

Rescue at the Sea, Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

The enslaved Israelites made it out of Egypt under Moses' leadership. So far, so good. But now, the Egyptian army advances ever nearer. How long will faith in their leader endure? Perhaps the better question is, who is really in charge here?

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

- **Everyone is invited to receive communion.** Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.
- If you would like **to receive communion in your pew**, please let an usher know.
- If you would like **a prayer included in the prayers**, please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks** and **put it in the offering plate**.
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community as we *follow in the footsteps of Christ*. You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength & hope
- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace & justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

You are welcome here!

If you are a visitor or need to update your contact info, please use red-orange card in pew rack.

Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able.
Bold print indicated responses spoken by the congregation.

↓ **GATHERING MUSIC**

El Shaddai

arr. Nathan DiGesare

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of Egypt I have called my people.

We will trust in God who preserves us.

The armies advance and trouble multiplies.

We will trust in God who preserves us.

The water ahead looks deep and dangerous.

We will trust in God who preserves us.

↑ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Confident in God's mercy, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of forgiving grace,

We are not always patient to wait for your words and your actions in our lives. We whine and complain, and we try to control those things which are out of our control. We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain. Forgive us. Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors so that we might be more like you.

We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God's own. In God's goodness all our sins are forgiven, washed clean, and we are transformed into new creations, made whole by the saving work of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

↓ **OPENING SONGS**

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Go Down, Moses

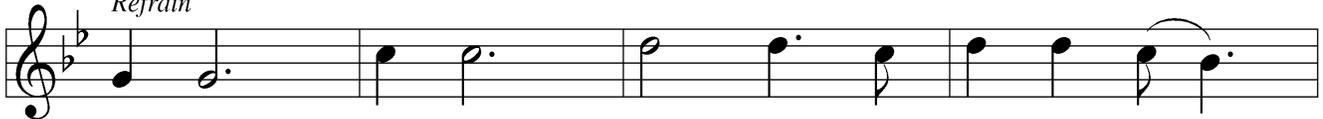


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,

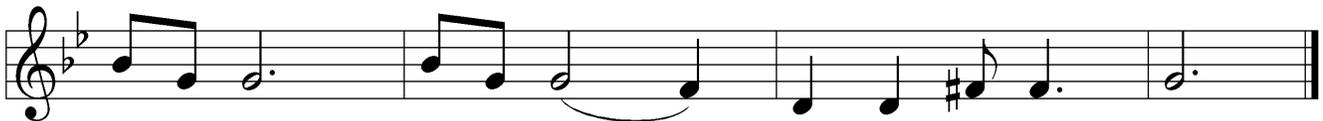


op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
a fire by night, a shade by day,
at God's com - mand it did di - vide,

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

Text: African American spiritual
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;

3 Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,



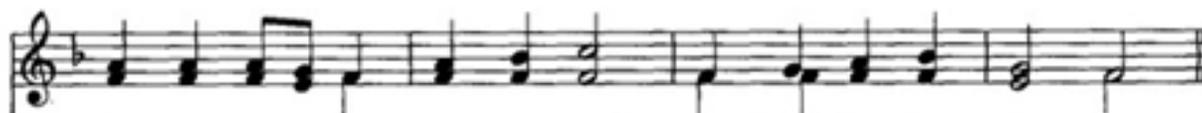
God has brought all Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;

With the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joys to ren - der;



Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;

Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem who with true at - tec - tion



Led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.

Wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

Little is known of St. John of Damascus, an early Greek theologian, but his writings have survived. Among these are poems that have been made into hymns and some that have been integrated into Greek Orthodox liturgy.

Tune: ST. KEVIN 7.6.7.6.D.
Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

Sing A New Song

Refrain
G D B⁷ Em

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your

Am⁷ D G

song be sung from moun - tains high.

D B⁷ Em

Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing - ing

Am⁷ D G

al - le - lu - ia.

G D⁷/A Am⁷/G D/F#

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh,
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the

Em Am⁷/C D⁷/A D/F#

come be - fore the Lord, and
 Sav - ior - now of has the Lord, come. The
 glo - ry of the the Lord. Lord. The

G D⁷/A Am⁷/G D

praise the Lord on glad tam - bou - rines, and
 Lord has turned your the sor - row shall to joy, and
 trum - pet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I

C Am⁷ Dsus D Refrain

let your trum - pet sound.
 filled your soul with song.
 know my Sav - ior lives.

↓ GREETING

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.

↓ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, your chosen people had no choice but to trust you and you delivered them. Keep our eyes fixed on you when the waters rise, and the troubles of our lives seem insurmountable, for you are our savior and guide.
Amen.

↓ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ READING

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee

from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

↑GOSPEL

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 2, verses 13-15

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

↓CHILDREN’S SERMON

↓SERMON

↑HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

↓ OFFERTORY

The Exodus Song

Ernest Gold

↓ OFFERING RESPONSE

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

↓ OFFERING PRAYER

You have delivered us again and again, O God, and brought us into the life you have promised. Receive our gratitude through these gifts which we offer to your service, and for the benefit of all your children.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen.

↓ PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION

After *Lord in Your Mercy*,

Respond with ***Hear Our Prayer***

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

It is easy to panic, O Lord, when we can't see a way out of the crisis before us. Remind us of your faithfulness in the past, and your promise to guide us always into a better place than even we can imagine. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Your creation is vast and bewildering, and we are inseparable from it. Instill within us a healthy fear and respect for nature, as well as a fierce desire to preserve and defend it. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Strengthen all leaders and give them patience and compassion for those whom they guide. Give us wisdom when others look to us for leadership, and a willing cooperation when we are the ones who must follow. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Fear is our impulsive response to uncertainty and insecurity. Surround us with your calming Spirit when we are out of our depth, and bring your healing presence to all who cry out to you, especially Scott, Chris, Dorothy, Pat, Gert, Scott, Noah, Sharon, Jennifer, Randy, Lloyd, Ellen, Jack, Sally, Craig, David, Steve, Amelia, Alex, and Sandy. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer.

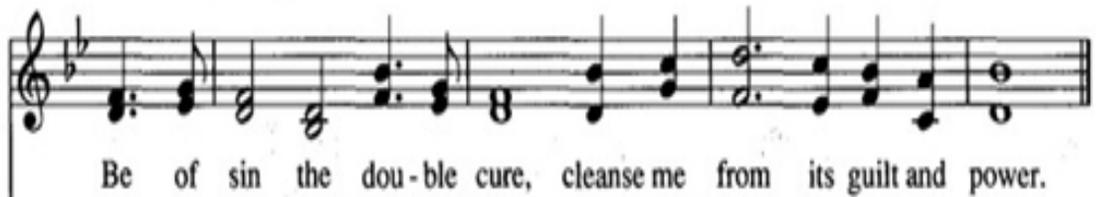
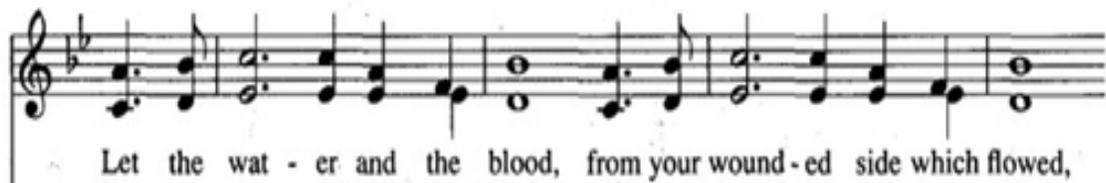
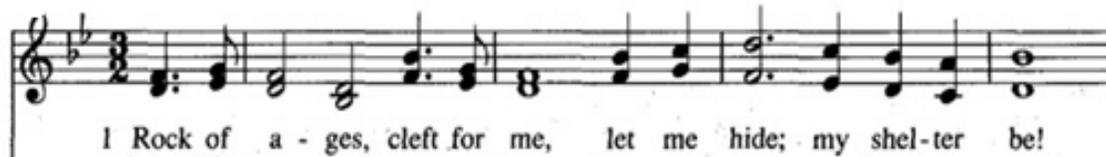
Your servant Moses trusted you, and we enjoy the legacy of his faithfulness. Make us one with all the saints, and worthy to be called your children. Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You who parted the seas and delivered the Israelites are certainly capable of granting these our prayers. Receive them for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Augustus Toplady first published this poem as part of an extensive article in which he likened the English national debt to the burden of sin. The present form is a hybrid of the original and revisions in 1815 by Thomas Cotterill.

Tune: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.
Thomas Hastings, 1830
Alternate tune: REDHEAD NO. 76

PEACE

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.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

↑LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
**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

You saved your chosen people, O God, and made us one with them in the
sacrifice of your son. Bring us together now at his table, in memory and in
celebration of all that has been done on our behalf. Come, taste, and see
the Lord's goodness!

↓COMMUNION MUSIC

Variations on a Hebrew Melody

Jack Goode and Seth Bingham

↓PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice

of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

↑ **BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

↑ **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

*Communion ministers are sent to take the sacrament to those who are
absent or homebound.*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick or homebound.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

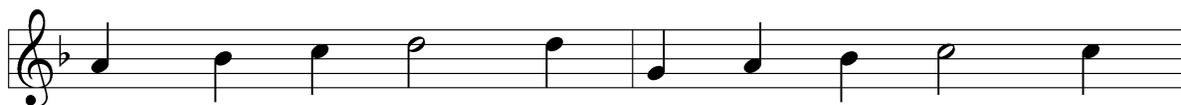
Amen.

↑ **CLOSING HYMN**

Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
2 Fa - ther, oh, hear me, par - don and spare me;
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



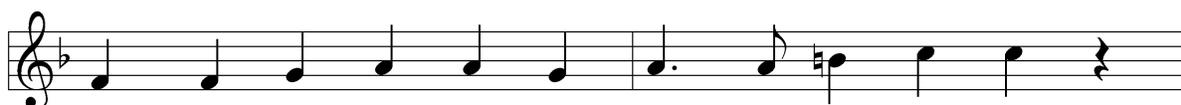
wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
Come, let us of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are thy works; all the glo - ry be thine!
that by thine eyes they may no more be scanned.
af - ter the storm the fair sun shows it face.
to the cre - a - tor the gifts he doth prize.



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing:
He well re - ceiv - eth a heart that be - liev - eth;



thine eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
as it may please thee, re - tain or re - lease me;
these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
hymns that a - dore him are pre - cious be - fore him



caus - ing thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
all I com - mit to thy fa - ther - ly hand.
when in his man - sions God grants me a place.
and to his throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite
Music: DIE GÜLDNE SONNE, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676

↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(Sun.) Deo Gratias (Thanks Be to God)

Philip Kreckel

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WORSHIP LEADERS THIS WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey G. Mikyska

Deaconess: Andrea Delaney

Organist (Sun): Michael Fetzer

Musician (Sat): Ellen Lawrence

Assisting Minister: Deaconess Andrea Delaney

Reader: Kristen Kolakowski

Ushers (Sat.): Wally Allen

(Sun): Al & Molly Thrupp; Brian & RuthAnn Janz

Communion Assistants: Pam Zoeller, Hannah Kolakowski, Matthew Kolakowski

Radio Announcer: Bruce Cook

Greeter:

Special Offerings

Flowers: Jerry & Carolyn Roller in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary, Jackie Kutina in memory of her brother, Jim Kutina.

Coffee Hour: LaVonne Whipple

Worship Folders: Jerry & Carolyn Roller in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

7-day candle: Jerry & Carolyn Roller in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Wine: Jerry & Carolyn Roller in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary.

Serving Next Week

Assisting Minister: Jackie Kutina

Communion Assistants: Doug & Jan Riebock, Heather Friedel

Radio Announcers: Ryan & Melissa Read

Ushers: (Sat.) Walley Allen
 (Sun.) Steve Dieckhoff, Hannah Kolakowski
 Reader: Doug Riebock
 Greeter: Ann Brasch

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Calendar

Monday, October 1	12:00 p.m. AA 6:00 p.m. Property Team 7:00 p.m. Crisis Center Group
Tuesday, October 2	9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. AA
Wednesday, October 3	9:00 a.m. Golden Kiwanis 6 p.m. Confirmation – CTL
Thursday, October 4	12:00 p.m. AA
Friday, October 5	9:00 a.m. Over Eater Anon. 5:30 p.m. Soup Kettle
Saturday, October 6	9:00 a.m. Community Crisis Group 5:00 p.m. Worship
Sunday, October 7	9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour 10:30 a.m. Revelation Study 10:30 a.m. Children’s Choir 7:00 p.m. Peter Eide Concert - Bethlehem

- Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – Noon
- **Donations needed! Paper towels, hand soap, dish soap, toilet paper! Thank you!!**
- Fall Learning Opportunities
 - **Adults: The Book of Revelation is after worship in the community room!**
 - Children & youth: today after worship on the 3rd floor!

- o Children's Choir is the 1st & 2nd Sunday after worship of each month beginning in October

Our offerings to God:

Average weekly expenses	\$7,494
Last weekend's offering	\$5,467
Last weekend's attendance	107

Special Offerings

7 day candle: \$8

- _____ October 21
- _____ October 28
- _____ November 4

Altar Flowers: \$25

- _____ November 4
- _____ November 18
- _____ November 25
- _____ December 9

Worship Folders: \$25

- _____ October 14
- _____ October 21
- _____ November 4

Fellowship Hour after Worship

- _____ November 18
- _____ November 25
- _____ December 2
- _____ December 9

Wine: \$8

- _____ October 21
- _____ October 28
- _____ November 4

Radio Broadcast: \$100

- _____ October 21
- _____ October 28
- _____ November 4
- _____ November 11

Newsletter: \$50

- _____ February 2019
- _____ March 2019

Name _____

Given for _____

PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING OR RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!

Quilt Auction!

October 6 & 7

Bring your checkbook to own your own beautiful quilt or other crafts made by the quilters! The auction helps pay for the batting used to make Lutheran World Relief quilts!