



The Weekly Epistle

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 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

The story of Elijah and the widow from today's Old Testament reading, 1 Kings 17, is a vivid reminder of God's care and faithfulness to His people. When we read about "the jar of meal" and "the jug of oil" that never ran out, we see more than just the meeting of daily needs. This image is a promise that God's provision and grace are constant, even when life is uncertain.

Just as He sustained the widow and her child, God is with us today, providing what we need—sometimes in unexpected ways. Though our world feels unpredictable, we can trust in the One who holds it all. These symbols of a jar and jug encourage us to find peace and assurance in God's steadfast love.

For thus says the
LORD the God of Israel:
**The jar of meal
will not be emptied
and the jug of oil
will not fail ...**

1 KINGS 17:14, NRSV



Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn: | <i>Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs</i> | Green #254 |
| ◆ Psalm | 146 | Green, p.287 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us</i> | Green #424 |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>In the Quiet Consecration</i> | Green #223 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand</i> | Green #351 |

The First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. (NRSV)

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (NRSV)

The Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (NRSV)

- ◆ **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.



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!**

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Members and friends of St. Paul helping local families in need

Our Goal – 30 Baskets or more for Rock Forge Food Pantry

Ways you can help:

1. Donate money
2. Donate time
3. Donate purchased goods

Here are the items we need for each basket:

Item:	Amount:
Instant potatoes	1 box
Dressing	2 boxes or 1 large bag
Dinner Rolls	1 dozen
Noodles	1 large bag (all noodles have been donated)
Green beans	2 cans
Carrots	2 cans
Corn	2 cans
Applesauce	1 small jar
Gravy	1 or 2 small jars
Cranberry Sauce	1 small can
Tomato soup	1 can
Tuna	2 small cans
Vegetable soup	1 can
Mac and Cheese	2 boxes
Dessert (cake mix and frosting, or cookie mix)	



We will use donated cash to purchase dry milk and gift cards for turkeys. Please bring donated items to the church by **Sunday, November 17th**.

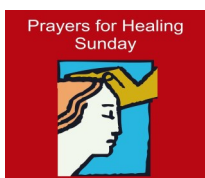
Please use the envelopes in the pews for donations. On checks, write “food baskets” in the memo line.

We will shop on Nov. 22nd or 23rd, assemble the baskets on Sunday, Nov. 24th, and deliver on Monday, Nov. 25th. **Please let us know if you are able to assist with shopping or delivery.** Contact the church office with questions.

Given by Linda Ross and Robert Zay on



the occasion of
their 26th
wedding
anniversary



You are invited to come up to the rail for prayers and anointing during the Hymn of the Day.

The new flower sign-up chart for 2025 is now on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Please consider sponsoring flowers for the altar to mark special occasions



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Tamara Riegel, Administrator

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9AM —Noon

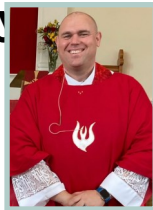
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Lector: **Tamara Riegel**

Usher: **David Custer**

Counters: **Dave Stiles & Lillian Stevens**

Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

Serving November 17th:

Assisting Minister: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Lector: **Shabonne Grimm**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Carol Henry & Steve Woodruff**

Broadcaster: **Stephanie Setley**

Officers Of The Congregation

President: Bill Graham

Vice President: Lillian Stevens

Treasurer: Joanne Seasholtz

Secretary: Lindsey Naumann



This Week's Schedule

Sunday November 10

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study (lounge)
Worship 10:00 AM
Nave

Tuesday November 12

Bible Study 10:00 AM
Lounge

Thursday November 14

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM
Parking Lot

Friday November 15

Piecemakers 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 17

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study (lounge)
Sunday School (classroom)
Worship 10:00 AM
Nave
Congregational Meeting 11:15 AM
Nave



Meeting of the Congregation

After worship on November 17th

To approve the 2025 budget and
the revised Administrative Assistant job
description

Materials are available on a table in the entry