

*"For all those who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted."*



LUKE 18:14

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2022

9:30 am Worship Services

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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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 84:1-7 (*read responsively*)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

* 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

"Change My Heart, O God"

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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 14:7-10, 19-22**

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD

concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Burkhardt

* Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" page 7

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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.

At this time you may also bring your Statement of Intent card forward and place in the basket. Thank you for your prayerfully consideration of growing your generosity.

The assembly is seated.

Offering Anthem

"Big House"

Stuart, Blair, McGinnis & Herdman

Children's 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. 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. 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.

* 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 or any staff member.

	<u>October 23</u>	<u>October 30</u>
Assisting Minister:	Lucille Farrington	
Lay Reader	Janet Haack	Betty Sheets
Offering Depositors:	Donna Lehman	Peg Sennett
	Cindy Schmidt	Jon Shaw
Ushers:	Team 2	Team 2
Altar:	Ginny Murray	Ginny Murray
	Donna Lehman	Donna Lehman

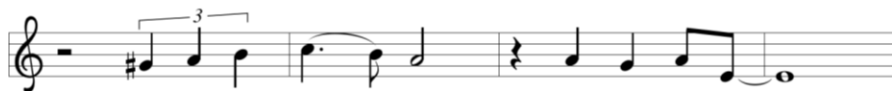
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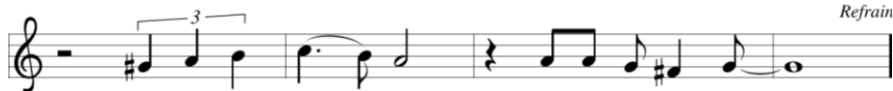
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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THE RADIO BROADCAST, ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS and the WORSHIP BULLETINS are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Markle who entered eternity on October 23, 2021 by her family.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Markle by Sally Lovelace.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Deb and Bill Sowers by the family.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is presented to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Amy and Dan Mambu by the family.

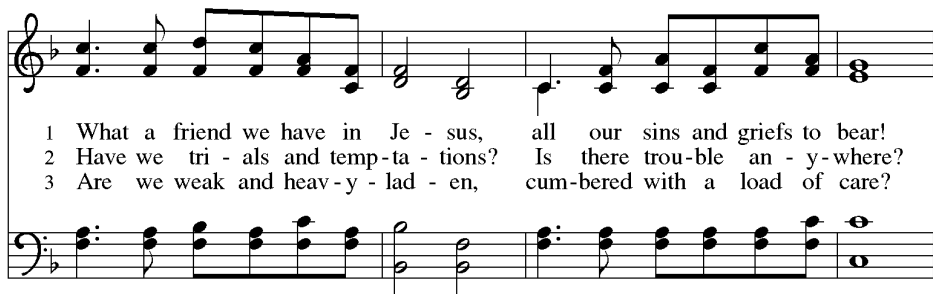
OCTOBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit our sponsored sister church in Tanzania.

NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit ELCA'S World Hunger.

FAITH FORMATION for children 3 years through 6th grade is held on the 2nd 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!!!**

JOIN US TODAY as we welcome Pastor Bob's return from sabbatical and celebrate Appeal Sunday during a coffee hour following the service.

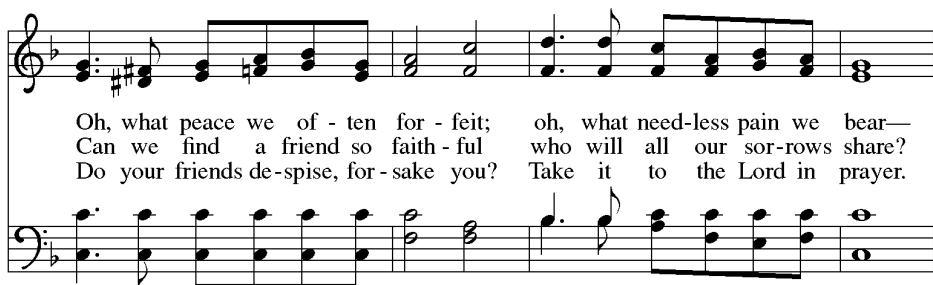
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION will continue this month and run through Sunday, November 5th. The red and green boxes are located on a table in the back of the fellowship hall. There are instructions inside each box if you have questions. Please consider taking one or two home to fill. These boxes are shipped around the world and always brighten the lives of many children. Thank you in advance for supporting this program!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact **Maureen Kaltreider** in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, & 20 - \$60 or any portion you desire)

Altar Flowers—Nov. 27 (1 vase) Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 (2 vases) (\$20)

Communion Bread & Wine—Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 27 (\$12)

Worship Bulletins—Oct. 30, Nov. 6 & 13 (\$20)

Eternal Flame—Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 27 (\$10)

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

THE YOUTH CHOIR rehearse on Sundays 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.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the home of Becki Davis. We will be discussing the book **The Color of Water** by James McBride.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

Our SPYKids group participated in the Hanover Area CROP Walk last Sunday. Thanks to your donations (and the donations of others) we were able to raise almost \$900! While a bit short on our goal, this is substantial AND it is not too late to donate. Consider adding your support to our efforts by visiting our CROP page at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-pauls-york-st>

OR by scanning the QR code to the left.

From our page, you can make a secure online donation to our team OR to individuals, and you will also be given the opportunity to print a receipt for tax purposes. Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail or 586-0596) with any questions or to make a donation!

GROCERY MINISTRY teams are preparing for Thanksgiving! We were able to gather Thanksgiving “fixin’s” but are in need of donations of meat. Consider donating money OR purchasing turkey (12 lbs or less), ham (5 lbs. or less), or pork (5 lbs. or less). We would like the donations to be delivered to the church on Saturday, Nov. 12, by 9:30 am. See Deb Sowers or Nancy Smith for more info and to make a donation **(in-kind or monetary)**.

HELP IS NEEDED—we will be a bit short-handed on Nov. 4th for our Grocery Ministry. Could you help us from 9:00 - 11:15? What a great opportunity to serve...especially if you haven't participated before!

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" By Amy-Jill Levine. Come and learn beginning **November 29th December 20th at 10 AM** with Linda Zellers leading the study. More details will be included in the November Evangel. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at the top of the steps. We will have to order books no later than **November 6th** so sign-up on the sheet or you can call the church office.

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GROWING OUR CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

As we prepare to return our Statements of Intent for our generosity for this year in worship today, two of our members have shared their excitement about our ministry moving forward; while others have expressed the same sentiment:

- I'm so excited that our community is back together and engaging new people. My faith has grown through our time together. I wonder how God is calling us to innovate in the years ahead, to expand our ministry and to make it more effective.

Nancy S.

- It clearly feels like God is up to something here at St. Paul's.

Anonymous

Keeping our ministry strong will enable us to dream about an ever-growing ministry into the future. Take time this week to reflect on the ways in which connection to our ministry has impacted you and those you know and love in the past year and start dreaming about what God may be up to here moving forward.

GROWING OUR CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

DECIDE TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

Little has ever been accomplished without sacrifice. This is true in our homes, our work, our church, our country. Sacrifice is a necessary component of successful living.

And so it is with the Christian life and faith. Our salvation cost God the cross. Bonhoeffer rightly said there is no cheap grace.

Much of church giving is only token giving, averaging about two percent of income. No wonder there is so little joy or satisfaction in it! It requires no sacrifice! We have given only what we could easily afford, what we would not really miss.

Experience has shown that giving, to be meaningful and joyful, has to be sacrificial! Each will have to determine what amount or percentage is sacrificial for his or her circumstances. But experience again suggests that for most people sacrificial giving begins at five percent of income with proportions under five percent falling into the token giving category.

Church interest is often low, studies have shown, because investment is low. There is no sacrifice. It doesn't really cost anything. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." (*Luke 12:34*) Where is my treasure? That is where you will find your heart.

SUN., OCT. 23

APPEAL SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
- 9:30 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
Coffee Hour immediately following worship
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am Youth Choir rehearsal

MON., OCT. 24

- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts groups

TUES., OCT. 25

- 10:00 am Bible Study—Revelation—Leroy Zellers
(Science and Cooking room-2nd floor)

WED., OCT 26

- 6:30 pm St. Paul's Book Club (offsite)

THURS., OCT. 27

**NO EVENING ACTIVITIES DUE TO THE
HANOVER HALLOWEEN PARADE**

FRI., OCT. 28

- 3:30 pm Grocery Ministry prep

SAT., OCT. 29

- 9:00 am Grocery Ministry (Volunteers needed)

SUN., OCT. 30

REFORMATION SUNDAY

(wear red if you have any)

- 8:30 am Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
- 9:30 am Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
Confirmation Day
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class
- 10:30 am Youth Choir rehearsal

All Worship Services will be held in Fellowship Hall until further notice