

THE PARABLE OF  
*the Wheat & the Weeds*



**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 19, 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 86:11-17 (*read responsively*)

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people | seeks my life;  
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the child | of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be | put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me. 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 $^7$



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 $^{sus}$



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 Isaiah 44:6-8  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 8:12-25  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Pastor Burkhart

## Song

*"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"*



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

### *Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

## 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.

## 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.**

### 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.*

### 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.**

### 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.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Saur Sr.; Norman Saur Jr.; and Mrs. Donna Saur Sterner by the family.

**ONE VASE OF ALTAR FLOWERS** is sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of the birth of Saylor Lyn Lovelace born July 6 at 6:15 pm. She was 8 lb. 21 inches long. Saylor is the daughter of Toby and Kacie Lovelace and the granddaughter of Sally and Toby Lovelace.

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

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of our Daughter Kortni's 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 16 by Sally and Toby Lovelace.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

Radio – July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – August 2 & 9 both vases, August 16, 23 & 30 one vase (\$20)

Bulletins – July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10)

Please contact Sue in the church office to reserve your date at [swineholt@comcast.net](mailto:swineholt@comcast.net) or 717-637-5941.

**THANK YOU TO** the members and staff of St. Paul's for your cards, prayers, and support. At a difficult time like this it is so comforting to have such a supportive church family. We greatly appreciate your caring thoughts and words. *The family of Earl Bowman*

**SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION** will be held during the months of July and August. A bin will be at the outdoor service as well as one in the elevator foyer to collect donations. Please see page 10 of your July Evangel for a list of supplies being collected.

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.**

This five-day event will be held online August 10 through 14. Children will receive a tote bag the week before that will contain craft, music, games, and snack supplies. Registration must be done by August 1 to receive a tote bag. Please register online at <http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org/calendar---events.html>

**HELP IS NEEDED WITH SETTING UP AND TAKING DOWN** for worship services on Sunday mornings, please see Pastor Bob if you can help.

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** *We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. – Romans 8:22-23*

Is the world about to turn? Look at what's happening. God is leading us toward the reign of Christ, where the scales of justice will balance, where every beloved child of God has voice and place, and all of creation breaks free of the sin that binds us.

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**WE ARE IN NEED OF A DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERA** that St. Paul's can use for the upcoming weeks while St. Paul's camera is away for repairs. **ALSO NEEDED ARE VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS.** Please see Jon Shaw to coordinate these efforts with him.

**JULY'S SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING** will go to offsetting the cost of supplies and equipment that are needed for keeping the building sanitized. Please see page 7 of your July Evangel for more details.

### **GROCERY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Shoppers** purchase a list of groceries and pack them into bags. Five red bags will be provided for shoppers to pick up at the elevator entrance. Bags should be dropped off at church Saturday morning between 9:15-9:30. Turn in your receipt with your first and last name printed on top for reimbursement. (The list of items needed can be found on page 14 of your July Evangel.)

**Distributor/Greeter:** Distributors will be at the church from about 9:30-11:15. Following safety guidelines, they will help pass out food bags to guests and engage them in short conversation. Some distributors may need to walk food bags through the neighborhood for distribution if needed.

**Other Options:** If you're unable to volunteer in person, please pray for this ministry to build strong relationships with our neighbors. You may also want to consider supporting this ministry financially. Please note "Grocery Ministry" on your envelopes or checks. Thank you!

Please see Russ Kaltreider, Deb Sowers, Frank Hueske, Nancy Smith, or Jen Zellers to sign up for a specific date.