



The Weekly Epistle

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2024



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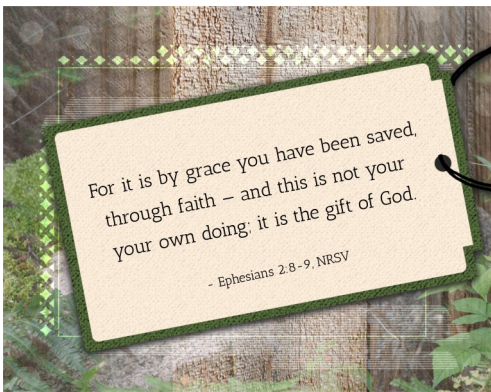
Take This Sheet Home With You!

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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



Christ Alone. This central tenet of our faith that brings both challenge and joy. The challenge lies in confronting our human inclination to earn God's favor through our deeds. In a world that often values self-sufficiency and merit, accepting that our salvation is a gift from Christ alone, through his atoning sacrifice, requires humility and faith.

The joy, however, is unparalleled. Knowing that our atonement is secured by Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection liberates us from the burden of trying to achieve salvation on our own. It assures us that our sins are fully forgiven, and our relationship with God is restored through His grace.

This understanding transforms our lives. It frees us to live in gratitude, serve others with love, and share the Gospel with confidence. Embracing "Christ alone" deepens our faith and, when rooted, offers unshakeable hope and eternal peace.

Yours in Christ,

Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn: | <i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i> | Green #251 |
| ◆ Psalm | 34:1-18 | Green, p.231 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>Bread of Life from Heaven</i> | Insert |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i> | Green #197 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>On Our Way Rejoicing</i> | Green #260 |

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (NRSV)

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

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. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' (NRSV)



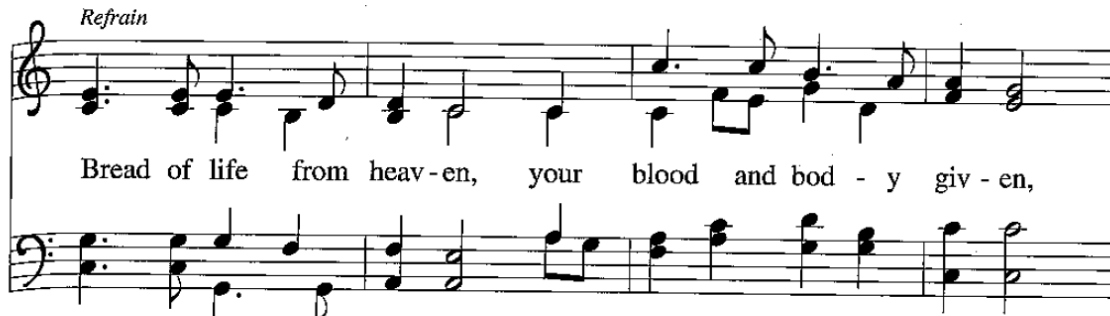
The altar flowers are given by Joanne Seasholtz & Larry Springer in celebration of their wedding anniversary

This month, the **Circle of Friends** free community meal will be served August 25th at 4PM at the Lutheran Campus Chapel. Help is needed! Please contact Sheila Zinn to offer your assistance. 410-599-3818 or email: socialministry@stpaulmorgantown.org


Bread of Life from Heaven

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Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,
we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
Music: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD
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Officers Of The Congregation

- President: Bill Graham
- Vice President: Lillian Stevens
- Treasurer: Joanne Seasholtz
- Secretary: Lindsey Naumann
- Financial Secretary: Sue Cook

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 11

- Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM
Lounge
- Worship 10:00 AM
Nave

Thursday, August 15

- Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM
Parking Lot
- Council meeting 7:00 PM
Lounge

Friday, August 16

- Piecemakers 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 18

- Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM
Lounge
- Worship 10:00 AM
Nave

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Tamara Riegel, Administrator

Church Office Hours:

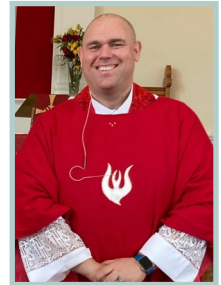
Monday-Thursday 9AM —Noon

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Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Stephanie Setley**

Lector: **Tamara Riegel**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **Kim Shockley & Lindsey Naumann**

Broadcaster: **Carl Werntz**

Serving August 18th:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

Lector: **Mary Boroff**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Mary Boroff & Bill Graham**

Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

- ♦ **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.