

**Want to help people in need in Mon County?
All you have to do is come to church before home games!**

Its time for our Game Day Parking Ministry to begin for the 2024 football and basketball seasons. Volunteers take money and help direct cars to park on our paved lot and grass yard for WVU football and basketball games. **THIS MINISTRY SENDS ALL THE MONEY COLLECTED TO LOCAL CHARITIES AND RAISES OVER 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR!!** And...you'll even be home in time for kick-off. If you can help please let committee chair Larry Springer know when you see him in church or call the church office.



**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
Will Return
On
September 3rd**

Communion Today

- ◆ **Communion today** is at the rail. Proceed down aisle filling in from outside toward center. Return to your pew down the side aisle on your side of the Church.
- ◆ **Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available**, just ask for them at the rail.

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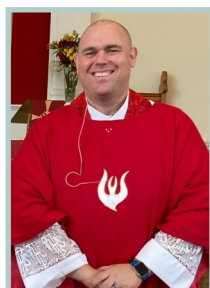
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The Weekly Epistle

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024

Take This Sheet Home With You!



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All Are Welcome! At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.

A Word from Pastor Tony

Recently, I made a decision that surprised even me—I got a motorcycle! Okay, technically its a scooter, but it's a big one. Its strange to surprise oneself. It's been more than 25 years since I regularly rode a bicycle and, even in my youth, I was never a great cyclist. Sometimes I was unsteady and often unsure. When I turned 16 and got four wheels under me, the idea of riding again on two faded into a distant memory. But a few weeks ago, I felt the urge to try something both new and familiar. To my astonishment, it was just like "riding a bike." The rhythm came back, the balance was there, and the joy of cruising through the beauty of God's grandeur brought a sense of freedom I hadn't felt in years.

This experience made me reflect on our spiritual lives. Just as I found myself reconnecting with something I believed was long gone, many of us might find that returning to a long put-away faith practice—be it daily prayer & Scripture reading, singing in the choir, or engaging in ministry in our community —can be equally rewarding. Even if it's been a few years, you might just be surprised that the foundational aspects of faith remain, waiting to be reawakened. If you've been distant from a part of your faith journey consider giving it another go. You might discover, as I did, that the essence and joy of that spiritual engagement are still there, ready to be embraced. It's never too late to return to what once brought you peace and purpose. Sometimes, all it takes is a little try to rediscover the ride.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

- ◆ Opening Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Green **#245**
- ◆ Psalm *78:23-29* Green, **p.250**
- ◆ Hymn of the Day: *What Feast of Love* Blue **#701**
- ◆ Communion Hymn: *In the Quiet Consecration* Green **#223**
- ◆ Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance* Blue **#699**

The First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. (NRSV)

The Gospel Reading

John 6: 24-35

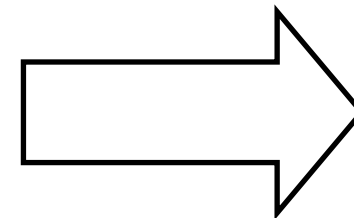
The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (NRSV)

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