



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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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 119:129-136 (*read responsively*)

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name. R**

¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant
and teach | me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed | streams of tears,
because people do not | keep your teaching. 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"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from I Kings 3:5-12
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 8:26-39
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Burkhart

Song

“God of Grace and God of Glory”



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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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.

Offering

Offering Song (*Sung while offering is collected.*)

"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!

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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.

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.**

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.

Benediction

Response: **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: **C: Thanks be to God.**

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 in loving memory of Lillian Dusman by Gay, Ralph, Matthew, and Jared Dickson.

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SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – August 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

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Eternal Flame – August 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10)

Please contact Sue in the church office to reserve your date at swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941.

ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF LILLIAN DUSMAN, we want to thank the members and staff of St. Paul's who offered comforting words, prayers, phone calls and cards during her time of suffering and after her passing. During this difficult time of loss, our church family is a source of great comfort for us.

Sincerely, *Harry Dusman, Gay Dickson & family.*

NEED USHERS FOR SERVICES: The reopening task force has been ushering for several weeks in order to examine and clarify safe ushering procedures. Now we are in need of volunteers to continue those few duties. Also, because we are exploring safe ways to resume communion (in one element for the time being) we need volunteers to safely distribute communion wafers. Please notify the church office ASAP if you are willing to be trained and assist in either of those important worship duties.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION is being held now through August. A bin will be at the outdoor service as well as one in the elevator foyer to collect donations. Please see page 10 of your July Evangel for a list of supplies being collected.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *Jesus told them another parable, “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” – Matthew 13:33*

Bread-baking enjoyed renewed popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, so much so that yeast is in short supply. Thankfully, it takes only a little dab of yeast to leaven an entire loaf of bread. Likewise, a little bit of Jesus in our lives encourages us to pursue freedom and justice for all people.

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IT’S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

This five-day event will be held online August 10 through 14. Children will receive a tote bag the week before that will contain craft, music, games, and snack supplies. Registration must be done by August 1 to receive a tote bag. Please register online at

<http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org/calendar---events.html>

GROCERY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shoppers purchase a list of groceries and pack them into bags. Five red bags will be provided for shoppers to pick up at the elevator entrance. Bags should be dropped off at church Saturday morning between 9:15-9:30. Turn in your receipt with your first and last name printed on top for reimbursement.

Distributor/Greeter: Distributors will be at the church from about 9:30-11:15. Following safety guidelines, they will help pass out food bags to guests and engage them in short conversation. Some distributors may need to walk food bags through the neighborhood for distribution if needed.

Other Options: If you're unable to volunteer in person, please pray for this ministry to build strong relationships with our neighbors. You may also want to consider supporting this ministry financially. Please note “Grocery Ministry” on your envelopes or checks. Thank you!

Please see Russ Kaltreider, Deb Sowers, Frank Hueske, Nancy Smith, or Jen Zellers to sign up for a specific date.