



**"YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING
GOD"**

Matthew 16:16, NRSV

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 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 138 (*read responsively*)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^l my whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ^l love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word
a- ^l bove all things.**

³When I called, you ^l answered me;
you increased my ^l strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ^l you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ^l of your mouth. R**

⁵They will sing of the ways ^l of the LORD,
that great is the glory ^l of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ^l for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ^l from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ^l keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ^l hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- ^l pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ^l of your hands. 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

"Gloria" (sung twice)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



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Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to 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 Isaiah 51:1-6
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 12:1-8
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Burkhardt

Song

"Built on a Rock"



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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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 (*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.



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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!

Last time

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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.

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.

Distribution of the Communion Wafer

(Please stand and remain at your chair. As the usher approaches, hold out an open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The usher will place a wafer in your open palm. DO NOT TOUCH THE USHER'S HAND. DO NOT TOUCH THE PATEN OR OTHER WAFERS. Such actions would cause contamination. Please take your seat after consuming the wafer so the ushers will know who has communed.)

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.

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

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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.

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SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – September 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – September 27 both vases (\$20 per vase)

Bulletins – September 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – September 6, 20 & 27 (\$10)

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

AUGUST SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit the R3 Grocery Ministry. St. Paul's has been providing groceries for our neighbors since April and will continue to provide this service through September 5.

THE AUGUST BOOK CLUB MEETING will be Janet Haack's house Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Please note the change in location. We will be discussing the book "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2*

The early Christians did not conform to the world's standards, and they were known for their love, care, and genuine open community. Let us work to make sure that the future church is not conformed to the culture but rather is faithful to the radical upside-down-inside-out way of Christ.

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THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE WILL BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. They will be packed up sometime the first week of October and delivered to New Windsor by mid-October. We have 100 backpacks to fill so we still need some supplies. Here is a list of what is needed as of now:

- 258 – 70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" by 10½"
- 57 – pencil sharpeners
- 304 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 56 – 2½" eraser

You may contact Janet Haack (717-633-1365) for updates on the list this week. Thank you for your assistance in this project.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES. Empty OCC shoe boxes are available now near the bushes by the altar. Please take one home and fill it. There is a brochure in the box telling you what is needed. **Return the filled boxes as soon as we are meeting back inside the church building.** The final date for boxes to be returned is November 15, 2020. Thank you for caring.

REMOTE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to noon

(The physical church office will remain closed until further notice but can still be reached by phone or email.)

SUN., AUGUST 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service
WED., AUGUST 26	7:00 pm	Book Club (offsite)
SUN., AUGUST 30	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service