks are required) Lancers Flag Line practice
MON., SEPT. 13	7:00 pm	Hanover Symphony Board meeting
TUES., SEPT. 14	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Music and Motion Fall semester begins Finance Committee meeting
WED., SEPT. 15	9:00 am 6:20 pm 7:00 pm	Music and Motion classes Music and Motion classes Council meeting
THURS., SEPT. 16	9:00 am 4:20 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Music and Motion classes Music and Motion classes Cub Scouts Boy Scouts Bell Choir rehearsal Sr. Choir rehearsal
FRI., SEPT. 17	9:00 am	PAL – Team 1 Music and Motion classes
SAT., SEPT. 18	10:00 am 10:00 am	Snack Town Street Fair Volunteers needed – see announcement (formerly Dutch Festival) Boy Scout Troop 102 Parking Fundraiser Grocery Ministry (Book Club) Music and Motion class