

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in faith. Growing in community. Welcoming all in Jesus' name.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, August 4, 2024

10AM Service of Holy Communion

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.



Catch the excitement! Witness the joy! Shape the vision!

ST. PAUL'S VISION STATEMENT (adopted 02/25/2018)

- To worship as a diverse community of all ages
- To engage in faith formation as a community grounded in God's word
- To maintain with depth and integrity the work of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless
- To nurture a strong foundation of generosity, giving, and caring for creation
- To provide a music ministry that encompasses congregation and surrounding communities

Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can still hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found in the upper right hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.

**Large print worship folders and hearing assistance devices
are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**A Prayground is available for young children
in the rear of the sanctuary.**

✠ GATHERING ✠

*Worship begins with God who takes the initiative and calls us into being.
We gather at the Holy Spirit's invitation and assemble as the community of faith
on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation
allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

The sanctuary doors will be closed as worship begins with the prelude.

PRELUDE

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

arr. Johannes Brahms

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

**We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling,
gifts to be used with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.**

Live a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family
at the Table prepared for us,
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

ELW 475 (harmony)

Found on p. 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

PEACE

As forgiven and reconciled people of God, let us greet one another with signs and words of peace and reconciliation.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace in word and gesture,
saying, **Peace be with you.***

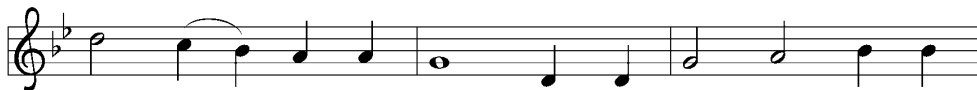
Be seated.

The service continues with the readings on p. 5

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925
 Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

Return to p. 3 for the order of Confession and Forgiveness and the Peace.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The LORD gives manna in the wilderness

A reading from Exodus:

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots filled with meat and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for the LORD has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 78:23-29

Antiphon: Ps. 78:24-25

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

Maintain the unity of the faith

A reading from Ephesians:

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful

scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into the one who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

ELW Setting 3



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:24-35

Christ the bread of life

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son-of-Man will give you. For it is the Son-of-Man that God, the Father, has sealed.” ²⁸Then they said to Jesus, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one whom God has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is

written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

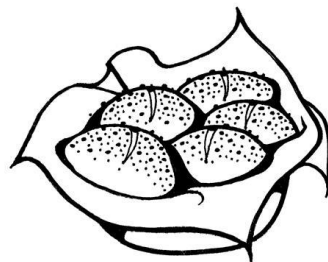
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Melosh

*Feel free to take notes or write down your own reflections on this morning’s message.
Spirit-led doodling is encouraged as well.*



Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Ye Disconsolate
ELW 607

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Comforter of the grieving and healer of the sick, rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Draw near to those who experience depression or loneliness. We pray for those ailing in body, mind, or spirit, especially for especially Silas, Pat, Margaret, Cheri, Bill, Jay, Kara Beth, Naomi, Matt, Hugh, Rob, Christopher, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and Jim. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of the lowly and the mighty, you know the ugliness of your people when we harm and destroy one another, yet you offer us forgiveness of our sins if we but turn to you. Expand our hearts and those of our Maryland partners in ministry, especially Grace Lutheran Church in Easton and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City, to receive the mercy you give us, that, in turn, we may share your grace and mercy with others each moment of our lives. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with this congregation and others experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed, especially Catherine, Reginald, Brent, and Neil. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen.

Be seated.

At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask visitors to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask members to update any changes to their information so our records can be maintained.

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts for service and mission.

OFFERTORY

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Text: Susan R. Briehl

ARGENTINE SANTO

Refrain: Marty Haugen

Summer Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

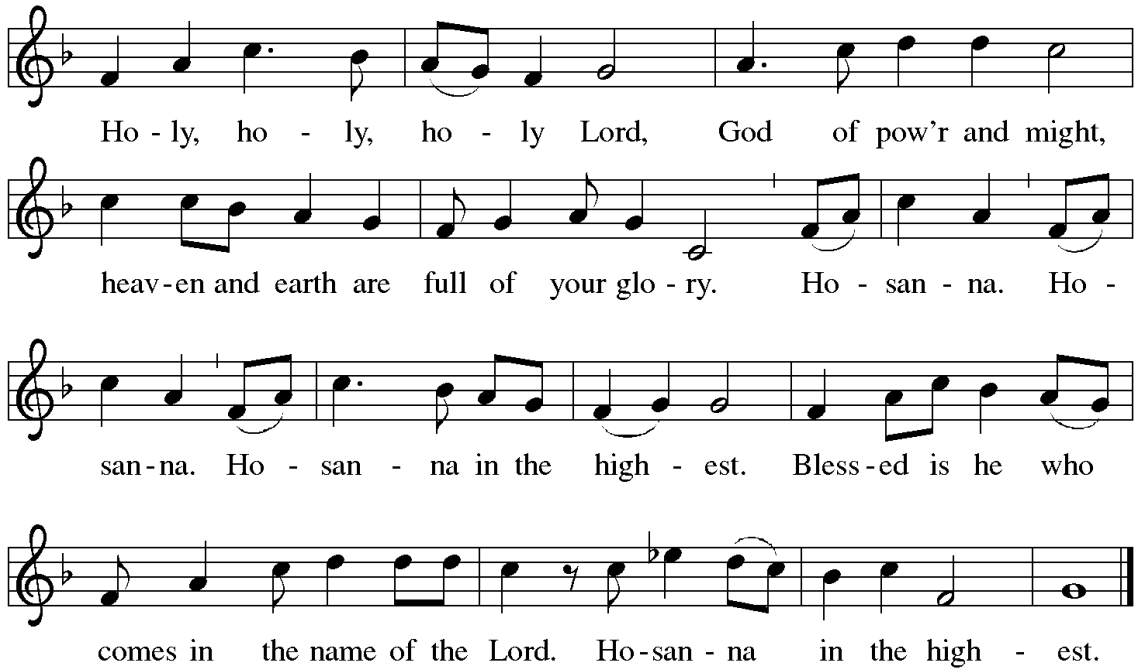
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (Holy)
ELW Setting 3*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
ELW Setting 3*

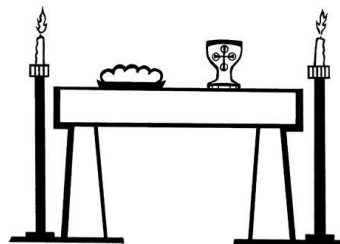
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.



Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.

All who desire individual prayer and anointing are invited to receive Holy Communion, then go out to the prayer station in the narthex, located to the right of the sanctuary doors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Come, Share the Spirit

ACS 1045



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures
2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows
3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry
4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the
from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has
peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -
giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.
ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.
oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;
Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead
Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;
Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.
all those who hear the liv - ing Word.
his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.
Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: ST. PAUL'S ARDMORE, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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After all have returned to their places, please stand, as you are able.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your
own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536

Found on p. 18

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

arr. Janet Linker

AURELIA

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes from the mouth of God.*

Matthew 4:4

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Ronald Mease
Lector:	Ronald Mease
Bread Provider:	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild:	Cindy Bart
Flower Guild:	Janet Mease



The flowers in the chancel
are given to the glory
and praise of God.



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CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

One reality that many people face is that our immediate environment sometimes lacks the basic essentials we need to survive. Whether due to evolving landscapes, natural disasters, wars, or environmental degradation by human civilizations, we've seen fields become deserts, water overtake villages, and farms destroyed by passing armies. Today's scriptures show that this is an ancient experience and bear witness to God's desire to provide amid the wildernesses of life. The psalm names manna, meat, a breeze to cool the scorched, and food provision right next to where the people live. How might worship inspire your community to come alongside God in the same practices in the present day?

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024

LECTIONARY 18, PROPER 13 (YEAR B)

Even when they grumbled and complained, God provided food for the Israelites. In today's gospel, when the disciples ask Jesus for an impressive sign, he offers them himself, the bread of the life to all who truly hunger. This gift enables all believers to grow in Christ and to become one with his mission in the world. Though our hunger will always return, Christ is present to nourish us with his very life.

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Received in the mail this week, gracious thanks for our gifts in support of the ministries we share, from Lutheran Campus Ministry and from our Delaware-Maryland Synod.

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage at the home of Rich and Sue Wallden, on Wednesday, August 21. Join us at 7PM at 1440 Olmsted Drive in Bear, for fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Rich and Sue at wallden1627@gmail.com if you will be attending.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike on Sunday, August 18, after worship. Location will be Rittenhouse Park North, located at 1501 Casho Mill Road in Newark. It is a wooded, mostly flat, 4.6 mile trail. Coordinator: Linda Grund 302-824-5780/lgrund923@gmail.com.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

Upcoming Book: August 28 "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant

KEEP UP WITH COUNCIL

The minutes of the June Church Council meeting are now available and posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the workroom.

ST. PAUL'S PRESCHOOL UPDATE

St. Paul's Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Ms. Katelyn Farrell will be joining the school staff as our new Early Education Director. Katelyn is currently Assistant Director at The Goddard School of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, and has over eleven years of experience in Early Childhood Education. Unfortunately, Kate is not available to begin her work with us until August 19 because of commitments to her present position. This situation, combined with a number of other unfortunate circumstances that have occurred since our former director's departure, has caused the School's Board of Directors to decide to suspend classes for the fall, and re-open in the spring. While this was a difficult decision to make, we are not willing to enter into the school year unprepared and unable to offer the first-rate educational experience our clients expect. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Saylor, School Board Chair, or any member of the School Board.

OWLS ARE CRUISIN'!

Join the Older Wiser LutheranS as they embark on a narrated, historical, 70-minute Patriot Cruise in St. Michaels, Maryland, on Friday, September 27, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the cruise are \$28 (ages 18-64) and \$25 (ages 65+). If we have a group of 15 or more, ticket prices drop to \$23/person. Payment can be made once we have a final count. Following the cruise, we will have late lunch/early dinner at the nearby Crab Claw Restaurant (Dutch treat). To make a reservation, please RSVP by Saturday, August 31, to Sue Wallden (slwallden@gmail.com or 716-480-2224). Please let Sue know if you need a ride or are willing to provide transportation for others.

A GRACE-FULL INVITATION

If you are ready to take the next step and become a member of St. Paul's, you are invited to join us for our "Amazing Grace" session where together we will cover what it means to be a Lutheran, St. Paul's story and mission, and service opportunities within the St. Paul's community. Plan to attend on Sunday, September 8, right after worship for a 90-minute discussion, compete with light refreshments.

Then, on Sunday September 15, you will be welcomed as new members of St. Paul's through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism during the 10AM service of worship. Please plan to stay after for coffee fellowship so members can greet you personally.

Please RSVP your intention to join us no later than Sunday, August 25, by emailing coordinator Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com.



AUGUST

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 4

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This Sunday the gospel reading likens Christ to the manna that God miraculously sent to the nomadic Israelites. Come to worship to eat this bread; welcome Christ into your heart. Jesus promises that filled with him, we will never again hunger.

10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed

Sunday, August 11

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

This Sunday the gospel reading from John 6 contrasts death with life, a life that comes from eating Christ, the bread of life. Come to worship to receive Christ and so, John says, never be hungry again.

10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed

Sunday, August 18

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

On this Sunday, the gospel reading from John 6 speaks in graphic language about eating Christ's flesh and drinking his blood. But we aren't cannibals. Come to worship, and discover how we can receive the meaning of these words.

10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed

Sunday, August 25

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

On this Sunday, we conclude the reading of John 6. Do we find Jesus' teaching too difficult, or can we be led to believe? Come to worship, to receive the words of eternal life and to eat the bread from heaven.

10:00 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed

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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at 10AM. Late submissions will be shared the following week. Please send articles to splcmusic@comcast.net for the time being.

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