

**“THE  
STONE  
THAT THE  
BUILDERS  
REJECTED  
HAS BECOME  
THE  
CORNERSTONE.”**

**MATTHEW 21:42**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 4, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA**

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Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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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 80:7-15 (*read responsively*)

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**  
**and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken | down its wall,**  
**so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**  
**look | down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted. R

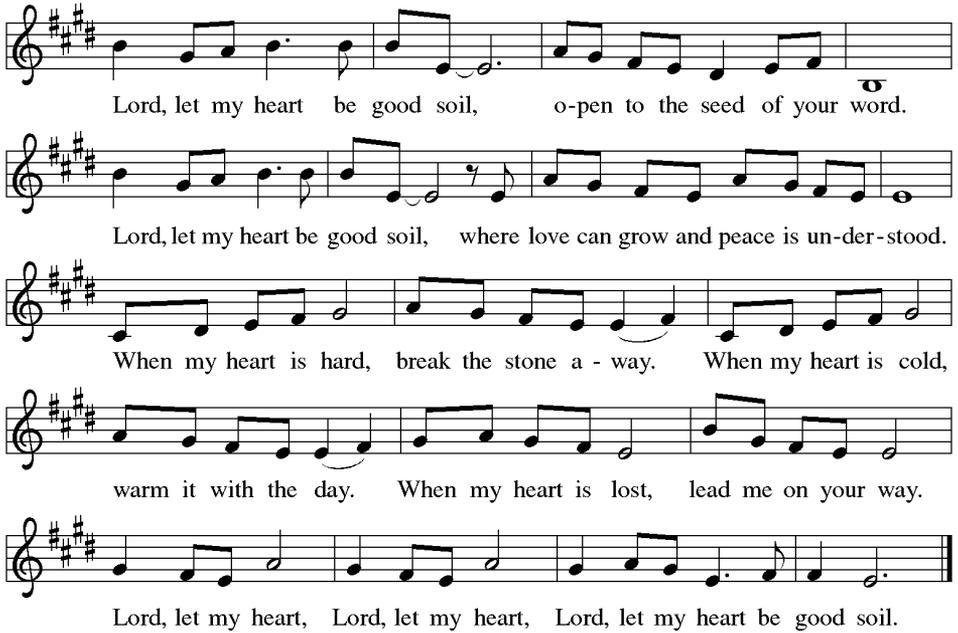
### Greeting

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 5:1–7  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading:

L: A reading from Philippians 3:4b–14  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33–46

**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.)*

## Song

## "You Servants of God"



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

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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.**



## 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.

**BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of John and Mary Ann Reitz's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from their children.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD** is sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of my loving wife Nancy Martin's birthday which she celebrated yesterday with many more to come by Gary.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of our mother, Nancy Martin's birthday which she celebrated yesterday by Todd, Chad, and Misty.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of John and Mary Ann Reitz's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from their grandchildren.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

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

Flowers – October 25 two vases (\$20 per vase) Due to nursing homes being closed it is the responsibility of the sponsor to take the flowers following worship.

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

Bulletins – October 25 (\$20)

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

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”* – **Matthew 21:43**

Ouch! Jesus' words, directed at the Pharisees who constantly test him, point to the importance of bearing fruit. God promises an abundant harvest with more than enough to share, but we must do our part to cultivate, nurture, and bring to fullness all the bountiful gifts of God, both in our own lives and in the Body of Christ.

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**JOB OPENING – SEXTON – ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – 127 YORK ST, HANOVER PA** – Part-time position. Physical ability to lift/carry up to 25 pounds. Perform full range of cleaning and disinfecting functions. Maintain grounds. Minimum 2 years experience as janitor or housekeeper. PA Child Abuse Clearances required. Send resume to 127 York St. Hanover PA 17331 or email to [stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net). No phone calls.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY 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.

	<b><u>October 4</u></b>	<b><u>October 11</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 6	Team 6
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Wayne Butler Frank Hueske	Janet Haack Russ Johnson

**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 October 12  
but can still be reached by phone or email.)

<b>SUN., OCTOBER 4</b>	8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Outdoor Worship Service Rotation Faith Formation during worship
<b>MON., OCTOBER 5</b>	6:30 pm Daisy Scouts
<b>TUES., OCTOBER 6</b>	9:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Music & Motion
<b>WED., OCTOBER 7</b>	9:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Kid's Keyboarding 7:00 pm All Committee Night (off site)
<b>THURS., OCTOBER 8</b>	9:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Music & Motion 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRI., OCTOBER 9</b>	10:00 am Backpacks Filled
<b>SAT., OCTOBER 10</b>	Grocery Ministry
<b>SUN., OCTOBER 11</b>	8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Outdoor Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation (K-6)