

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
15733 Dover Road  
Upperco, Maryland 21155  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.  
**Amen.**



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

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.**

Hymn # 756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

**Eternal Father, strong to save,**  
**whose arm has bound the restless wave,**  
**who bade the mighty ocean deep**  
**its own appointed limits keep:**  
**oh, hear us when we cry to thee**  
**for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word**  
**the winds and waves submissive heard,**  
**who walked upon the foaming deep,**  
**and calm amid the storm didst sleep:**  
**oh, hear us when we cry to thee**  
**for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood**  
**upon the chaos dark and rude,**  
**and bid its angry tumult cease,**  
**and give, for wild confusion, peace:**  
**oh, hear us when we cry to thee**  
**for those in peril on the sea.**

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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

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

A Reading from Job

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

A Reading from Second Corinthians

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,  
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia.* Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 6:2)

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41  
The Gospel from Mark

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon: “When the Storms of Life... “

Hymn of the Day # 773 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone;  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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Apostles' Creed

**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 the Church

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. (A brief silence)

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. Especially we pray for 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 our community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

#### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

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

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

In great love you sent Jesus, your only begotten Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor and who on the cross open his arms to all. In all this we bless you for your only Son, who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us and send us forth burning with justice grace and love. **Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer

## Communion Distribution

*All are welcomed to the Lord's Table - Members, Visitors and Guests! You can receive Holy Communion or the pastor also offers a blessing for those who do not wish to receive Communion. When the usher directs you, use the center aisle (staying socially distanced).*

*Please keep your mask on while at the altar.*

*After the pastor places the wafer in your open palm, take a pre-filled cup (avoid touching other cups). Then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*When the pastor consumes the elements, everyone will lower their masks and do the same together.*

*The empty cup will be collected afterwards.*

## Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

### The Benediction

### **Sending Hymn # 763 "My Life Flows On In Endless Song" (Verses 1, 2, & 4)**

**My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

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Go in peace to Love, Serve, and Teach God's Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sending

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

We welcome all our visitors to our worship service - 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:** Mark, Calvin, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Peter, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, Katie, Leon, Bri, Tom, and all homebound members.

**Family & Friends:** Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Torie, Ashlee, Andrea & Cotey, Julie, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**Please continue to make your weekly offering if you are able**

- [Donate online via Tithe.ly.](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> Offering for June is for Carroll Rape Crisis)
- To send by mail: 15773 Dover Road, Upperco, MD 21155

**Church News and Happenings**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Indoor Worship at 9:00am  
Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#) posted Sunday afternoon  
Alpha Pregnancy Baby Bottles Due Back  
**Happy Father's Day!**

**SUNDAY, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Indoor Worship at 9:00am  
Virtual Worship via [SPC YouTube Channel](#) posted Sunday afternoon

Attendance, June 13<sup>th</sup> - YouTube Video – 25 views, In-person – 25

**Our Bingo is Official and only 2 months away and we could use your help.**

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
2	17	31	48	63
6	20	38	51	68
7	22	FREE	54	69
12	23	39	57	72
15	27	44	60	75

In an effort to keep things easy and simple we are "stuffing" our Bingo prizes with \$25 gift cards. They can be gift cards to anywhere. If you want to shop local, a gift card to Outlaw BBQ or J & P Pizza or any of the other many local businesses around us or you can give national gift cards like Target, Amazon, Dunkin etc.

If you prefer to write a check to "St Paul's Lutheran Church", we can buy the card for you and you will get credit for the donation in your giving statement. Either way is fine with me.

Carol Hilgartner will be happy to pick up any donations if you are not comfortable coming to church or mailing your donation.

Please Please donate! We need 30 gift cards for the Bingo so if everyone donates one or two, we will have enough. We are not asking for sponsorships this year, only gift cards and door prizes so please be generous! Thank You!

**Sign Up For VBS!**

Hey kids! Summer is here and we are taking reservations for this year's VBS!  
Come out and have fun!

July 26 - 30, 2021, Monday through Friday, 9am to 12noon

See our website for more information or to download the registration form  
(<http://stpaulsupperco.org/vacation-bible-school/>) or talk to Rachel or Carol Hilgartner.

