

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 27/28, 2024



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Church Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

TODAY'S WORSHIP

WELCOME! As a family of faith, we come to rest in Jesus' presence, sing God's praises and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, our Counselor.

TODAY IS THE FIRST of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

WORSHIP BEGINS in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

THE BLUE WELCOME PAD in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

LEAVING THE SANCTUARY during worship? Please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

IF YOU'D LIKE someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for August 3/4: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35.

GATHERING

PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.

PRELUDE *Largo* from the New World Symphony Antonin Dvorak

BELL, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand as you are able to face the font for the Confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives us all our sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN # 592 *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Sit.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON [Sunday]

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A reading from 2 Kings:

A man came from Baal-Shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord: They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being

rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1-21

In John's gospel the miracles of Jesus are called "signs" because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The holy gospel according to John:
Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's

brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Sit.*

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #515 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit’s power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, most merciful God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

MEAL

OFFERTORY #182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

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 presiding minister unveils the paten and chalice and prepares for the communion.

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.

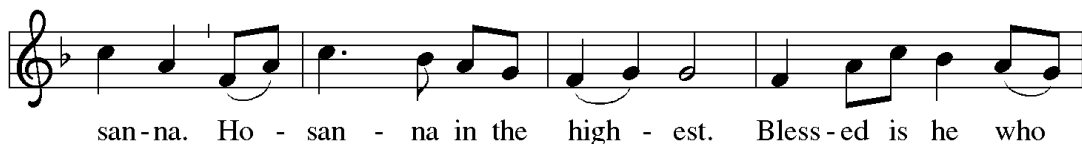
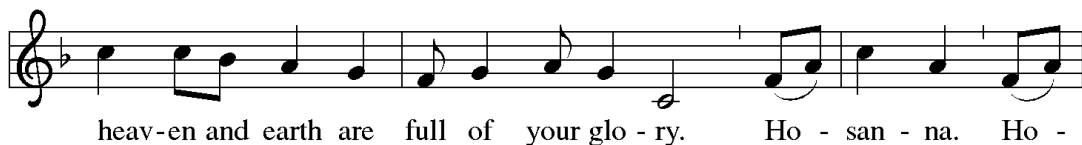
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty.... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Bread is broken.

Come and receive the bread of life.

The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

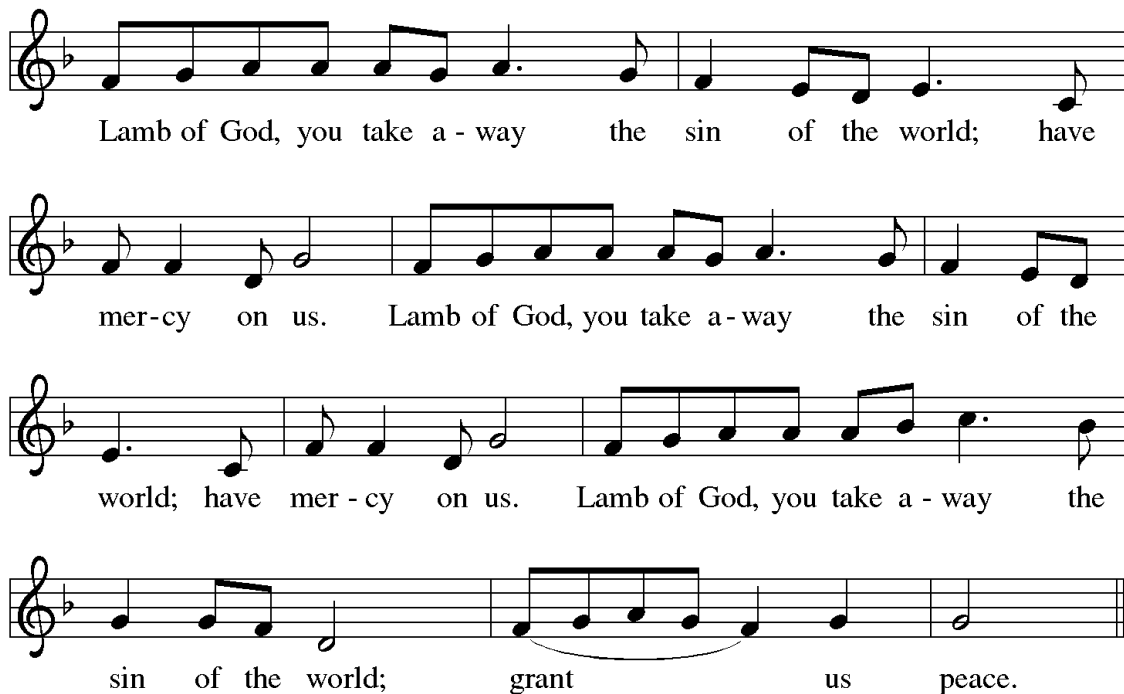
We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step. The communion ministers will move around the predella step counterclockwise communing you in turn. The person seated closest to the ambo comes to the first place by the ambo, and those behind and to their right follow in turn by taking the next open position, filling the predella step around the table. We progress from that seat section counterclockwise through each seat section in turn to the choir, who communes last. When you have communed, return to your seat, and the next person can take that position. Remain seated to sing the hymns while you wait your turn.

Take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. Prefilled glasses of juice are available for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine.

We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say,
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.*

During the distribution, Lamb of God and additional hymns are sung:



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.

HYMN #479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

HYMN #484 (vs. 3 & 5) *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

When all have communed and the ministers have communed, the table is re-dressed and the assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SENDING PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jerusalem

Charles Perry

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter: Martha Kush

Acolyte: Morgan Holbrook

Assisting Minister and Lector: Gail Smallwood

Saturday Altar Set Up: Cookie Fetterman

Sunday Altar: Gail Smallwood

Communion Bread: In Memory of Jan Martinchak

Minister of Technology: Marissa Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR THANKS to Paul Wheeler, for sharing his musical talents as our substitute organist this morning while our organist is on vacation.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Jan Martinchak, by Gene Martinchak.

DON'T FORGET VBS: The first of our Vacation Bible School Days is this Sunday, July 28, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm here at St. Paul's. Anyone 3+ to adult are invited to grow in faith as we learn, sing, and work to ReNew our congregation and community.

THE NEXT 100TH ANNIVERSARY committee meeting will be held on Sunday, August 4 at 10:45 am. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PAUL'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING: All men of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm. The main agenda item will be the next Roast Beef Dinner scheduled for Saturday, September 14.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE: The September issue of the *GOOD NEWS* will be published at the end of August. Deadline for submissions to the newsletter will be Sunday, August 18 at noon. And, as always, the deadline for submitting information for the bulletin is Thursday morning.

DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S: This year for "God's Work. Our Hand's" Sunday (September 8) we will be collecting care bag items to be distributed to the clients of St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen (50 bags). Items needed: small boxes of raisins, ChapSticks, granola bars, bar soap, socks men's and women's, hand sanitizer, snack crackers, deodorant, men's and women's, and any other personal care items. These should all be small sizes. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are not needed at this time. There will be a basket in the Narthex for your donations. Sincerely, The Social Ministry Committee

100th ANNIVERSARY "FUN FACT" – By 1940, the membership of St. Paul's had risen to 230 and their debt had been reduced to less than \$1,000, but war was on the horizon. Not so surprisingly, one of R. J. W. Templin's dark-haired, very pretty daughters and the good-looking son of John Eck fell in love. With futures uncertain, with the guns of Europe thundering, and with a terrible fear gripping the world, these two young people insisted on getting married. A blizzard nearly stopped the wedding, and because of the war, there was no film to take pictures of the ceremony; but Fred Eck and Evelyn Templin were married in St. Paul's. (To Be Continued!)

FAITHFULNESS IN STEWARDSHIP...

July 20 & 21:...In-Person Attendance - .66..On-Line Attenders – 21

ST. PAUL'S WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 am. In advance of that service, our Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items requested by the SPCA: clumping cat litter, cat treats, medium-sized Milk Bones dog treats, paper towels, toilet paper, tall kitchen drawstring trash bags, dish sponges, canned cat and dog food, dish soap and bleach. Please do not bring any types of dry dog or cat food, since a major pet food manufacturer is providing all the dry food needed. In you have any questions, please contact Ray Mancke at ramancke@aol.com.

PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran, Towanda.**

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Linda Ash, Hope Beisel, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzingler, Ruth Ide, Robert Kline, Marge McCarty, Albert Pritchard, Rachelle Pryor, Ann Sabol, Bill Smith, Peter Whittkamp, Geri Williams, Alyson Wood, Justin Yost.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Kathy Boston, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Paul Davis, Jr., Janice DeFebo, Gene Eyerman, Candyce Fike, Chuck Gomer, George Hrubowchak, Ruth Hummel, Christine Ide, Willis Ide, Michael Kaminski, Dave Kaytle, Bradley Kessler, Alice Laskowski, Todd Lozo, Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Ernie McCarty, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Rob Merritt, Baby Miles, Dave Muddiman, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Alice O'Neil, Nancy Ott, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Febe Quintanar, Judy Roeder, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Edward Sabol, Nancy Shymanski, Wally Skurski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Jean Thompson, Fred Weiss, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Steve Yench, Mary Z., Linda Zeiser, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Keith, Kim, Diane, Ian, Sharon, (no last names given).