

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Upperco, Maryland  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

\* Gathering Hymn # 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

\* Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 147

\* Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson – 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*) .....Page 151

\* The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* Holy Gospel – Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

\* Response: “The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to You, O Christ.**”

Sermon: Do you know where you’re headed?

\* Hymn of the Day # 768 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

\* Apostles Creed.....Page105

\* Prayers of the Church

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. (*A brief silence*).

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth’s ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying especially those who we name (pause for names spoken or in silence) and for all who are lifted up in the ongoing list of prayer concerns of this faith community. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offering

\* Offertory Hymn: # 184 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

\* Offertory Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

\* Great Thanksgiving.....Pages 152

\* Preface

\* Holy, Holy, Holy.... (Sanctus)..... Page 153

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* The Lord’s Prayer..... Page 154

Invitation to Communion

In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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, go and kneel at the altar to receive the wafer and then the wine from the pouring chalice.*

Communion Hymn # 773 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

\* Post-Communion Blessing

\* Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

\* Blessing

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

\* Sending Hymn # 774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

\* The Benediction

\* The Dismissal: Go in peace to Love, Serve, and Teach God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**

\* 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.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY, June 26th – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00am

**SUNDAY, July 3rd – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship at 9:00am

Food Collection – benefits NESAP

### **CHURCH NEWS and HAPPENINGS**

#### **NESAP NEEDS**

Urgent – rice, instant potatoes

Other items - Jelly, Juice, Breakfast bars, Hamburger Helper, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's etc), Oatmeal packets, Rice or Pasta sides, Cup of Soups, Canned Vegetables

**VBS – Who is My Neighbor? : July 18-22, 9am to 12noon**

Sign up online (*free event*) at <http://stpaulsupperco.org/vacation-bible-school> or email [office@stpaulsupperco.org](mailto:office@stpaulsupperco.org) for a registration form. For more info, contact Carol Hilgartner.

### **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Members:** Calvin Armacost, Maidie Brown, Vivian Chenowith, Bud Eichelberger, Carolyn Eichler, John Eichler, Carlina Folfas, Shriver Foster, Andy Geldmacher, Hannah Hilgartner, Denise Holtz, Glenys Hunt, Matthew Jones, Nadine McGee, Bri Murphy, Gene Zepp, John Kelly, Bob & Gerri Martin, and all homebound members.

**Family & Friends:** Alicia Minor, Gwyneth Hann, Ms. Heather, Lillian Baber, Amanda, Ashlee Kopp, Andrea & Cotey Kopp, Bob & Tammy Bush, Jerry & Jan Herfurth, Bernie & Chris Harman, Bubczyk Families, Linda Nunan & family, Marie & Dave Davis, Tim Hoyt & family, Marie & John Enderton, Debb Webb, Joy, Susan Davidow, David Laird, friends & family of Betty Duvall, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

### **WEEKLY OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

[Donate online via Tithe.ly](#) -2<sup>nd</sup> Offering - Vacation Bible School

Send offering by mail: 15773 Dover Road, Upperco, MD 21155

*Attendance, June 19<sup>th</sup> - YouTube Video – 18 views, In-person – 20*