



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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 67 (*read responsively*)

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. 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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:10-28

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

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song

“In Crist There is No East or West”



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949
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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!

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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.

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 honor of Clete Smeak's 90th birthday on August 21 by the family.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God by a friend.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God by a friend.

The family of Clete Smeak has requested **A CARD SHOWER** for Clete's 90th birthday which he will celebrate on August 21. His address is:

Clete Smeak
Apt. 313
1700 Utz Terrace
Hanover PA 17331

THE AUGUST BOOK CLUB MEETING will be at 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.

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

As items come, in the numbers will be changed to let you know what is needed. 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.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” – Matthew 15:11*
As we steward the church into a new future, let’s remember Jesus’ words to the disciples. It’s not so much about razor-edge adherence to law and scriptures, but rather how one lives the life of faith. An authentic and faithful witness is needed for these difficult and shifting times.

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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.

GROCERY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS are needed each week through September 5. For those interested in volunteering to shop, you can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544afa823a2fb6-r3grocery>. Please see your Evangel for additional details about this ministry.

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 16	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service
WED., AUGUST 19	COVID-19 Task Force Meeting	
SUN., AUGUST 23	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service