



# The Weekly Epistle

The Body and Blood of Christ  
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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

I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, my deep inadequacy as a Luther pastor—I'm terrible at German. Like really bad, like better at dead, Biblical Greek than German bad. In 10<sup>th</sup> grade I took Spanish and French—anything beats math, am I right?—anyway this unfortunately made me ineligible for 100 level courses in either to satisfy my college's language requirement. Deterred by dusting off 2 years of rust to enter an intermediate college language course, I decided to take option three—German 101. The easy route, or so I thought. I worked HARD for a C- my first semester but about a week or two into German 102 I knew I was toast. Ugh—no credit for 102 and 101 would become irrelevant toward meeting the requirement. What a waste.

I set a meeting with Dr. German Professor after Quiz 1 and stated the obvious. "I don't understand this language." "*Das ist offensichtlich,*" he replied. "I don't know what that means," I said. "That is obvious." He replied. At least we're on the same page. To my surprise, before I could ask about options he proffered, "I will pass you. I want you to come to class, do the homework and try your best." I was surprised at his phrasing and, as English was his second language, I wanted to make sure I knew the terms. "So if I come to class and do the work you'll pass me?" He looked at me possibly trying to discern if English was my first language. "No, that is not what I said. I am going to pass you. Please come to class and do your best with the work. I do not want you to worry all semester long." Then a funny thing happened. I came to class. Did my best. I even learned a little German along the way and enjoyed the course. I still did not really do enough to earn credit but there on my transcript at the end of the year was a beautiful "D-". Dr. G.P. could have made a good Lutheran Pastor; he already knew German, and evidently divine Grace too.

Yours in Christ, +*Pastor Tony*

## Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn:    | <i>Glory Be To Jesus</i>                | Green <b>#95</b>  |
| ◆ Psalm            | 116:10-17                               | Green, p.272      |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i> | Green <b>#210</b> |
| ◆ Communion Hymn:  | <i>In the Quiet Consecration</i>        | Green <b>#223</b> |
| ◆ Closing Hymn:    | <i>O Living Bread From Heaven</i>       | Green <b>#197</b> |

**The First Reading****Exodus 24:3-8**

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." (NRSV)

**The Second Reading****Hebrews 9:11-15**

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. (NRSV)

**The Gospel****Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (NRSV)

**SAVE THE DATE:  
VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL 2024!**

Our annual vacation Bible school will be held Sunday July 21—Wednesday, July 24. Each day from 5:30pm—7:30pm.

Our theme will be “Holy Trinity!” Sign-up sheets for kids and volunteers are available in the narthex and online sign-ups will be posted this week. More details to come.

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Tuesday, June 4**

No Bible Study

**Friday, June 7**

Piecemakers 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, June 8**

Mike Kirkpatrick Funeral 3:00 PM

**Sunday, June 9**

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

**North Star Boys Choir at St. Paul on June 16**

The North Star Boys Choir ([northstarboyschoirmn.org](http://northstarboyschoirmn.org)) will be joining us for worship on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The choir will offer several selections from their current tour presentation; America the Beautiful. A free-will offering will be collected.

We need a handful of families that can host two boys overnight on June 15. If you have the ability to host please let Pastor Tony know asap and thank you to those who have already offered!



**LOOKING FOR HELPERS**

If you would like to volunteer to assist with bereavement committee please send your name, cell phone number, and email to Sara Bishop ([sara.bishop2613@gmail.com](mailto:sara.bishop2613@gmail.com)), Julie Sandolini ([nursejuliern@hotmail.com](mailto:nursejuliern@hotmail.com)), or Grethe Myles ([grethemyles76@mac.com](mailto:grethemyles76@mac.com)) Our next meal will be Saturday, June 8 for Mike Kirkpatrick’s funeral. Future meals are scheduled as needed. Thank you!



**Funeral Meals**

**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.

## Officers Of The Congregation

President: Bill Graham

Vice President: Lillian Stevens

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## Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Steve Woodruff**

Lector: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **J. Bouquot & L. Stevens**

Broadcaster: **Carl Werntz**

## Serving June 9<sup>th</sup>:

Assisting Minister: **Stephanie Setley**

Lector: **Mary Boroff**

Usher: **Tamara Riegel**

Counters: **M. Boroff & B. Graham**

Broadcaster: **Mike and Jen Peters**

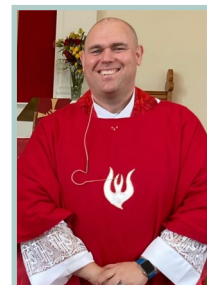
## The Rev. Tony Setley, Pastor

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## Online Offering

You can give a secure online offering with a debit/credit card or checking account. Scan or visit: [stpaulmorgantown.org/giving](http://stpaulmorgantown.org/giving)

**Thank you!**



**Q:** What is Circle of Friends?

**A:** An organization, of people from local churches that has been providing consistent free, weekend meals to people in Morgantown for many years.

**Q:** How is St. Paul involved?

**A:** For years our congregation has provided one meal per month, even during the pandemic. Currently, we cook and serve the Sunday dinner of the 4th Sunday of the month.

**Q:** What does the ministry need? **A: YOU!**

PLEASE consider helping one of two ways. First, the entire monthly meal (about 40 servings) can be covered for just \$100. Please consider sponsoring a month—just drop the donation in the offering plate in an envelope with your named and marked “Circle of Friends.” Second, we need servers and some cleaners. 4th Sunday, 4:30-6:30 at the Lutheran Campus Chapel (1497 University Ave.) Please let Sheila Zinn or the office know if you can help. You can also put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thanks!