

Sunday September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

♦ **GATHERING HYMN**

“Gather Us In”

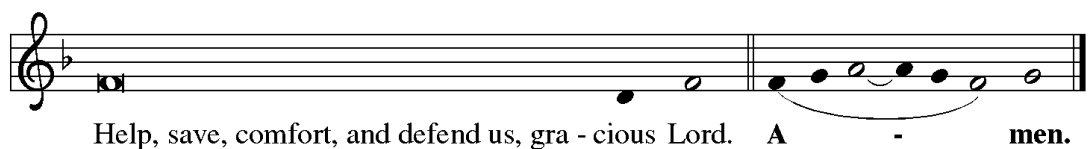
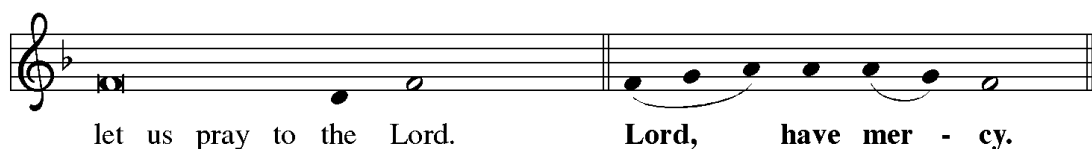
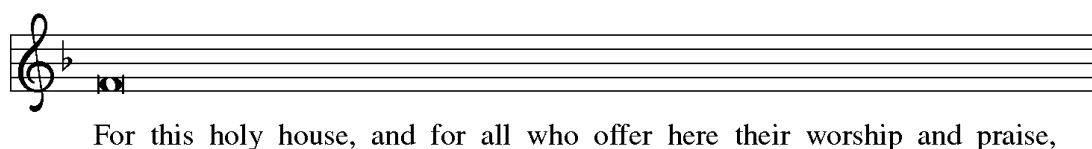
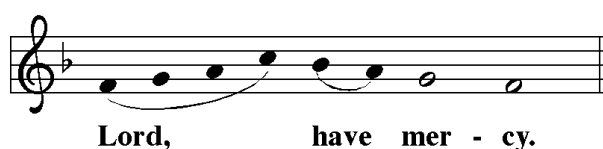
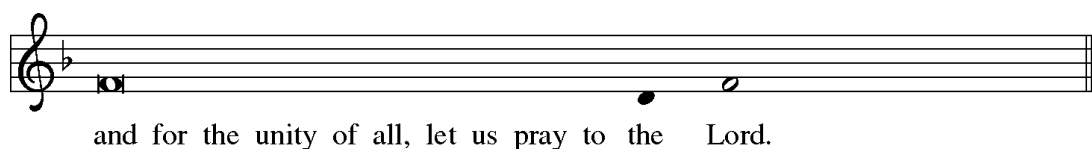
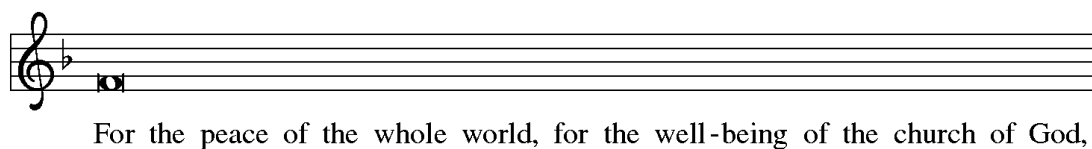
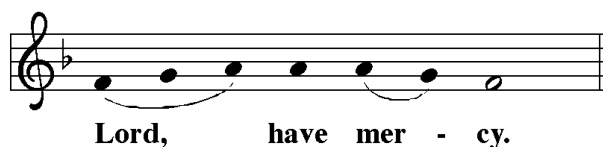
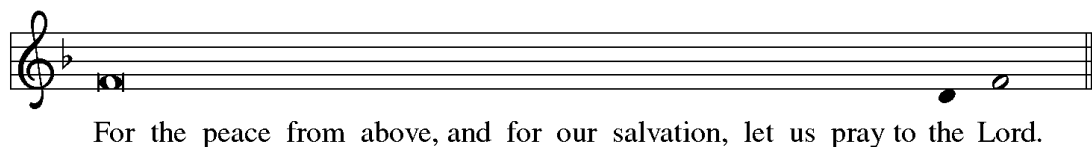
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♦ **GREETING**

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

♦ **KYRIE (Setting 3 ELW)**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
- ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
- ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
- ⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm: Psalm 146 (responsive)

- ¹Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
- ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.
- ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**
the LORD | loves the righteous.
- ⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

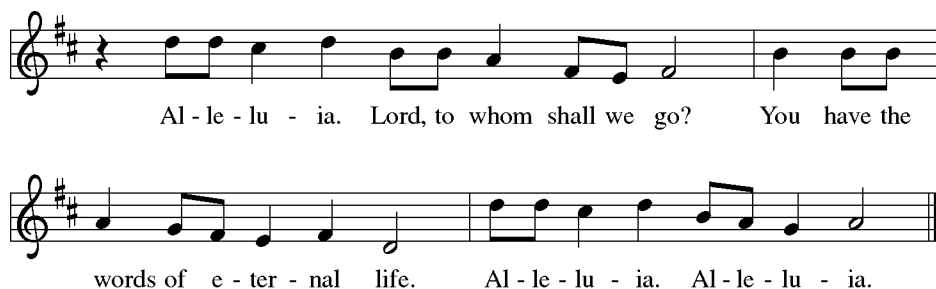
Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

♦ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Setting 3*)



***Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

♦ **SERMON**

♦ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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♦ **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

♦ THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands

♦ *OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 186)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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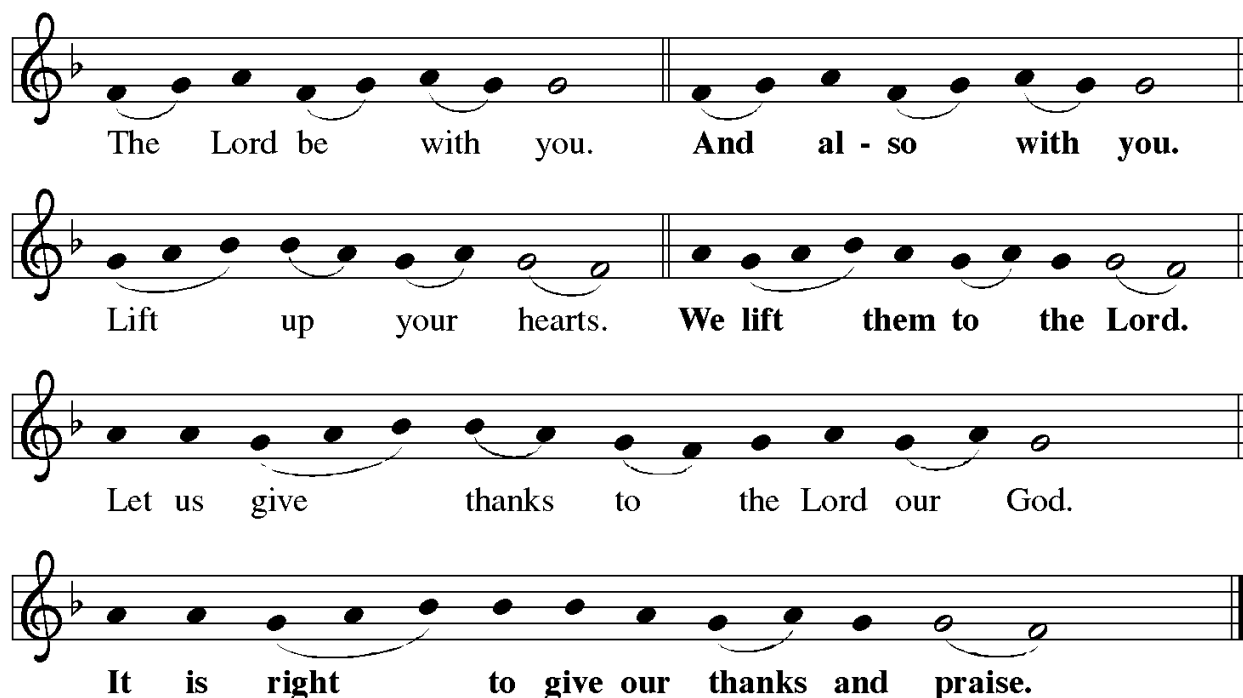
♦ OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

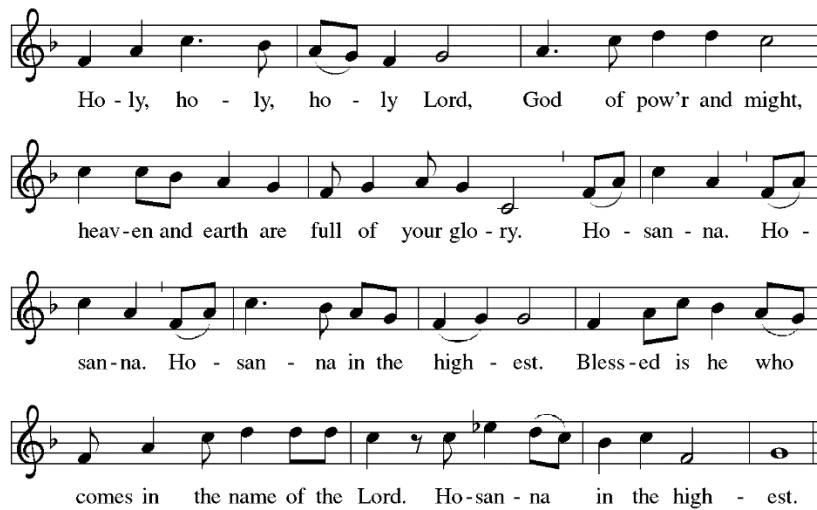
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.
Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table

LAMB OF GOD (SETTING THREE)



COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Beginning with the lectern side of the church, please come down the center aisle, and take a glass as you come forward. Receive the bread from the pastor then the wine from the communion assistant, and return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your used glass in the tray at the side aisle. Children who do not yet receive communion and those who do not wish to receive, may come forward for a blessing.

◆ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

◆ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

◆ BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

♦ SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” **ELW # 712**

♦ DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PRELUDE

POSTLUDE

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Jennifer Platt's Birthday presented by her parents Glenn & Helen Miller.

Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to Pastor Eileen prior to start of service. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

Pastoral Coverage – Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

Covid Update: The church council has decided to go back to distributing communion only via continuous line as a result of the spike in cases in Schuylkill county. At this time, there will be no other changes regarding masking and seating policies during our worship services. If you happen to feel ill or are at high risk, there are always masks available at the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Bulk Mailing of the Bulletin has stopped. The bulletin will continue to be posted on the website and sent via an email blast. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the bulletin, please call the church office. We'd be more than happy to mail you a copy.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the

hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for September 18, 2022 49 physically present, 140 views online, 4 shares as of September 19, 2022.

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. The charts are on the bulletin board for 2022. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

Attention please: Retired and looking for some fellowship? Can you tie knots? Consider joining the Jolly Quilter's on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12:30 pm. in the church. No sewing experience necessary. If you can't join them during these days, please consider taking a quilt or two home to tie knots. Good way to keep your hands busy while watching TV at night. Contact the office to make arrangements to learn what to do. Any questions, please see Betty Strauch. This is a vital ministry of Lutheran World Relief and we may have to cease this ministry here at St. Paul's. **We need you!**

Consecration Sunday is scheduled for October 9, 2022. Please join other members of the congregation at a Coffee Hour between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We will gather in the adult Sunday School room. Muffins, coffee, tea and assorted juices will be provided by the Stewardship Committee. See you then!!

The Social Ministry Committee is seeking the names and addresses of our young people who are college students. Each year care packages of items donated by our members are sent to the college students twice a year, at mid-terms and finals. Parents and/or grandparents, please give this information to the church office or to Harry Schwenk, Social Ministry Chairperson, so your student will be able to receive their care package.

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring the annual 75th and Over Birthday Party Luncheon on Sunday, September 25th at 12:00 noon in the pavilion. Church members who are 75 and over will be receiving or have already received invitations for this event. If you are in this age category and haven't received an invitation, please contact us. Maybe your birthday is not recorded in the church office.

On Sunday, October 2nd, our church will join others in the Schuylkill Haven Area Council of Churches to walk the streets of Schuylkill Haven to end hunger. The annual Crop Walk will begin and end at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry (rear of the Walk-In Shoe Building). Registration is at 1:00 pm, worship is at 1:15 pm, and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. Monies collected will benefit the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, as well as people around the world through the Church World Service. Dig out those sneakers and walk with other church members of our area churches. Registration forms are available on the table in the church Narthex. Any

questions, please call church office.

The Confirmation Class will be collecting donations this weekend for the Crop Walk.

Birthday card shower: Harry Russell will be 92 on October 1st. Please send cards to: Harry Russell, P O Box 399, Saint Peters. PA 19470

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$41.00
Local Benevolence	\$434.50
Current	\$1117.35
Capital Building Fund	\$35.00
Plate Offering	\$16.00
<u>Total Received</u>	<u>\$1643.85</u>

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: 9 am Holy Communion Service

Monday: 10 am Prayer Shawl

7 pm Zoom Bible Study

Friday: Office Closed

Saturday: 5 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 9 am Holy Communion Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22

Tues: Psalm 62; Hosea 10:9-15; James 5:1-6

Wed: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22

Thu: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11

Fri: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29

Sat: Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 8 am Brian Staller **10:30 am** Bennett Platt & Grayson Rollman

Acolyte: 8 am 10:30 am

Lector: 8 am Marlene Troxell **10:30 am** Holly Maldonado

Ushers: 8 am Brian Staller **10:30 am** Charlene Egan, Helen Miller

Counting Team: Mary Lord, Reba Llewellyn

Council Greeter: 5 pm Beckie Mairose

8 am Debbie Hummel **10:30 am** Earl Paxson

Communion Assistants: 5 pm Beckie Mairose

8 am Debbie Hummel **10:30 am** Earl Paxson

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Irma Fessler, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Jeff and Peggy Davis, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast, and Donald Legarht.

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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