



**23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 13, 2022

9:30 am Worship Services

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA**

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## Announcements

### †Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 98 (*read responsively*)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

### \*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

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

Insert

### \*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer: C: Amen.*

## **First Reading:**

L: A reading from Malachi 4:1-2a

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading:**

L: A reading from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

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

P: <sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great

signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

*The Gospel concludes:*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Burkhart

**\*Song**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Insert

**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:** Let us pray...

**C:** Have mercy, O God.

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers:* **C: Amen.**

**The Peace**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

**Offering Anthem** “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” arr. Thompson  
Handbell 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, ourselves, 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. 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.*

**Communion Anthem** “*One Bread, One Body*” arr. Thompson  
Handbell Choir

**\*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.**

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\* Stand if you are able

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	<u><b>November 13</b></u>	<u><b>November 20</b></u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Ginny Murray	Frank Hueske
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Donna Lehman	Nancy Smith
<b>Offering Depositors:</b>	Sharon Bortner	Frank Hueske
	Amy Feeser	Dave Maus
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Altar:</b>	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack	Janet Haack

**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 or any staff member.

**NOVEMBER’S DESIGNATED GIVING** will benefit ELCA’S World Hunger.

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)

Radio—Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18 & 24 - \$60 or any portion you desire)

Altar Flowers—Dec. 4 (2 vases) & Dec. 11 (1 vase) (\$20)

Communion Bread & Wine—Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 24 & 25 (\$12)

Worship Bulletins—Dec. 4, 11 & 25 (\$20)

Eternal Flame—Dec. 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$10)

**FAITH FORMATION** for children 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our Education wing during the 9:30 am worship service. The children return to the worship service in time to commune with their parents. **Please Join Us!!!**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** are held on Sunday immediately following the 9:30 am worship service downstairs in our Youth Room.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** rehearse on Sunday immediately following the 9:30 am service in Fellowship Hall.

**THE BELL CHOIR** rehearses on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm downstairs in the choir room.

**THE ADULT CHOIR** rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF DONATIONS OF MEAT (OR MONEY)** for our Thanksgiving Grocery Ministry distribution. Contact Deb Sowers or Nancy Smith to donate. Please let us know **by November 14 if you plan to donate** either meat or money so we can keep a running total of what we need. For in-kind donations, consider purchasing turkey (12 lbs. or less), ham (5 lbs. or less), or pork (5 lbs. or less). We would like these donations to be delivered to the church on Saturday, November 19 by 9:30 since we do not have the ability to keep items cold.

**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the home of Joan Witman. We will be discussing the book **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins.

**YOUTH IN GRADES 3 AND UP** who have not yet attended a First Communion Class are invited to attend this session. Youth will learn about the sacraments of the Lutheran tradition. A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board across from Pastor Bob's office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bob.

**HELP IS NEEDED** – we could use some **extra help with the November 19<sup>th</sup>** Grocery Ministry. Could you help us from 9:00 - 11:15? What a great opportunity to serve...especially if you haven't participated before!

**YOUTH AND FAMILY** will gather on Nov. 20 following worship. SPY should bring their calendars/phones so we can schedule a few activities we have planned (retreat, lock-in, mission trip, etc.). Together we'll celebrate being **THANKFUL!**

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** are available on the table where the bulletin baskets are located as well as the tables in the corner at the kitchen window. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**NOVEMBER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** - We want to keep you informed on an upcoming change in the church's office hours. Normally the church office hours are from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on Friday. The church office will be closed on the following days in November: Thursday., November. 24, Friday, November 25 and Monday, November 28. We thank you for your understanding.

**HERITAGE CHOIR** will rehearse on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** - Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> with Linda Zellers leading.



**MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY'S IN ADVENT BEGINNING NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.** The theme this year is what the Advent candles mean to us.

**We are in need of 3 or 4 volunteers each Wed. evening to participate in a 5–7 minute dialog. Please see Steven Ruppright or call the church office if you are willing to participate.**

**“CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS”** - I hope this year has been one full of blessings for you and your family, but not for all our families in Hanover. There has been a greater need in families which are not able to purchase even the smallest gift for their loved ones. We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season. Starting November 6th there will be a table on display in the back of the Fellowship Hall , with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. **Please place items in box by November 27<sup>th</sup>.** They will be taken to New Hope on Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much! The Faith In Action Committee

**JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY “LIGHT OF THE WORLD’**  
**By Amy-Jill Levine.** Come and learn beginning **November 29<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** with Linda Zellers leading the study. More details can be found in the November Evangel. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at the top of the steps.

**ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30 am Worship Service**

The business part of the meeting is to do the following:

- elect new council members (TBA)
- approve the proposed budget for 2023 (which will be included in the December/January Evangel)
- to review the 2022 Annual Reports through August 31<sup>st</sup> that will be included in the December/January Evangel mailing.
- approve painting Fellowship Hall and the stairways using money for the Raubenstine Fund (not to exceed \$40,000.00).

## COVID-19 UPDATE – Nov. 1, 2022

***'TIS THE SEASON!* Not for holidays and celebrations – but for COVID, respiratory infections, influenza, and the common cold.**

How do we protect ourselves, and each other, as winter sets in and contagions fill the air?

For your safety, St. Paul's will:

- Keep air moving through Fellowship Hall by leaving the HVAC circulation fans on low and operating floor fans.
- Place hand sanitizers at the entrance and reinstate hand sanitizing prior to receiving Communion.

For your part, please:

- Sanitize your hands as you arrive for worship and again prior to receiving the Sacrament. This is important since many have returned to shaking hands during the passing of the peace.
- Wear a mask if you are immune compromised.
- If you don't feel well, stay home and watch the Worship Service electronically.
- Per your physician's advice, get a flu shot and Covid vaccine/boosters.

During the past three years our protocols have protected St Paul's members from a COVID spreading event. Since this winter threatens to be a heavy infectious season, please continue to show Christian love and concern by following St. Paul's guidance.

Covid Task Force

## **BUILDING RENOVATIONS – WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED?**

**SANCTUARY** To rave reviews, painting of Ceiling and Walls is complete; refinishing the floor is in process. Pews will be returned to the sanctuary and the painters will return to finish their work.

The staining and sealing of the sanctuary oak floor has begun and will take one full month for the floor to harden/cure. The floor cannot be walked on during this process. Even walking on the floor without shoes will cause damage. PLEASE, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE SANCTUARY. Once the floor is cured in mid-December, you will be invited back into the sanctuary to see the progress.

### ***When will we resume worship in the Sanctuary?***

A definite date is unknown. Waiting for the oak floor to cure, returning the pews to the sanctuary, having the painters return to finish their work – all of this takes time. Everyone would like a return by Christmas, but that may not be possible. And whether we celebrate Christmas in the sanctuary or in fellowship hall, worship will still be glorious and festive.

A huge challenge in resuming worship in the sanctuary will be reinstalling the pews. Returning the pews will be more difficult than when they were removed since we do not want to damage the new floor. The move will begin in mid-December and could take several workdays/evenings depending on how many physically strong volunteers are available to help. We will keep you posted on moving dates/times.

**HALLWAYS ON THE MAIN FLOOR** As part of the Sanctuary project, hallways on the main floor have been painted.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL AND HALLWAYS/STAIRWELLS** Congregational Council approved the painting of Fellowship Hall along with the hallways and stairwells up to the main floor and to the landing leading to the second floor. Because cost will be \$40,000, Congregation approval will be requested at our December 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Funding will come from the Raubenstine bequest. Based upon Congregation approval, this work will be done in January/February 2023. Also, during this time, damaged ceiling tiles will be replaced.

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Fellowship Hall will be closed to any activities during January and February. As appropriate, the Lounge will be available.

Building Renovation Task Force

**SUN., NOV. 13**      8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
9:30 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Confirmation Class  
10:30 am Youth Choir rehearsal

**MON., NOV. 14**      6:30 pm Girl Scouts groups

**TUES., NOV. 15**      6:30 pm St. Paul's Book Club (offsite)

**THUR., NOV. 17**      5:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir room)  
6:30 pm Cub and Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

**FRI., NOV. 18**      3:30 pm Grocery Ministry prep

**SAT., NOV. 19**      9:00 am Grocery Ministry (St. Paul's Book Club)  
9:00 am Communion Enrichment Retreat  
for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

**SUN., NOV. 20**      **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM  
9:30 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 am Confirmation Class  
10:30 am Youth Choir rehearsal