

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries

Lori Rebling, Hand Bell Director

Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music

Ministers: The Members of St. Paul's

Missionaries: Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson and family

Church Office: 717-637-5941

Email: stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net

Website: www.stpaulsyorkst.org

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 90:1—8, 12 (*read responsively*)

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is
past**

and like a watch | in the night; R

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance. R**

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. 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

"Christ, Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

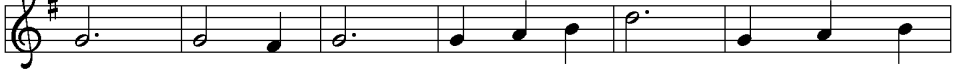


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

Text and music © 1993 Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

used by permission One License.net License #A-707280

* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Response to the prayer: C: Amen.

First Reading:

L: A reading from Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from I Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Rotation Faith Formation

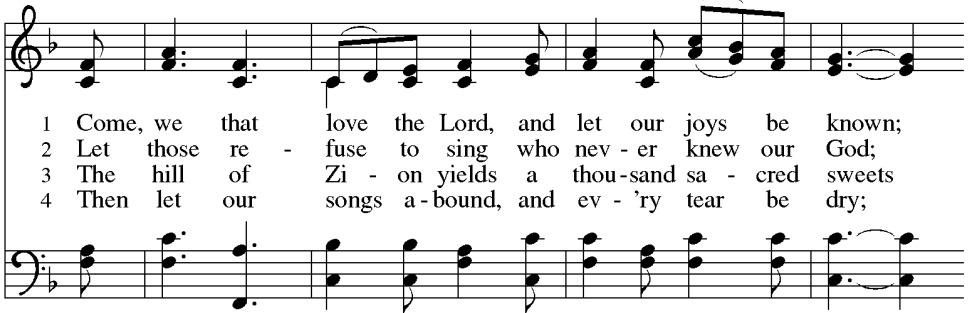
The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.

Sermon

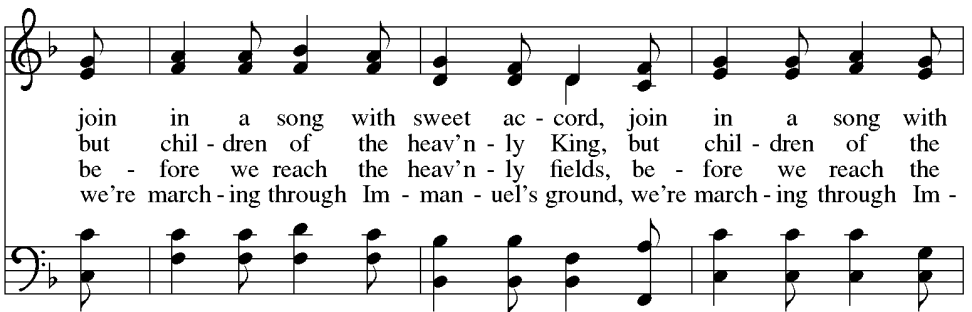
Pastor Burkhart

*** Song**

"Come, We that Love the Lord"



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry
 public domain

* 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.

Offertory

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Ingram

Bell Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

* **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 and grape juice are also available.

Continuous Communion Distribution

Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6ft. distance in the aisle. Wear your mask prior to and following communion. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.

* **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.**

An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.

* **Postlude**

* Stand if you are able

Portions from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103665

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.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Gervis & Gladys Sponseller and in recognition of their anniversary on November 18 by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS is sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

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.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – November 29 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – November 29 (1 vase) (\$20 per vase) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.

Communion Bread & Wine – November 29 (\$12)

Eternal Flame – November 22 & 29 (\$10)

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

THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing "*The Nickel Boys*" by Colson Whitehead. We will also be voting on the books we will read for 2021. Please contact Janet Haack if you need a list of the books.

THE SANCTUARY WILL BE DECORATED for the Advent Season on Saturday, November 28 beginning at 9:00 am. Any volunteers would be welcomed!

CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS – We are partnering with New Hope Ministries to provide gifts again this Christmas season. Starting November 15 there will be a table on display, at the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. Please choose a place card, purchase the item, and place the unwrapped gift in the box provided by Sunday, December 6. The gifts will be taken to New Hope on Monday, December 7. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

“Do or do not. There is no try,” said Star Wars character Yoda. Notice there is no “try” in Paul’s instructions either. We can act on our thankfulness to God by encouraging others and building one another up in Christ’s name. Who needs your encouragement this week? How will you act on that need?

Copyright © 2020, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission. Pastor Blezard serves as an assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Newly hospitalized: Betty Markle

New Additions to the Prayer List: family & friends of Gladys Raubenstine, Myrtle Welty, Heather

Names to be included on the prayer list should be given to Janet Haack (jmhaack@comcast.net or 717-633-1365). As is always the case, if you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

SUN., NOVEMBER 15	December/January Evangel Articles Due 8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 10:30 am Confirmation Class
MON., NOVEMBER 16	6:30 pm Girl Scouts
TUES., NOVEMBER 17	9:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Music & Motion
WED., NOVEMBER 18	10:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Kid’s Keyboarding 7:00 pm Book Club (Fellowship Hall)
THURS., NOVEMBER 19	9:00 am Music & Motion 5:00 pm Music & Motion 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
SAT., NOVEMBER 21	10:00 am Grocery Ministry
SUN., NOVEMBER 22	8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 10:30 am Confirmation Class