

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark, too, the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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 10 AM 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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

arr. Dale Wood

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Rich Wallden, Organist

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory
of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn
from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 (harmony)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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The candidate for baptism, the family, and sponsor make their way to the font during the singing of the hymn. The assembly turns to face the font, as they are able.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sebastian Heinrich Idler

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The sponsor presents the candidate:

I present Sebastian Heinrich Idler for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsor:

Do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Sebastian and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsor of the baptismal candidate.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses all who are gathered:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate:

Sebastian Heinrich Idler, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give this son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Sebastian with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Sebastian, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

IMAGE OF BAPTISM

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal blanket.

Joined with the great multitude of the communion of saints, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ to stand before the throne of the Lamb.

WELCOME

A candle is lit from the Paschal candle and given to the family as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

Those desiring to join the membership of this church and make public affirmation of their baptism, as well as the ministers and representatives of the congregation, make their way to the chancel. The assembly turns forward during the singing of the baptismal song.



SONG OF ACCLAMATION

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Verse 1



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door

to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.

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 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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The assembly is seated.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Angelina and Richard Idler
 and their children
 Elinor and Fritz**

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A sponsor introduces each new member or household.

I present Name/s who desire/s to become (a) member/s of this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, having already professed your faith, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism, living among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support
and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

St. Paul's newest members, their sponsors, and the ministers return to their places during the singing of the welcome song.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Verse 4

4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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✠ WORD ✠

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant is vindicated by God

A reading from Isaiah:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning the Lord GOD wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸the one who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 116:1-9

Antiphon: Ps. 116:9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

I will walk in the presence of the LORD.

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

I will walk in the presence of the LORD.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue

A reading from James:

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the

pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our bodily parts as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! from the
Liturgy for the Family of God

Peter S. Klemp

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord_ our_ God be
blessed! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your Word_ brings_ righ - teous - ness. With
all your works, we praise you! Ex - alt your Name for - ev - er! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's confession of faith

The Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son-of-Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son-of-Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Melosh

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is the Life

ACS 927

Found on p. 14

Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve, especially Jane, Paul, Chuck, Earnie, Silas, Pat, Margaret, Sheri, Jay, Kara Beth, Naomi, Hugh, Rob, Christopher, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Gary, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and Jim. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for you to bring forth our salvation, O God. For in Jesus you embrace our humanity and transform our lives by the glory of his cross. Grant that for the sake of the gospel, we and our partners in ministry, especially Community Lutheran Church in Frankford and Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Odessa, may rebuke the lure of this world, take up our cross, and follow your Son Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, especially Anne, Chris, Bill, and Catherine, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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.

*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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

arr. Marianne Kim

Sanctuary Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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) from the
Liturgy for the Family of God
Peter S. Klemp



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -
ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son
to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit
nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

And now, 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

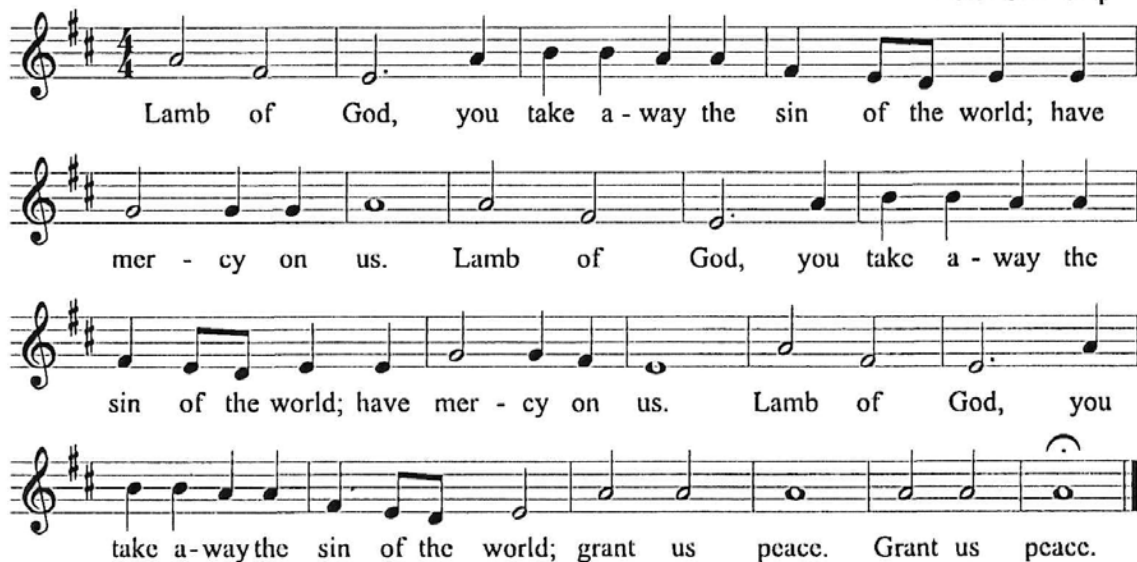
Come, here is your God.

Jesus welcomes us to this table.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) from the *Liturgy for the Family of God*

Peter S. Klump



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. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808 (harmony)

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God, Bless the Hands

ACS 1022

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Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
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God, Bless the Hands



1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and
2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your
pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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*Christ suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.*

1 Peter 3:18

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.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at
your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

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

BENEDICTION

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you,
keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810 (harmony)



- 1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
- 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Joel Raney

Piano-Organ Duet:
 Henry J. Chisholm and Rich Wallden

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Ping-An Tjoa
Lector:	Victoria Kenyon
Bread Provider:	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild:	Cheri Simons
Flower Guild:	Cheri Simons

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and praise
 of God in honor of their forty-second wedding anniversary
 by **Kathy and Stu Markham**



AN UNEXPECTED KIND OF MESSIAH



Today we hear from three teachers. The prophet Isaiah calls himself a teacher, one whose words sustain weary people. James warns about foolish and hurtful use of our tongues, which should be used to “bless the Lord and Father,” but often are used to “curse those who are made in the likeness of God.” The final voice in the trio is Jesus, the teacher, who keeps the disciples quiet about any Messiah identity but speaks openly about his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Peter tries to counsel

Jesus that no one willingly chooses to go along with that kind of plan. Nobody likes a loser. But Jesus responds that Peter has lost sight of what is most important in life. Jesus teaches the disciples that they will lose their life for the sake of the gospel.

How does the Holy Spirit move in, through, before, and after worship to sustain weary people with the word and sacraments? How can we make spaces for silence, art, and song so that people living through suffering and facing death can breathe, see, and hear God’s presence with them? In what ways do we make the same mistake as the disciples did, expecting a Messiah but then setting our visions on human rather than on divine things?

Jesus invites people of faith and those who doubt Jesus’ way to engage rather than avoid, conquer, or escape. What practices will help worshipers today to imagine the ways they are being called to “lose” their life in order to save it? From what does Jesus want to free people so that they will be able to pick up a different kind of burden and follow him? Then and now, Jesus invites followers on the way of the cross—a path of daily learning, dying, and new life.

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ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

LECTIONARY 24, PROPER 19 (YEAR B)

Those who confess Jesus as Messiah are called to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Christ. As we face the suffering of the world and the brokenness of our own lives, we learn the meaning of losing our lives for the sake of the gospel. Each time we make the sign of the cross, and share the bread and the cup—Christ's body and blood, we remember the good news that our baptism into Christ's death is also the promise of the resurrection.

ADULT FORUM

We wrap up our three-part series on Church Architecture on Sunday, September 22, with Victoria Kenyon leading a discussion on "Modern Church Architecture: St. Paul's and Beyond." Join in the fun starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room.

HOLY HIKE

Outdoor adventurers of any age are invited to hike this Sunday, September 15, after worship. The Newark Reservoir/Redd Park Trail is a paved, wooded, mostly flat 2.6 miles, located at 250 Old Paper Mill Road in Newark. Questions? Contact hike leader Laura Blenderman (302-220-6708/ljblenderman@comcast.net).

BREWING THEOLOGY

Fun-loving adults, age 21 and over, are invited to join in conversation and laughs while enjoying a beverage this Wednesday, September 18, at Autumn Arch Beer Project. Join us at 7 PM at 810 Pencader Drive in Newark for fun and fellowship.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM 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:

September 25 "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown

October 23 "The Making of Another Major Motion Picture" by Tom Hanks

THANKS AND BLESSINGS

We thank Rich Wallden and Henry Chisholm for providing music for us this morning while Mike Bareham is on vacation. What a blessing to have so many talented musicians in our midst—singers, ringers, and instrumentalists, especially those that play keyboards.

LCM FUNDRAISER

Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware will hold their annual fundraising event on Saturday, November 2. It will be hosted by the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Wilmington. They hope you will join them for free food and other festivities, including raffle baskets, auction items, student testimonies, and the signature style of our own Bishop William Gohl. More information forthcoming!

For now, LCM is seeking hand-crafted items, baked goods, event tickets, as well as creative, themed baskets (total value \$50-\$60; items included listed on a small tag) for the raffle. Other than baked goods which can be dropped off the day of the event, they are requesting these items be received by Wednesday, October 23.

Contact Chaplain Mindy Holland at chaplain@lcmde.org to make arrangements to drop off items or have them picked up. She will be happy to answer any questions, too.

OWLS TO EXPERIENCE DELAWARE HISTORY

Plan to join the Older Wiser LutheranS on Thursday, October 17, when they will travel back in time and visit Old Swedes Church and a replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, the ship that brought settlers to the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley.

The tour will start at 12:30 PM at Old Swedes, continue with a tour of the ship at 2 PM, and end with a tour of the Copeland Maritime Center Museum until 3:30 PM. They will then have an early dinner at Iron Hill Brewery at 4 PM. For anyone who would like to carpool, they will meet in the back (school side) parking lot of church at 11:45 AM. The address for Old Swedes is 606 North Church St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Iron Hill Brewery is located at 620 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.



Reservations, along with payment of \$27 for this tour, are needed by Sunday, September 29. To RSVP, contact Kathy Palmer (elie2220@comcast.net/302-547-5168) and provide your email address and cell phone number. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Venmo. Also let Kathy know if you would like to carpool or if you can drive.

FALL FOR FISH

FISH is back on Thursday, September 19, at 1 PM to pick up food from the Food Bank and at 6:30 PM to pack boxes in Fellowship Hall. From 2:30 PM until 4 PM on Friday, September 20 we will have the monthly distribution, also in Fellowship Hall.

You can help at any or all of these events - call or email Keith Bart ([302-345-6107](tel:302-345-6107) or keith.m.bart@gmail.com) for more information.

A WARM WELCOME

Today St. Paul's welcomes Sebastian Heinrich Idler as a child of God by the order of Holy Baptism. We also welcome his parents, Angelina and Richard Idler and their other two children, Elinor and Fritz, by the rite of affirmation of baptism. Greet these newest members of our congregation and make them feel welcome.



MINISTRY OF MUSIC

St. Paul's is blessed with a vibrant ministry of music and a plethora of talented singers and instrumentalists who lead in worship weekly. Won't you consider joining one of these ensembles and making a joyful noise in this place on Thursday evenings?

6:30 - 8 PM HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
(Ringers high school age and up)

8 - 9:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR
(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 this month. 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 (most likely on Monday afternoons).

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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Send prayer requests to:

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

Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

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