

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Sunday Worship: 10AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

Welcome to St. Paul's, Montrose, PA. We are so thankful that you are worshipping with us on this day. We have served Montrose and surrounding communities with God's love through Jesus Christ since 1831; and invite you to join with us in this long tradition of service. Please accept our hospitality; any member can assist you to our Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the worship service. Thank you for joining us this day. We invite you to come again and, with God's love, be a part of St. Paul's.

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

The Prelude

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty – arr. Kelsey

The Processional Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* Hymn 450 vs 1-3

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

The Gloria

S 280

The Collect of the Day

BCP page 236

The Old Testament:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,

by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response:

Psalm 100 BCP Page 729

The Epistle:

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *Crown him with many crowns* Hymn 494 vs 1-3, 5

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to

one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily
The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord our God, who seeks the lost sheep, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak, saying: In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Bishop, the Diocese of Northwestern PA, and for all other ministers that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace.

In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we may recognize Christ in one another and respect the dignity of every person.

In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

For world leaders, that their hearts may comprehend the depth of human suffering that exists and strive more earnestly to find peaceful solutions to all conflicts.

In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

For the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and the stranger, those in prison and for the sick, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Joe, Rick, Jennie, Sarah, Becky, Sara, Klye, & Kathy, that they may be made strong with all that comes from God's love and compassion.

In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

For all the departed, remembering especially, that they may hear Christ's words: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

In the name of Jesus our King, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Andrew the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: Gracious Shepherd, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realm. Hear the prayers we offer you this day and grant that we may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution BCP page 360

The Peace

Blessing of the Sleeping Bags BCP page 826

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* Hymn 460 vs, 1-3

The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymn 380, v3

The Eucharistic Prayer C BCP page 369

The Sanctus S124

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem S154

The Communion

Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.

Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.

The Hymn during Communion *What wondrous love is this* Hymn 439

The Post Communion Prayer BCP page 365

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn *At the name of Jesus* Hymn 435 vs, 1-3, 6

The Dismissal

The Postlude

Rejoice! the Lord Is King – Darwall's 148th

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel G. Jones

Pianist: Joyce Printz

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Vickie Calby & Sandy Seeger

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BAKED GOODS for COUNTRY STORE

Many of you may be baking or thinking of items you will be making for the Country Store on December 2, 2017. As in past years, you can bring in items that can be frozen and place in the big freezer downstairs ahead of time. Fresh baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, Dec 1. Items that have sold well in the past have been pies, cookies, breads, candies, and cakes (cupcakes have not). Begin your baking now and help St. Paul's out.

Interfaith Christmas Dinner

We will be collecting stuffing for the Christmas Dinner for Susquehanna County Interfaith our goal is to collect 50 boxes. We will need all donations by Sunday December 10th.

Poinsettias for the Christmas Altar

The cost of Poinsettias will remain the same as 2016 at 20.00 per flower. Please remit your check to the office as soon as possible or place in offering plate on Sundays. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may designate in memory of or in honor of someone if your wish. Thank you.

Pledges

Please return your pledge of financial support, time, and talent. Your pledge acknowledges God's goodness in your life and is important to your well-being and St. Paul's.