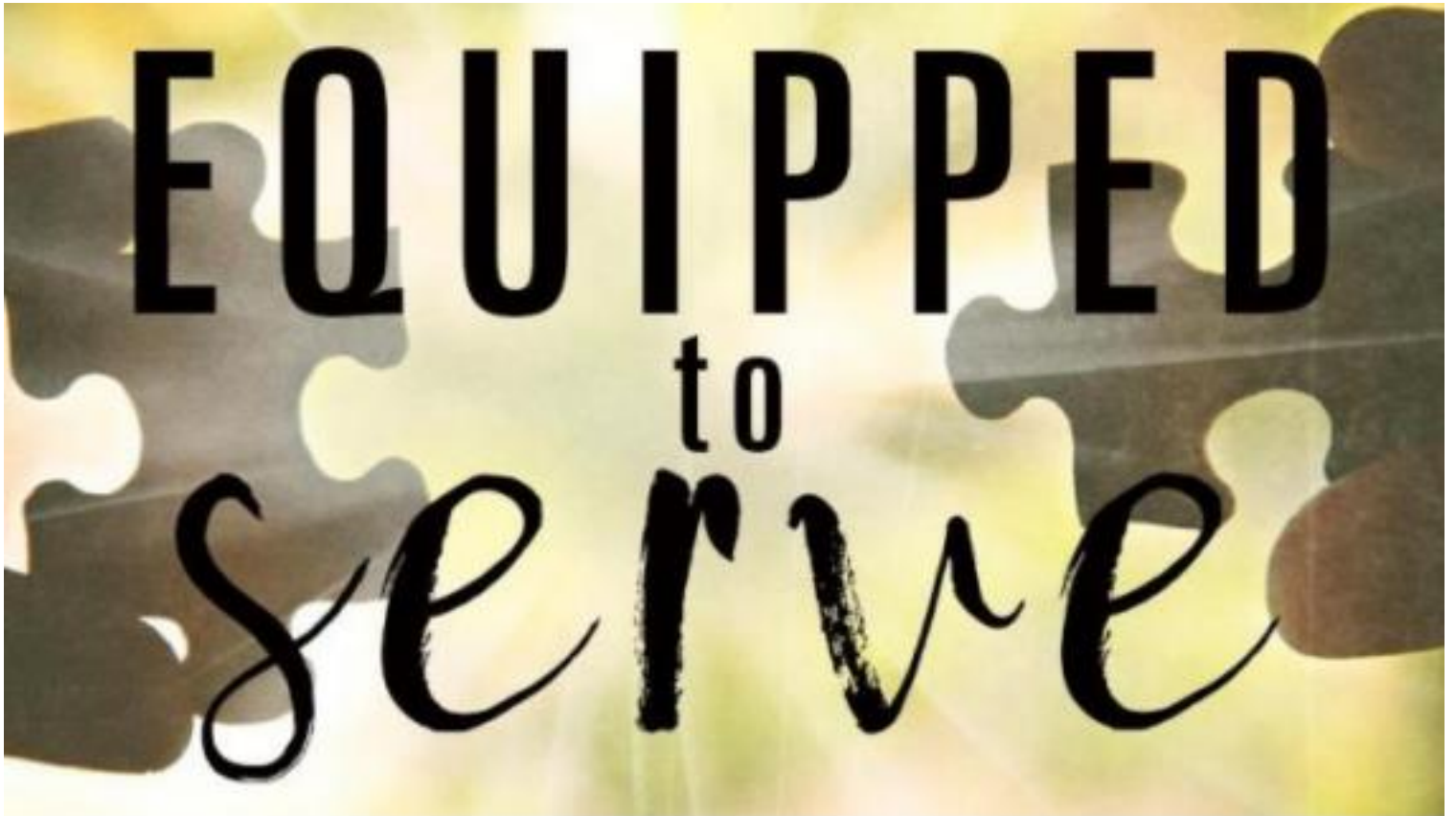


**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Sunday, August 4, 2024**



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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger  
Organist- Colin Andrew

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This morning we remember in prayer **St. Peter’s, Tremont** from our Schuylkill Association Prayer Calendar.

Please read the announcements that are in this downloadable bulletin, as well as those we post on our Facebook site, our emails, and our phone calls, and then help spread the word to those who do not have access to any of those messages.

*(Communion note: This morning, as some of us are gathered together here at church while many are gathering with us virtually from their homes, we all are invited to the same table. Those present this morning are invited to pick up a bag of individually prepared elements from the table in the narthex, as we will not be distributing the elements during the service. Those at home may gather bread and drink and partake as we do when we are gathered together.)*

INVOCATION

**GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

PRELUDE

*The congregation may stand.*

SOLEMN DECLARATION.....Sung “Amen”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

**People: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “The bread of God gives life to the world.”

**People: We are hungry for eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**People: We are here to be the body of Christ, food for a hungry world. Amen!**

OPENING HYMN NO. 598.....“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison).....(Psalm 51:1-12, NRSV)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.**

MOMENT OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: When we repent, God creates in us a new heart, and puts a new and right spirit within us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD:.....Lector, Mike Fessler

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16 (Page 1018)

Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35 (Page 928)

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE.....“Let Thy word abide in us, O Lord.”

SERMON.....“For the People of God”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

*The congregation may remain seated.*

HYMN NO. 354.....“Just As I Am”

*The congregation may stand.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) .....The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

CALL TO OFFERING

*The congregation may stand.*

OFFERING RESPONSE & DEDICATION.....DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation:

Pastor: Don't work for the food that doesn't last. Partake freely of the food that endures for eternal life.

**People: God, give us this food always.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**People: Lord, feed us from your table.**

The Communion Prayer:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy God, we praise and bless you for the creation and the gift of life, and for your abiding love.....With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

The Seraphic Hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy glory, Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

*The congregation may be seated.*

Words of Institution:

Prayer of Consecration:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

Lifting of the Cup:

Call to the Supper:

The Sharing of the Elements:

Blessing of the Children:

*(Children who do not receive communion may come forward at this time and receive a blessing)*

*The congregation may stand.*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### COMMISSION

Pastor: The Bread of Life has called and fed you. Now go forth into God's world to nourish others.

**People: We go to share the unity and love we have found here.**

Pastor: In the Spirit of peace, go into the world.

**People: We go so that others may touch the presence of Christ's peace, and the grace of God's love.**

### BENEDICTION

THE THREEFOLD AMEN.....*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN NO. 501....."Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

### SILENT MEDITATION

### POSTLUDE

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-Offering on Sunday, August 4, 2024: \$2,245.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2024: \$3,243.09

-Weather permitting, a **group kayak outing at Sweet Arrow Lake, Pine Grove** is planned **TODAY**. We will meet at the boat launch located on Sweet Arrow Lake Road at 4pm. Please speak to Kelly Palerino for more info.

-**Join us for Fellowship Time next Sunday, August 11 following worship.** Enjoy conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments. We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the Second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. Please contact Lori Moyer or the church office if you would like to help or donate any treats!

-**The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry needs and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products.** Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE. We will be helping on Monday, August 12 at 8:30am and on Friday, August 16 at 12pm.** Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

-**The third Sunday of the month is "Bring your motorcycle to church" Sunday. A group ride will follow worship on August 18 and September 15.** Spread the word, invite your friend, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of other rides throughout the summer, please notify the church office.

-**The next Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00pm.**

-**The Senior Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 21** and will continue each Wednesday evening beginning at 7pm. New members are always welcome! Please speak to our Music Director, Rae Ann Borger if you would like more information.

-**You're invited to a Senior Scam seminar** with Senator Dave Argall, Representative Jamie Barton and representatives from the Senior Protection Unit of the Attorney General on **Wednesday, August 21** at 11am at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. Learn how to avoid the latest scams targeting senior citizens. RSVP's are required. Please call 570-773-0891 to reserve your spot.

**-It's time to register for Confirmation class.** 1st year confirmation classes are available to any young adult turning 12 or entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year. To register, please turn in a completed form to the church office by **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Confirmation Classes will begin on Rally Day **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 AM, with a confirmand, parent and mentor meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ken.

**-There will be an Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, August 25 at 9:30am.** Bring a lawn chair and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation on our front lawn. In case of inclement weather, services will be held indoors in the sanctuary.

**-Please note that our regular 10:30am worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 1. On Sunday, September 8, everyone is invited to come celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School year on Rally Day.** There will be Sunday School at 9:15am, followed by worship at 10:30am that day. **Following our worship service, we will gather in the grove for a church wide picnic and enjoy fun, fellowship, games and food.** Hamburgers, hotdogs and other snacks will be served. You're welcome to bring your favorite dish to share but it certainly is not necessary. You may want to bring a lawn chair, blanket and any kid friendly outdoor games to play too. We can't wait to see you there!

-Mark Your Calendars for the **One Rock, One Community Free Community Music Festival on Saturday, September 14** from 11 AM-6:00 PM at the Stop 'N Rock off of Route 895 in Rock. Free admission & parking, FREE live music, FREE children's area including bounce houses, train, petting zoo, crafts and more! There will be food trucks, a car, truck, tractor & motorcycle show. **There are many volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to help.** Please contact Pastor Ken if you are able to help in any way.

**-In an effort to keep our records up to date,** please contact the church office if you have had a change to any of your information, to include phone or cell phone numbers, email or home addresses, or any family updates.

**-Sound Board help is needed!!** If you are good with computers, please see Craig Borger or call the church office.

**-When you or a loved one is sick or in the hospital for an extended stay,** do not assume that the pastor will know you are there. Please call or email the church office so that Pastor Ken can provide you with spiritual care!

**-Our church services are livestreamed on Facebook!** When you can't join us in person, please join us on line!

**-Prayer is Powerful!** Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns. We believe in the power of prayer and want to pray for you. **We have a prayer concerns email group for anyone interested.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, **Mark Ebling, Cheryl Zimmerman,** Woody Silver, Jonathan and Jane Warke, Mabel Edwards, Dick Clauser, Nathan Hibbard, Kathy Kline, Guy Fessler, Al Herring, Lori Edwards, Ron Mengel

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## **FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

### **Sunday, August 4**

4:00 PM -Kayak outing at Sweet Arrow Lake

5:00 PM -Boy Scout Court of Honor and covered dish

### **Monday, August 5**

7:15 PM -Boy Scout Meeting

### **Sunday, August 11**

9:30 AM -Worship with the Sacrament of Baptism and the Celebration of Baptismal Anniversaries

-Fellowship time following worship

### **\*Lectionary Readings for next week:**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

I Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 130

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51