

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 16, 2021

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: 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so [|] with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. 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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. *Response to the prayer:* **C: Amen.**

First Reading:

- L: A reading from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

- L: A reading from 1 John 5:9-13 The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 17:6-19

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Rotation Faith Formation

Pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.

Sermon

Rev. Burkhart

* Song

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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* Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. 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

"I Will Rise"

arr. McDonald

Senior Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

* 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.

Continuous Communion Distribution

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. Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. 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

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus





Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 Public Domain

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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God by a friend.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Betty Markle for never giving up. You are an inspiration to us all by Sally Lovelace.

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THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

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MAY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Radio May 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers May 23 one vase & 30 two vases (\$20 per vase)
- Communion Bread & Wine May 30 (\$12)
- Bulletin May 23 & 30 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame May 23 & 30 (\$10)

GRADUATES please let the church office know if you, or any member of St. Paul's, is graduating from high school, college or trade school this year so that we can acknowledge you in June/July's Evangel. We would also love to hear what your future plans are. You can email us at <u>stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net</u> or call us at 717-637-5941.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME COOKS AND FOOD PREP VOLUNTEERS! Family Fest will be serving a light meal each night (June 13 - 17), and we will need volunteers to help prepare the food (make it pre-packaged) and distribute the food. Volunteers must be at least 2 weeks post-vaccination according to our COVID Task Force parameters. Contact Deb Sowers (<u>debsowers@gmail.com</u>) to volunteer or if you have any questions. We're hoping for at least 2-4 volunteers!

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? Come join us as we explore the Parable of the Good Samaritan through worship, study, games, and fellowship! Family Fest is June 13 - 17. See the Evangel for more details and to register. Everyone ages 0-100 are welcome!

A FEW GOOD MEN (and WOMEN) are needed to help with our Grocery Ministry on Saturday mornings from 9 - 11:30 am. Won't you come check us out and volunteer? Lots of good fellowship happens during our time together serving our neighbors in love! HELP IS ESPECIALLY NEEDED ON <u>SATURDAY</u>, MAY 29, as it is a "fifth" Saturday and no group is assigned.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB is meeting on <u>Wednesday, May 26, 2021</u> at the home of Janet Haack, 344 Foxleigh Drive, Hanover, PA 17331 at 7:00 pm to discuss the book *"The Woman Who Smashed Codes"* by Jason Fagone. Please bring a lawn chair, a flashlight, and a drink since we are meeting outside in her backyard. If rainy we will meet in her garage. Join us for good discussion and fellowship.

THE PRAYER LIST IS EMAILED WEEKLY to those who want to include members and friends in their prayers. If you are not receiving the prayer list and would like to, please email Sue (<u>swineholt@comcast.net</u>) in the church office to be included.

MAY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING is St. Paul's Sabbatical Policy funding. St. Paul's Sabbatical Leave Policy can be provided as an opportunity for called personnel to have a leave up to three months for professional enrichment, study, growth, travel, skill development and research, all for the purpose of enrichment for continued service in the church. Seven years of continued service is required.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." – John 17:18

Jesus prayerfully sent his disciples into the world knowing the challenges that awaited them. Likewise, our elders steward us into the world with prayer, love, and hope. They know the difficulties that await; yet they send us on as God's beloved children first and always.

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	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Russ Kaltreider
Offering Deposit Team:	Laura Silver	Frank Hueske
	Nancy Smith	Russ Johnson
Sound System:	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
Ushers:	Team 2	Team 2
Altar:	Team 1	Team 1

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come.)

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SUN., MAY 16	 8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 10:30 am Confirmation Rehearsal 11:00 am Daily Disciples (Zoom) 	
MON., MAY 17	6:30 pm Girl Scouts	
THURS., MAY 20	6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	
SAT., MAY 22	10:00 am Grocery Ministry (Council)	
SUN., MAY 23	Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation 8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 11:00 am Daily Disciples (Zoom)	