

Serving Today:

Assisting Minister: **Matt Sampson**

Lector: **Matt Sampson**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **Kim Shockley & Mike Peters**

Broadcaster: **Carl Werntz**

Serving July 7th:

Assisting Minister: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Lector: **Stephanie Setley**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **Carol Henry & Steve Woodruff**

Broadcaster: **Mary Boroff**

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ST PAUL HAD A GREAT WEEK AT CAMP LUTHER!



VBS INFORMATION



Our annual vacation Bible school will be held Sunday July 21—

Wednesday, July 24. Each day from 5:30pm—7:30pm. Kids Pre-K to 3rd. All are welcome!!



Online Offering

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

Thank you!

Officers Of The Congregation

President: Bill Graham

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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.



The Weekly Epistle

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 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

"What have you done!?" - God. While this quote is direct from the Fall Story of Genesis 3, I think it's fair to assume God probably has uttered this close to several trillion times over the course of watching humankind "flourish." Sometimes we might join the refrain as well. This upcoming week marks this nation's annual celebration of its founding...and what it has unleashed upon the world: government by the people. America did not invent democracy but it did kick-off the trend, late in the enlightenment era, which continues still. July 4th symbolizes the day that began (although it took about 200 years until its ideals more-or-less became reality). Perhaps its also a day to look back and say, "What have you done?!"

We believe that God orders the world through, as Luther would say, ruling over 1 of 2 Kingdoms (think Church and state). For most of Church history, in most of the world, kings and queens were crowned and literally anointed to carry out this awesome responsibility of having dominion over a people. True, in dominion there is power and privilege, but also a great deal of God-given responsibility to care for those subject to your decisions.

Then those pesky colonists decided it would be a good idea to begin to spread that power and responsibility out (I happen to think they're right but never-the-less); this means July 4th also symbolizes for Christians in America a coronation to a vocational calling. You may not have been anointed or given a nice-bejeweled hat, but now you exercise the 'power of the prince' as we are, strangely, lord and subject over/to one another. So too the mandate is also handed down. So, July 4th can remind us of our divine duty; to work to ensure our neighbors' rights, security, and sustenance. Its good to be the King...but dominion has a price.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn: | <i>Come, Ye Disconsolate</i> | Insert |
| ◆ Psalm | 30 | Green, p.228 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>We Come To You for Healing, Lord</i> | Insert |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i> | Green #453 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> | Blue #771 |

The First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. (NRSV)

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.' (NRSV)

The Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ...

Mark Continued ...'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. (NRSV)

Calendar for July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study	3	4 INDEPEND- ENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:00 AM Piecemakers	6
7 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	8	9	10	11	12 10:00 AM Piecemakers	13
14 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	15	16	17	18 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	19 10:00 AM Piecemakers	20
21 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 5:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School	22 5:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School	23 5:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School	24 5:30-7:30 Vacation Bible School 6PM Church Cookout	25 7:00 PM Suncrest Neighborhood Association	26 10:00 AM Piecemakers	27 9:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission @ Eat'n Park
28 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship	29	30	31			