

And out of  
pity for him,  
the master of  
that servant  
released  
him and



for  
give

him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV



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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 13, 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 103:8-13 (read responsively)

<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R

<sup>9</sup>you will not al- | ways accuse us,  
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us accord- | ing to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is | from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion | for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD. 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

### "He Is Exalted"

Words and Music by  
Twila Paris

VERSE

F

F/A

B $\flat$

B $\flat$ /C

C<sup>7</sup>



He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on \_ high, \_ I will praise \_ Him.

5

F

F/A

B $\flat$

C/B $\flat$

B $\flat$ /C

C

D<sup>sus</sup>



He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev - er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise His name! \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

CHORUS

10 D Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A

He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign.

15 Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A

Heav - en and earth re - joice in His ho - ly name.

19 Gm B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C F

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!

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### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

### First Reading:

L: A reading from Genesis 50:15-21  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 14:1-12  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

**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

### "Where Charity and Love Prevail"



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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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:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

*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



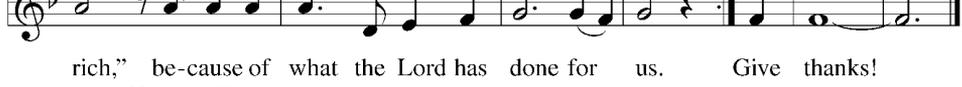
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



*Last time*



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. 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.*

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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.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of Charles McConville's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on September 14 by his family.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Mary Kaltreider's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by her children Russ & Maureen.

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**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Ed & Eileen Myers' anniversary on September 11 by the family.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

Radio – September 20 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Bulletins – September 20 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – September 20 (\$10)

**DID YOU KNOW** that Lutheran World Relief (LWR) had 3 cargo containers destroyed in the Beirut port explosion? This means THOUSANDS of quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, and Baby Care Kits were destroyed. Can you help? SPYKids are collecting completed Personal Care kits to send to LWR. 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!

**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.

**ST. PAUL'S R3 TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER!** With the help of many volunteers we have been providing food (non-perishables, produce, etc.) to over 50 families each week. We are looking to change that plan slightly. While we welcome "drop in" volunteers any Saturday morning (9:30-11:00), we're looking to start putting together TEAMS of volunteers to distribute on a posted schedule (similar to our PAL Lunch teams). In this way, individuals could serve just one Saturday a month (provided we have enough volunteers). Again, 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 the church office or 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 to our neighbors during this difficult time!

**THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE** is excited to share that Rotation Sunday School for PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will resume on Sunday, September 13. The sessions will be similar to the summer Children's Time that we have done during previous years. The children will leave the lawn service when Pastor Burkhart begins his sermon and return at end of service. Someone will be near Middle Street entrance to escort the children to the Gathering Room on the second floor. Children are to wear masks. Miss Gretchen will be leading the sessions with help.

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. – Matthew 14:26-27* What is the common good? For Christians, it is expressed in the reign, or way, of Christ. We are accountable to God for how we treat one another; how we reflect the love of Christ through both our words and our actions.

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## THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

until the end of September. Here is an updated list of what is needed:

- 124 – 70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" by 10½"
- 28 – pencil sharpeners
- 128 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- No more pencils, erasers, or crayons are needed.

**THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE WILL BE FILLING THE SCHOOL BACKPACKS** on Friday, October 9, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm and packing them up to take 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. We are filling 100 School kits.

**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.

	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 20</u>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
<b>Ushers:</b>	Allan Brandt Leroy Zellers	Ralph Dickson Gay Dickson
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Dave Maus Tom Miller	Cindy Schmidt Peg Sennett

### 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 13</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service
<b>TUES. SEPTEMBER 15</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>WED., SEPTEMBER 16</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>THURS. SEPTEMBER 17</b>	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
<b>SAT., SEPTEMBER 19</b>		Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., SEPTEMBER 20</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Outdoor Worship Service