



# The Weekly Epistle

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 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**

The Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who we commemorate today, was the "patriarch of American Lutheranism." Muhlenberg's tireless work in the 18th century established the foundation for our Lutheran faith and church here in America. He built congregations, trained pastors, and nurtured unity among diverse Lutheran immigrants. His adaptability in addressing the needs of a growing nation while maintaining the integrity of the faith was remarkable.

Today, Muhlenberg teaches us an important lesson: the value of perseverance and adaptability in serving God's Church. Our context may be different, but we face similar challenges—how to hold fast to our faith while meeting the needs of our ever-changing community. Like Muhlenberg, we are called to be adaptable yet steadfast, always willing to meet people where they are while proclaiming Christ clearly. May his dedication inspire us to be bold in sharing God's love and nurturing our faith together.

*Yours in Christ, +Pastor Tony*

**The worship service for today is printed in the books in the pew racks**

## **Our Hymns Today**

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| ◆ Opening Hymn:    | <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>      | Blue <b>#767</b>  |
| ◆ Psalm            | 8   | Green, p.217      |
| ◆ Hymn of the Day: | <i>God! When Human Bonds Are Broken</i>     | Blue <b>#735</b>  |
| ◆ Communion Hymn:  | <i>Our Father, By Whose Name</i>            | Green <b>#357</b> |
| ◆ Closing Hymn:    | <i>Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round</i> | Green <b>#373</b> |

### **The First Reading**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. (NRSV)

### **The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." (NRSV)

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (NRSV)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER</b>		1 10:00 AM Bible Study	2	3 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	4 10:00 AM Piecemakers	5
6 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir  10:00 AM Worship Service	7	8 10:00 AM Bible Study	9	10 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	11 10:00 AM Piecemakers	12 8 AM-2 PM Synod Candidacy Committee
13 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service	14	15 10:00 AM Bible Study	16	17 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers 7:00 PM Council	18 10:00 AM Piecemakers	19
20 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Alzheimers Walk	21	22 10:00 AM Bible Study	23	24 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers	25 10:00 AM Piecemakers	26 9:00 AM Lutheran Men in Mission @ Eat'n Park
27 <b>Reformation</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School and Choir 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:30 PM Circle of Friends	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study	30	31 9:00 AM Prayerful Walkers		



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



The altar flowers are given by Matthew and Tamara Riegel in honor of Grace's birthday

### 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!**

### 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.

**2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's  
Morgantown, WV  
Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Mountaineer Mall  
5000 Greenbag Road

Registration at 1:00 PM  
Ceremony at 2:00 PM  
Walk at 2:15 PM

*Route length: 2 miles*

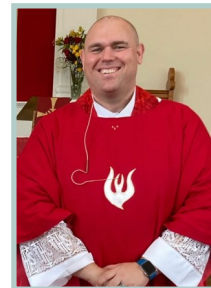
To join the St. Paul Walking Team, contact  
Donna Ford-Werntz or the church office

To donate, use the Walk to End Alzheimer's  
envelopes in the pew racks

Make checks payable to "2024 Walk to End  
Alzheimers."

Church Office Hours:  
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**Serving Today:**

Assisting Minister: **Sylvia McEwuen**

Lector: **Jennifer Reed**

Usher: **Bill Graham**

Counters: **C. Henry & L. Stevens**

Broadcaster: **Mary Boroff**

**Serving October 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Assisting Minister: **Matt Sampson**

Lector: **Larissa Mount**

Usher: **Larry Springer**

Counters: **K. Shockley & L. Naumann**

Broadcaster: **Mike & Jen Peters**

**Hurricane Helene**

**Donations**

Right now financial contributions are needed more than  
people cluttering up roads trying to get in. Places to donate  
include but are not limited to:



- Lutheran Disaster Response

**<https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate/1>**

- LDR Carolinas (covering North and South  
Caroline): [www.ldrcarolinas.org](http://www.ldrcarolinas.org) |  
Ruthann@ldrcarolinas.org
- Southeastern Synod Disaster Ministry Committee (ELCA synod covering  
Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama):  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YVZ1/campaign/C-106KM>
- VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disaster)
  - Tennessee VOAD: <https://www.tnvoad.org/donate/>
  - Kentucky VOAD: <https://www.kentuckyvoad.org/donate/>
  - Florida VOAD: <https://voadflorida.wpengine.com/>

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All checks must be written to "LDR"**