



“He told them,  
‘You also  
go and  
*work*  
in my  
*vineyard,*  
and I will pay you  
whatever is right.’”

MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 20, 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 145:1-8 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my <sup>1</sup> God and king,  
and bless your name forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day <sup>1</sup> will I bless you  
and praise your name forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly <sup>1</sup> to be praised!  
There is no end <sup>1</sup> to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works <sup>1</sup> to another  
and shall de- <sup>1</sup> clare your power. R

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor <sup>1</sup> of your majesty  
and all your <sup>1</sup> marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your <sup>1</sup> wondrous acts,  
and I will re- <sup>1</sup> count your greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of <sup>1</sup> your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully <sup>1</sup> of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love. 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"*





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.

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## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

## First Reading:

L: A reading from Jonah 3:10—4:11  
 The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading:

L: A reading from Philippians 1:21-30  
 The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

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

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Rotation Faith Formation

*(The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children to a leader at the Middle Street entrance who will lead them to the Gathering Room with Miss Gretchen. Please have children wear their masks. The children will return at the end of the service.)*

## Sermon

Pastor Burkhardt

## Song

## "Give Me Jesus"

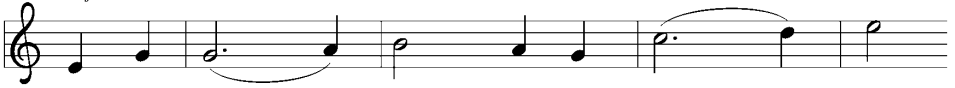


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

### Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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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.



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!

## 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 are also available.*

## 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.*

**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 St. Paul's.

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**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

Radio – October 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – October 25 two vases (\$20 per vase)

Communion Element(s) – October 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$12)

Bulletins – October 4, 18 & 25 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – October 11, 18 & 25 (\$10)

**CARD SHOWER** – The family of Harry Dusman has requested a card shower for Harry's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday which he will celebrate on September 30. Their goal is 85 cards for his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. His address is:

Harry Dusman  
Homewood at Plum Creek  
425 Westminster Ave  
Hanover PA 17331

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** The Faith in Action Committee now has enough supplies to fill 100 backpacks. **THE BACKPACKS WILL BE FILLED** on Friday, October 9, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm and will then be taken to New Windsor, MD. If you can help with this activity, please come out and join us. The more hands the quicker it will go.

**SPYKIDS ARE COLLECTING COMPLETED PERSONAL CARE KITS** to send to Lutheran World Relief. Please consider putting together a kit (or several). Contact Deb Sowers at [debsowers@gmail.com](mailto:debsowers@gmail.com) or 717-586-0596 for more information. You can also visit [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) and navigate to "Personal Care Kits" to research what to include and how to put it together. Completed kits are **due by Sept. 27** and can be placed in a box in the elevator (parking lot) entrance. Thanks for your consideration!

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and first will be last."* – **Matthew 20:15-16**

In this parable Jesus reminds us that it is God's nature to be generous and that God has special concern for the poor and marginalized. We often assume that everyone gets what we deserve by the strength of our own will and bootstraps. God has other ideas and loves all people.

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**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the home of Janet Haack at 7:00 pm. Please note the change in location from the Evangel. The book we will be discussing is "*The Flight Girls*" by Noelle Salazar.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** are available 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.

**ST. PAUL'S R3 TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY!** With the help of many volunteers we have been providing food to over 50 families each week. We are looking to change that plan slightly. We're looking to start putting together TEAMS of volunteers to distribute on a posted schedule. In this way, individuals could serve just one Saturday a month. Volunteers are welcome to just "show up" if they are available more than once a month. Are you interested in being part of a team? Contact Deb Sowers ([debsowers@gmail.com](mailto:debsowers@gmail.com)) or 717-586-0596 for information or to sign up as a member of a team. Thanks for helping us continue this vital ministry!

	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Frank Hueske	Betty Sheets
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Dickson Gay Dickson	Terry Holtzman Tom Miller
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Cindy Schmidt Peg Sennett	Laura Silver Nancy Smith

**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.)

<b>SUN., SEPTEMBER 20</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service
<b>TUES. SEPTEMBER 22</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>WED., SEPTEMBER 23</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>THURS. SEPTEMBER 24</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>FRI., SEPTEMBER 25</b>		PAL Team 2
<b>SAT., SEPTEMBER 26</b>		Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., SEPTEMBER 27</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service