



WHAT GOOD IS IT
FOR SOMEONE TO

GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD,
YET FORFEIT THEIR SOUL?

MARK 8:36, NIV

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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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Announcements

Presentation of Bibles

† 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 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenever ¹er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name ¹of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life.” R**

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o- ¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low, ¹and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt ¹well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my ¹life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹of the LORD
in the land ¹of the living. 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

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from James 3:1-12
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-38

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**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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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.**

* **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.

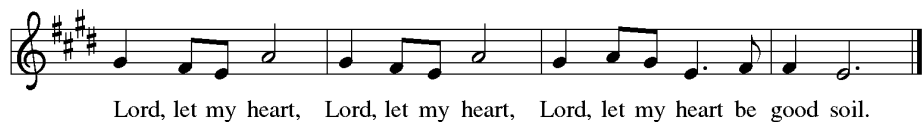
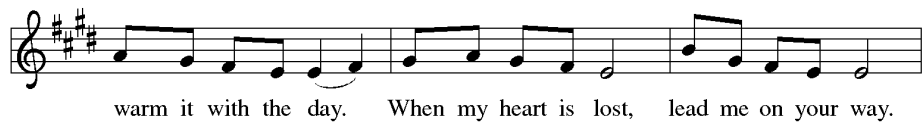
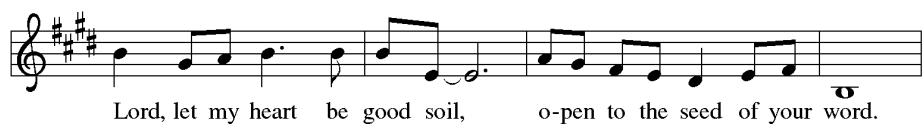
	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 19</u>
Assisting Minister:	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Offering Deposit Team:	Russ Kaltreider Dan Kiser	Tom Miller Dave Maus
Sound System:	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
Ushers:	Team 6	Team 6
Altar:	Team 1	Team 1

TODAY AT OUR 9:30 SERVICE WE ARE PRESENTING BIBLES to our new Confirmands. They are Boden Maus, Luke Rebert, Connor Shives, Alex Yelton and Leah Yelton.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the 9:30 service for all Confirmands and their parents. The meeting will be down the hall in our Church Lounge.

OUR FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on Sunday, September 26th, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service downstairs in our Youth Room which is right off of the gymnasium.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (**in person-call before you come**)

Monday – Thursday – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (by phone)

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God and in celebration of Leroy Zeller's 80th birthday by Linda, Jen, Beth, Bill and Jocelyn.

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the Glory of God and in celebration of Charles McConville's 94th birthday on September 14th.

THE BREAD AND WINE AND BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God and in celebration of Charles McConville's 94th birthday on September 14th.

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

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

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

Flowers – Sept. 26 (1 vase) (\$20/vase)

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

Bulletin – Sept. 19 & 26 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – September 19 & 26 (\$10)

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

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 are invited to our kick-off event next Sunday! We will gather at 11:00 (NOTE TIME CHANGE) in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a lunch and drink for your family. Each age group will meet separately after an Opening time together. Contact Deb Sowers or Nancy Smith for questions.

"BOUNDLESS"--youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer! Even if you aren't SURE you want to go on this trip, consider coming to our meeting next Sunday (starting at 11:00) for the details! Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) for more info.

THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE will be packing our school bags on Monday, Sept 27 at 930 in Fellowship Hall. We will welcome any and all volunteers to help us.

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. Deb will be in contact with participants with details in the next 2 weeks

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: Mark 8:35 – Jesus taught, “For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?” Jesus debunks the prevalent lie that the more we accumulate, the happier and more secure we will be. Steward/disciples learn that when we give ourselves fully to God, we save our lives and find true joy.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 102

It's recruitment time!

Our Pack meets on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Sunday School rooms.

We have dens for K through grade 5.

Come see what Scouting is all about.

Contact Terry Mays @ telee1959@hotmail.com for more information.

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