



# The Weekly Epistle

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 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

Today marks the beginning of a wonderful adventure for six of our congregation's youth as they head off to Camp Luther. This camp is more than just a week of fun in the sun in Cowen, WV; it's a time for spiritual formation, where campers are encouraged to explore their faith, learn about God's love, and build a strong foundation for their future. Thanks be to God for the volunteer staff at Camp Luther who will mentor and support our kids, helping them grow in their understanding and love of God.

As our campers embark on this journey, let's keep them in our prayers, asking for their safety, joy, and spiritual growth. Let's also take a moment today to appreciate all the fathers in our lives, thanking them for their love, guidance, and the many ways they reflect God's love to us.



To our six campers, know that your church family is excited for you and will be thinking of you throughout the week. Embrace every moment, make new friends, and dive deep into the learning and activities that await you.

*Yours in Christ,*

*+Pastor Tony*

## Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn:    | <i>We Praise You, O God</i>              | Green <b>#241</b> |
| ◆ Psalm            | 92:1-4, 12-15                            | Green, p.259      |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>Come, You Thankful People, Come</i>   | Green <b>#407</b> |
| ◆ Communion Hymn:  | <i>We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight</i> | Blue <b>#675</b>  |
| ◆ Closing Hymn:    | <i>On What Has Now Been Sown</i>         | Green <b>#261</b> |

**The First Reading*****Ezekiel 17:22-24***

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it. (NRSV)

**The Second Reading*****2 Corinthians 5:6-17***

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (NRSV)

**The Gospel*****Mark 4:26-34***

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. (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**

**Sunday, June 16**

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Lounge

Worship 10:00 AM  
Nave

**Thursday, June 20**

Church Council 7:00 PM  
Lounge

**Friday, June 21**

Piecemakers 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 23**

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Lounge

Worship 10:00 AM

**Welcome North Star Boys Choir**

The Choir is with us this morning and will contribute to our worship with song



**THE NATIVITY ...  
IN JUNE!**



We will be commemorating the Nativity of John the Baptist, Jesus’ older cousin by 6 months, next Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Holiday cheer and dress encouraged!

**LOOKING FOR HELPERS—Altar Guild**



The Altar Guild prepares the altar for communion each week and cleans up after each service. We also clean and maintain the linens. If you would like to help with this, we welcome you! We will train you, and

you will learn the proper names for all those odd things on the altar. If you are interested, please contact the church office or MaryLee Cushing.

**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

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## Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

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Counters: **Margie Suder & Jennifer Reed**

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## Serving June 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Assisting Minister: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Lector: **Jennifer Reed**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Carol Henry & Lindsey Naumann**

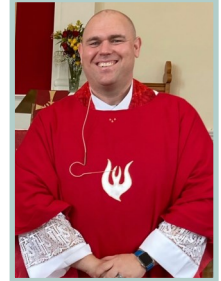
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**Thank you!**

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*In Loving Memory*

The altar flowers are given by  
Diann Craig in memory of Jim

## GOD'S HOUSE, OUR HANDS

Please consider signing-up for a temporary cleaning assignment here at church. Sheets are on the back table in the narthex.

