

Whoever wants to be

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must be

LAST



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of all and servant of all.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 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.”

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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 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name;

in your might, de- | fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my | prayer, O God;

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,

those who have no re- | gard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God | is my helper;

it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me;

in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble,

and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

### \*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 Jeremiah 11:18-20  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Frank Hueske

\* **Song**

*"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"*

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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 – 8:00 am only

(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,



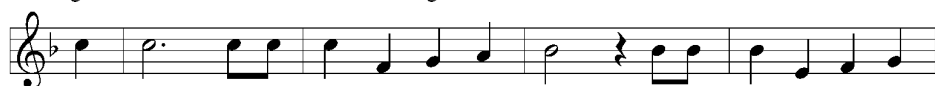
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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 Anthem – 9:30 am only

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Heritage Choir

\* **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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**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 19</u>	<u>September 19</u>
<b>Preacher:</b>	Frank Hueske	
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Russ Kaltreider	
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Tom Miller	Peg Sennett
	Dave Maus	Jon Shaw
<b>Sound System:</b>	Christopher Johnson	John Markle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 6	Team 6
<b>Altar:</b>	Team 1	Team 1

**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.

# 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.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hoke, and Kirby Hoke by Gary and family.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored to the Glory of God and in memory of family loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brandt.

**THE ROSEBUD** is presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Russ and Michelle's wedding anniversary by Karen Welsh.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Russ and Michelle Johnson's 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

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

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

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

Bulletin –Sept. 26 (\$20)

Eternal Flame –September 26 (\$10)

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

**FALL FUN FAITH FORMATION** for children 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade begins **today**. Please Join Us!!!

- We will meet in the courtyard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stpaulschildrensmusic@gmail.com)).

**YOUTH and FAMILIES** are invited to our kick-off event at 11:00 am today! We will gather 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.

**OUR FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be held next Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service downstairs in our Youth Room which is right off of the gymnasium unless it is decided otherwise.

**"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 today (starting at 11:00) for the details! Contact Deb Sowers ([debsowers@gmail.com](mailto:debsowers@gmail.com)) for more info.

**THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE** only needs **21 pairs of blunt scissors** to completely fill the 61 backpacks we have for the School Kit project for LWR. We thank everyone for all of the donations we have received for these kits this year. You are truly doing God's work to help others.

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

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** James 4:1, 2 – Those conflicts and disputes among you ... do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. James puts his finger on the pulse of human misery. We drive ourselves crazy by craving the things we don't have and envying those who have more than we do! Spiritual maturity and practicing steward/discipleship help bring us sanity.

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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](mailto:telee1959@hotmail.com) for more information.

<b>SUN., SEPT. 19</b>	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)
<b>MON., SEPT. 20</b>	7:00 pm	Girl Scout groups
<b>TUES., SEPT. 21</b>	9:00 am	Music and Motion Fall
<b>WED., SEPT. 22</b>	9:00 am	Music and Motion classes
	6:20 pm	Music and Motion classes
<b>THURS., SEPT. 23</b>	9:00 am	Music and Motion classes
	4:20 pm	Music and Motion classes
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir rehearsal
<b>FRI., SEPT. 24</b>	9:00 am	Music and Motion classes
<b>SAT., SEPT. 25</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Book Club)
	10:00 am	Music and Motion class