



The Weekly Epistle

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024



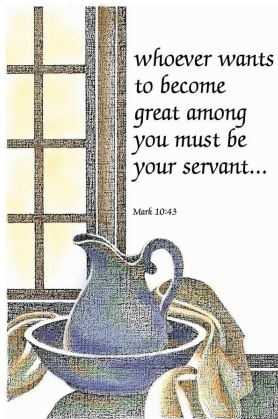
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All Are Welcome! At St. Paul we welcome all to worship and share in God's love, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, background, life situation, or wherever you are in your faith journey.

All who Believe and are Baptized (from any church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here.



A Word from Pastor Tony

In today's reading from Hebrews we find Melchizedek, a priest-king of Salem, whose unique order points us to the eternal priesthood of Christ. Unlike the other Old Testament, Levitical priests, Melchizedek fulfills his role outside of the order of the old law. Likewise, Christ's role is not based on ancestry but on the power of a life that will never end. In this way, Melchizedek is a preview of Our Lord, showing God's plan for an ever-lasting priest in Jesus. Martin Luther once noted, "Christ is called a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek, not according to the Law but according to a new and eternal priesthood."

This has deep meaning for us as believers. You might notice the words currently used in our Communion prayer that we are called as God's "priestly people." In baptism, we are made part of Christ's priestly work, called to offer spiritual sacrifices through prayer, praise, and service. In 1 Peter, we are called "a royal priesthood" (2:9). Therefore, as we hear in today's Gospel, as Christ, the Son of Man, comes to the World as a servant; likewise, we are called to be "slave[s] of all." By living this part of our Baptismal vocation we become a living testament of God's love for the world.

Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony

Our Hymns Today

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| ◆ Opening Hymn: | <i>O Christ, Our Hope</i> | Green #300 |
| ◆ Psalm | 91:9-16 | Green, p.259 |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling</i> | Green #381 |
| ◆ Communion Hymn: | <i>On Eagle's Wings</i> | Blue #779 |
| ◆ Closing Hymn: | <i>Lord, You Give the Great Commission</i> | Blue #756 |

The First Reading**Isaiah 53:4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (NRSV)

The Second Reading**Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. (NRSV)

The Gospel**Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with

James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (NRSV)



Morgantown, WV
Sunday, October 20, 2024

You can still donate!

To donate, go online to alz.org/walk and click on "Find a Team," then search for "St. Paul Lutheran." Make sure to include the period after "St", or our team won't come up.

Online donations are preferred, but Donna Ford Werntz will take cash or check donations if you wish to donate that way.

This month, the **Circle of Friends** free community meal will be served October 27th 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



The altar flowers are given by the Smith family in memory of Paul on his birthday

All Saints'

During the service on November 3rd (All Saints' Sunday), we will remember those who have died in the faith since November 1st, 2023.

If you would like someone to be remembered during that service, please fill out the **sign-up sheet in the narthex** or contact the church office.



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!



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

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.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Tamara Riegel, Administrator

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9AM —Noon

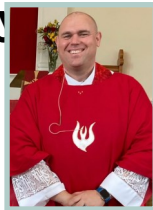
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Lector: **Sally Kirkpatrick**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **Sally Kirkpatrick & Mike Peters**

Broadcaster: **Carl Werntz**

Serving October 27th:

Assisting Minister: **Mary Haas**

Lector: **Michael Grimm**

Usher: **Dave Custer**

Counters: **Julie Sandolini & Jennifer Reed**

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, October 20

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (lounge)

Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave

Walk to End Alzheimer's 2:00 PM

Mountaineer Mall

Tuesday, October 22

Bible Study 10:00 AM

Lounge

Thursday, October 24

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM

Parking Lot

Friday, October 25

Piecemakers 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 26

Lutheran Men in Mission 9:00 AM

Eat'n Park

Sunday, October 27

Choir (choir loft) 9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study (lounge)

Sunday School (classroom)

Worship 10:00 AM

Nave

Church Organizational Info Meeting

Nave 11:30 AM

Circle of Friends 3:30 PM

Lutheran Campus Chapel