

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He arose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Aria" from St. Matthew Passion. J.S. Bach
 Greta Ertel (Piano) & Jill Haley (Oboe)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT Matthew 14:13-21 NT pg. 16

(Congregation Standing)

*Choral Response: O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
 O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
 I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
 And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all my days.
 (Congregation May Be Seated)*

SERMON "Send them away....Really?"
(Congregation Stands)

RESPONSIVE HYMN "Break Now the Bread of Life" No. 321
(Congregation May Be Seated)

EUCHARIST

OFFERING INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" Farley Castle
(Congregation Stands)

THE DOXOLOGY (singing)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, you heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

All: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Jesus, Son of God, we lift our hearts in thankful remembrance of your
 reconciling love, outpoured on the cross once and for all time.

All: **We praise you for your victory over the powers of evil and death,
 assuring us that neither life nor death nor anything in all creation
 can separate us from the love of God.**

Minister: Jesus, Good Shepherd, you laid down your own life that others may have life and
 have it abundantly.

All: **We thank you for naming us the lambs of your own redeeming and
 enfolding us in the flock of your shepherding care.**

Minister: Jesus, Bread of Life, you are the living bread come down from heaven for the life
 of the world.

All: **We pray that you will break this bread for us, that it may be your body
 broken to feed us until we feast at last at the heavenly table.**

Minister: Jesus, True Vine, you are the life-giving source apart from which the branches
 cannot flower by themselves, yet, if they abide in you bear fruit abundantly.

All: **We pray that you will fill this cup for us, that it may be your blood poured
 out for us, and, that drinking of it, we shall never thirst again.**

Minister: Jesus, Light of the World, whoever follows you will never walk in darkness but
 will have the light of life.

All: **We offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice, dedicated to
 your service and united in a common ministry, that all may come to believe
 you are the Christ and, in believing, may have new life in your name.**

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion Jesus gathered with his followers to share a meal. He took bread that was to feed them, gave you thanks, God, and broke the bread to share it, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Come, Holy Spirit and bless these earth-born gifts of bread and wine. Bless us as we receive them that we might be made ready to feed your sheep, to return flourishing to the land, to heal the lame and blind and deaf, to unstop the mouths of the mute for your praise. Make us faithful in all things to which you have called us.

All: **In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, God. We give thanks that you have called us to serve your world and your people.**

BREAKING BREAD, POURING WINE

Pastor: By this bread Christ body is fed. We are gathered and sent into God’s world to proclaim shalom, peace. Through this cup of blessings our old covenant with death is broken. We are filled with new life. Let us pray now in the words of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying, Our Father . . .

THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer wine or grape juice as the symbol of the Blood of Christ. Grape juice is the light, wine is the dark. The lead usher offers gluten free wafers.)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

(Children who did not receive communion and infants are welcomed to come forward and receive a blessing at this time).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

(Congregation Standing)

ALL: **We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN *“Take My Gifts”* No. 562

THE BENEDICTION
THREE FOLD AMEN
CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE *"March"* J.S. Bach

MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God’s love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God’s love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul’s please fill out the visitor’s card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(For the week of August 6, 2017)

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Elaine Heller in honor of her granddaughter’s birthday.

The **Organ Arrangement** is sponsored by Jane Folk ...Happy Birthday John.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Seth and Laura Walizer in honor of Laura’s grandmother, Jean Fegely’s 91st birthday on August 9th.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Michael and Joan Richards

Coffee Time Sponsor: Dennis and Judy Raudenbush

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Tom Agnew, Mary Ann Hayes, Grace Hetrick, Heidi Pierce, Cindy Rothenberger, Linda Schaeffer, Christoph Snyder, Steve Wentz, Robert Wolf

10:25 a.m. – Betsy Becker, Jack Creswell, Donna Rader, Bruce Rader

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Catharine Delcamp

10:25 a.m. – David Balmer

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Alex Scheffler and Parker Milyo

10:25 a.m. – Emma Ertel and Jade Vojtasek

Attendance: July 30, 2017

8:55 a.m. – 119

10:25 a.m. – 100

June	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$29,900.06	\$50,144.68	-\$20,244.62
Other Accts	\$ 7,470.00	\$12,224.96	-\$ 4,754.96
Year to date			
General Acct	\$198,330.99	\$238,360.81	-\$40,029.82
Other Accts	\$ 67,223.05	\$ 57,406.91	\$ 9,816.14