

## **The Weekly Epistle**

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024



StPaulMorgantown.org

**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**

Acts of God sound like something extraordinary has happened. At least, that's how it seems in my insurance policy. Sometimes it can be the extraordinary that alerts us to God's working in the world. But it's been my experience that God works through the ordinary more often than not.

Today is Easter (Happy Easter by the way.) and aside from eggs, pastels, and eating too much chocolate, it is likely for you a fundamentally normal day filled with normal actions. You got up, got dressed, got in the car. Far from extraordinary. In church today we will listen, pray, sing, and break bread together. Still nothing all that extraordinary.

But put it all together, those ordinary parts and what do you have? You have the gathering of God's people for worship. We are gathered here to fellowship with God and one another. So far as I understand it, that is always an **Act of God.** The coffee and the car aren't the only things that enabled us to be here today. God was at work from the moment you awoke to bring you here, using the ordinary things of this life to make something happen that isn't extraordinary at all – but an **Act of God** none-the-less. And so, I thank God for bringing us here today.

#### This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, April 2

**No** Bible Study This Week

Thursday, April 4

Prayerful Walkers 9:00 AM

Parking Lot

Friday, April 5

Piecemakers 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 7

Kids Sunday School 9:00 AM

Downstairs S.S. Room

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM

Lounge

Worship 10:00 AM

#### **Announcements**

- ◆ Happy Easter! Today we welcome Amelie Gienapp as a member of our church. Find out more about her on the back side of this sheet. Please use the "Affirmation of Baptism" handout when we get to the "Creed" portion of worship.
- Communion today will be by stations. Please line-up in the center aisle, take a cup, and proceed forward to the station on your side of the church. You may return to your pew down the corresponding side aisle. Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available, just ask when you get to the station.
- The **altar flowers** are given by Mary Haas in thanksgiving for the Resurrection of our Lord.
- Please take this sheet home and visit us online at StPaulMorgantown.org for more information.

## **Our Hymns Today**

Opening Hymn: Green #131

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24, Green pg. 272

♦ Hymn of the Day: Green **#128** 

• Communion Hymn: Green #210

• Closing Hymn: Green #151

## **Our Scripture Readings Today**

• Acts 10:34-43, New Testament pg. 161

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, New Testament pg. 218

• Mark 16:1-8, New Testament pg. 69

Page numbers are from the <u>Good News Bibles</u> located at the ends of the pews. **Large print** readings are available at the front door.

## **Serving Today:**

Assisting Minister: **Stephanie Setley** 

Lector: Lindsay Naumann

Usher: **Larry Springer** 

Counters: Carol Henry & Mike Peters

Broadcaster: Carl Werntz

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Text or call the office phone to have someone added to our prayer list. Please include name and reason—specific or broad is fine.

# Introducing Our Newest Member Amelie Gienapp



Amelie recently relocated from Iowa City, Iowa in order to join her girlfriend, who is a bachelor's-level student at WVU. A life-long Lutheran, Amelie was a hospital employee before

moving here. She enjoys good movies, good music, and, increasingly, good coffee. Please welcome Amelie to our church family!

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...TAKE ME HOME, TO THE PLACE, I BELONG— YOUR FRIDGE



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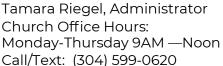


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