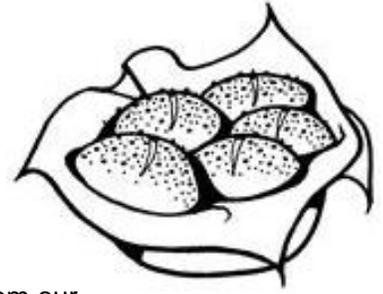


St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
15733 Dover Road  
Upperco, Maryland 21155  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 2, 2020**



Welcome and Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen**

**Liturgy of the Word**

\* Gathering Hymn #558 – Lord God, We Praise You

**Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, standing here before you;  
singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.**

**Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.**

**All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.**

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\* 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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

\* Gospel Acclamation

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

\* Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

\* Hymn # 479 - We Come to the Hungry Feast

**We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is  
Not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released  
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body,  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease,  
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay  
With us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

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Sermon: " Left Overs? Or Divine Abundance!"

## \* Prayers of the Church

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God of Abundance:

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers substance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish the ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind especially those whose names we speak aloud (pause for quiet prayer), in our hearts (again pause...) and those whose names fill the list of ongoing prayer concerns of this community of faith. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all the saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### \* 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.**

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

### \* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

### \* Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

\* The Blessing

\* Sending Hymn #494 – For the Bread Which You Have Broken (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**For the bread, which You have broken, for the wine, which you have poured,  
For the words, which You have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that You love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to Heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

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\* Sending

*\*Denotes to Stand*

### **We Welcome All Our Visitors and Friends to Our Worship Service Today**

To all of you, we extend an invitation to return often, your presence is a blessing to us; we hope that soon we will be able to worship together again. Do come and be with us. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see or call Pastor Carl. All are welcomed to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion or to receive a blessing.



### **Please keep the following individuals in your prayers**

**Members:** Helen, Mark, Calvin & Mary, Hazel, Ruth, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, and all homebound members.

**Family & Friends:** Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Clyde, Kary, Gloria, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Addison, Ed, Regina, Dennis, Danny, Family & friends of Mary Jane Peters, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

### **Weekly Offering and Attendance**

- [Donate online via Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)
- In person during outdoor worship
- Send offering by mail:  
15773 Dover Road  
Upperco, MD 21155



**Attendance - July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**In Person – 17**

**Online Video - 44**

## Outdoor In-Person Worship



- ❖ Services will be held in the Pavilion, Sundays at 9am.
- ❖ A check-in person will perform a brief temperature check as you arrive.
- ❖ Seating is 6 feet apart (families can sit together).
  - Use the picnic tables in the pavilion
  - Bring your own lawn chair to sit in the grassy area if you prefer
- ❖ Please wear a mask at all times.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available.
- ❖ Bulletins will be emailed prior to the service for you to print, if desired.
- ❖ There will be a safe and no-contact communion and offering.
- ❖ Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

**We will still offer the online recorded services each week for those that can't / shouldn't attend the in-person services. Please choose what is best for you, your health, your risk level, and your family.**

Online services : <http://stpaulsupperco.org>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOvnEf8eHah01BMJZlItYrQ>

**Please stay home if you are feeling ill.**

**Immediately contact the church if you test positive for COVID after recently attending a service, so we may implement steps for rapid contact tracing.**



North East Social Action Program

### NESAP Pantry Needs

- canned pasta (beefaroni, spaghetti O's, etc)
- pudding
- Jello
- cereal
- breakfast bars/pop tarts
- oatmeal
- jelly
- Hamburger or tuna Helper
- rice
- canned fruit
- canned beans (pinto, black beans, etc.)
- canned carrots
- canned potatoes
- canned mixed vegetables
- canned beets
- juice (apple, etc.)
- canned chicken or salmon
- brownie mix
- soup
- bar soap
- dish detergent
- laundry detergent
- diapers size 5 & 6
- wipes