

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 18, 2024

**10AM Service of
Holy Communion**

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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

“Praise and Thanksgiving” - arr. Johannes Mathias Michel

BUNESSAN

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

For cool mornings and rumbling afternoon storms,
for amazing days and even more ordinary evenings,
for deep friendships and shallow wading pools:

we give thanks to God!

For the laughing God who tickles us with joy,
for the broken-hearted Love who joins in our struggles:

we give thanks to God at all times!

For the Bread of heaven who feeds us hope,
for the Spirit of grace who teaches us to dance:

we give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

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, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689 (harmony)

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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.

✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Invited to dine at wisdom's feast

A reading from Proverbs:

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her young serving women,
she calls from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity,
and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34:9-14

Antiphon: Ps. 34:10

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God

A reading from Ephesians:

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of

the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God, the Father, at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 6:51-58

Christ the true food and drink

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Judeans then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son-of-Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW 518

Found on p. 8

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Refrain

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.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort, especially Silas, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Kara Beth, Naomi, Hugh, Rob,

Christopher, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and Jim. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation and our partners in ministry, especially St. Mark's Lutheran in Wilmington and Grace of God Lutheran Church in Millsboro, be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us, especially Anne, Chris, Bill, Catherine, and Reginald.

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

“As We Gather at Your Table”
Summer Choir

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.
Music: K. Lee Scott

Please stand, as you are able.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

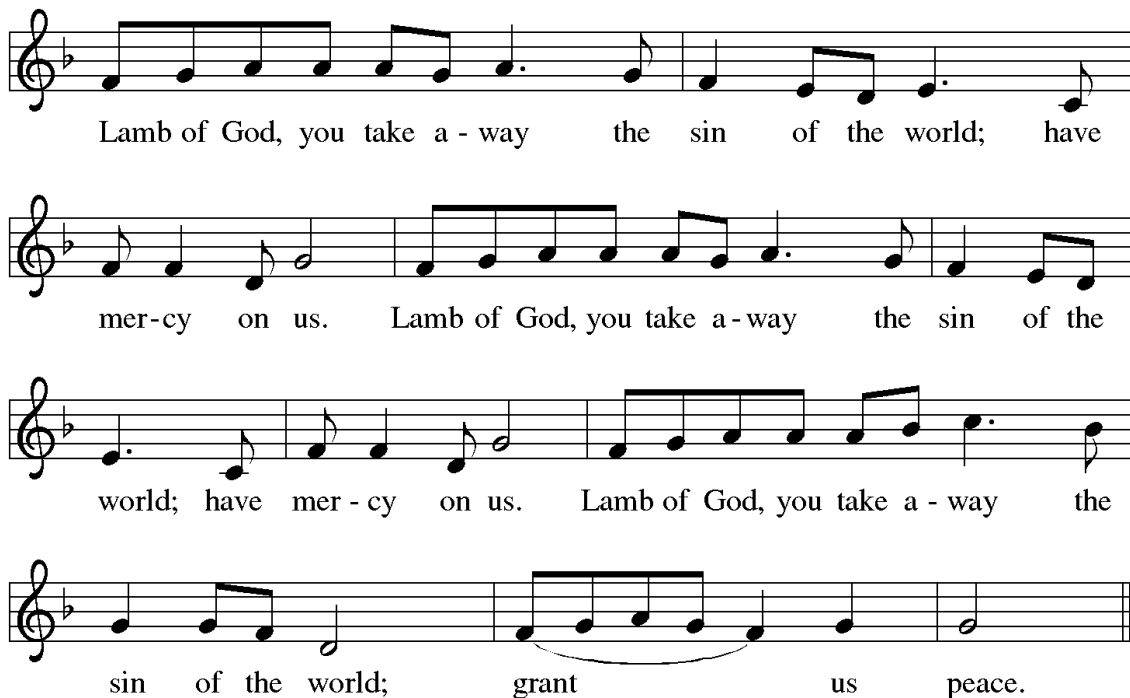
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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.

PRAYER STATION

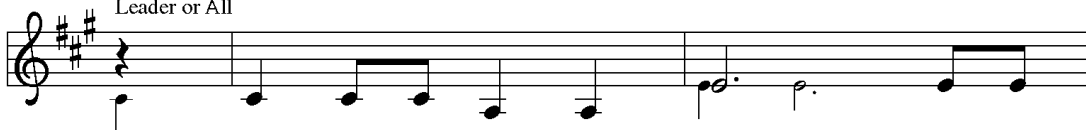
All who desire individual prayer and anointing are invited to receive Holy Communion, then go out to the prayer station in the narthex, located to the right of the sanctuary doors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain

All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

ACS 971



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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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

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

Found on pp. 18-19

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Festive Postlude in D”

John S. Dixon

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,
and I abide in them.*

John 6:56

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Linda Grund

Lector: Linda Grund

Bread Provider:

Altar Guild: Linda Radwick

Flower Guild: Keith Tyson

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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**The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God.**



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YOU'RE INVITED

Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).

Jesus' audience asks a reasonable question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus' answer doesn't really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat, and get to know God.

CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

All too often we interpret images of “flesh” in a negative light. While some Pauline language inspires this understanding, consider the ways flesh appears positively in scripture. In the first reading from Proverbs, it is the flesh of sacrifices that not only constitutes Israel’s worship but also feeds all in need. In Ephesians the Holy Spirit’s filling of our bodies counteracts inebriation with other substances, vivifying our flesh for the good. John reminds us that our eucharistic participation in Christ’s flesh binds us thoroughly to God’s life. In what ways have we filled the flesh of others or flesh of the earth with poisonous chemicals and phobias? How might the Spirit and flesh of the living God bring new life to bodies in this world?

COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

There is in Wisdom a spirit that is intelligent, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle,
mobile, clear, unpolluted,
distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen,
irresistible, beneficent, humane,
steadfast, sure, free from anxiety,
all-powerful, overseeing all,
and penetrating through all spirits
that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.
For Wisdom is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.
She is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.

—Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-26; 8:1

OUR HYMN OF THE DAY

A hymn that celebrates the imagery of Woman Wisdom is “We eat the bread of teaching” (ELW 518). For centuries, Christians applied the descriptions of Wisdom to Christ. The contemporary interest in female imagery for God has made this image popular once again.

ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2024

LECTIONARY 20, PROPER 15 (YEAR B)

Wisdom sets a table and invites all to taste the wine and bread. Jesus Christ, our Wisdom, gives his life for all, inviting everyone to drink and eat. Wisdom nourishes us with the word of life and the bread from heaven. In all this, we experience the abundant grace of God. How can this congregation be gracious and hospitable to any and all who seek the Lord?

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike this Sunday, August 18, after worship. The Springlawn Trail is a flat, shaded 4.5 miles, located at 1000 Chesterville Road in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Those carpooling will leave the church parking lot at 11:15AM. Otherwise, meet at the site at 11:45AM. Questions? Contact hike leader, Rudy Schock at 814-574-8243/rschock324@gmail.com.

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, this Wednesday, August 21. Join us at 7PM at 1440 Olmsted Drive in Bear, for fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to wallden1627@gmail.com if you will be attending.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet 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 Books: August 28 "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant
 September 26 "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown

ADULT FORUMS RETURN

Can you believe it? Labor Day is almost here and a week later, the resumption of our Sunday morning Adult Forums. Starting on Sunday, September 8, we begin a 3-part series about church architecture. Our discussion leader will be Victoria Kenyon who gave an excellent presentation on religious art last year. Forums begin at 8:30AM in the Blue Room.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

St. Paul's Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Ms. Katelyn Farrell will be joining our school staff as our new Early Education Director as of this Monday, August 19. Katelyn is currently Assistant Director at The Goddard School of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, and has over eleven years of experience in Early Childhood Education. Come to witness Kate's installation in worship next Sunday, August 25, and greet her at a reception after the service!

OWLS ARE CRUISING

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. Even if you are not sure yet, plan to attend on Sunday, September 8, right after worship for a 90-minute discussion, complete with light refreshments.

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

MINISTRY FAIR

Following worship on Sunday, September 15, you are invited to stay for coffee and fellowship, as well as explore the many opportunities to get involved at St. Paul's. Our annual ministry fair boasts tables and activities representing our various ministries and committees. Come and learn more from those involved and sign up to participate. There is no pressure to do so but your involvement is desired to make St. Paul's the best place it can be for you, your family, and for all!



ST. PAUL'S MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We thank those who have sung with the Summer Choir each week over the last couple of months. St. Paul's is blessed with a vibrant ministry of music and a plethora of talented singers and instrumentalists who lead in worship weekly. That being said, our regular schedule of rehearsals begins the week after Labor Day. Please consider joining one of these ensembles this fall and make a joyful noise in this place!

Thursday evenings, starting September 5

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

6:30 – 8:00 PM

(Ringers high school age and up)

SANCTUARY CHOIR

8:00 – 9:30 PM

(Singers high school age and up)

SOUND THE TRUMPETS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

If you play a brass instrument, consider joining our *Sounding Brass* ensemble. They will start rehearsing for Reformation Sunday (October 27) at the end of September. If you play trumpet, horn, baritone, trombone, or tuba, please let Mike Bareham know and a rehearsal time will be set that meets player availability.

Also, if you play woodwinds, strings, keyboards, or percussion, consider joining St. Paul's chamber orchestra for Christmas Eve and our annual Sounds of the Season concert in early January. A high school level of proficiency and the ability to read music are required. Contact Mike Bareham, Director for Music and Worship, with your interest and availability.





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Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.



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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

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