# Sunday, June 9, 2024 Third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

\* stand +kneel

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** All The Way My Savior Leads Me arr. Todd Kendall

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

C- Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- God, our provider,

C- help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways

of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P- Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
C- Amen.

## \*GATHERING SONG Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)

### Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour; Help me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

### Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. 3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see; Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

### Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

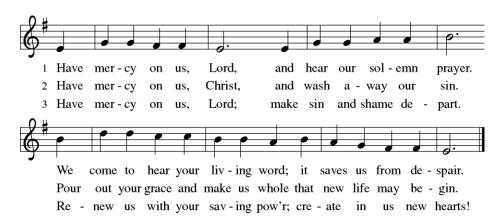
#### \*GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

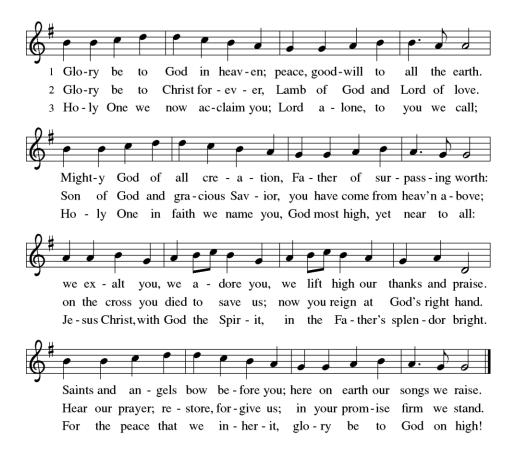
P- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C- And also with you.

### \*KYRIE



### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

### P- Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

#### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

 ${}^5\mathrm{I}$  wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel

from all their sins.

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

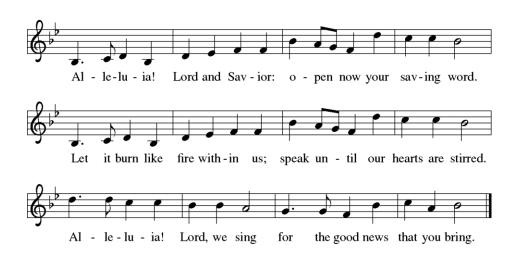
<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything

is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demonpossessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The gospel is announced.

P- The holy gospel according to Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

## C- Glory to you, O Lord.

P- [Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house

and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The gospel concludes:

P- The gospel of the Lord.

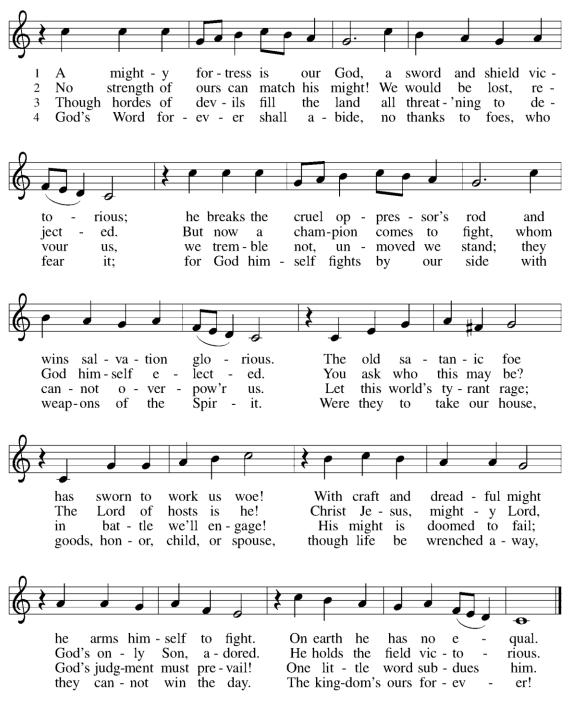
C- Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

**SERMON** 

\*HYMN OF THE DAY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (isometric) (ELW 504)

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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### **ALL-\*APOSTLE'S 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.

The assembly kneels or sits.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P- We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

P- You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age (*especially Columba*, *Aiden*, *and Bede whom we commemorate today*). Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

P- Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred

by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

P- Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

P- Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

P- Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you (*especially*). Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

## C- receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes.

P- Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

## C- Amen.

#### \*PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

## C- 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.

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

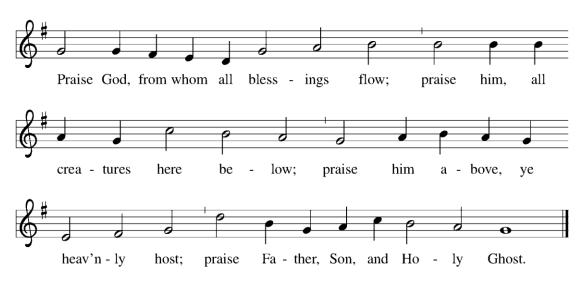
### **OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. You are invited to use your cellphone to text the peace of Christ to someone you missed in church today while the offering is being collected.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

#### \*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.

P- Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self,

and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,

and strengthen us in this meal.

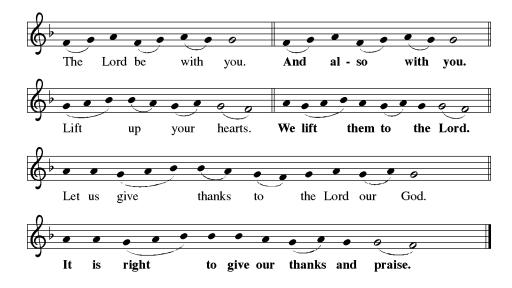
Make us to be what we receive here,

your body for the life of the world.

### C- Amen.

### \*DIALOGUE

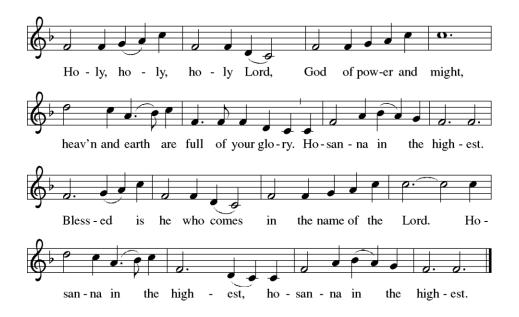
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



### \*PREFACE

P- 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



### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister continues.

P- Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

#### C- Amen

#### **ALL-\*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

P- Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### \*COMMUNION SONG



## **COMMUNION**

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction. Please receive the wafer from the pastor and proceed to the communion assistant holding the chalice to receive the wine

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say P- The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

### \*TABLE BLESSING

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C- Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion. P- Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

C- Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### \*BLESSING

P- The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C- Amen.

\*SENDING SONG On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

## On Our Way Rejoicing



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

### \*DISMISSAL

The minister may send the assembly into mission.

P- Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

## C- Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE** The Spirit Of Joy

**David Paxton** 

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Two vases of altar flowers have been placed in loving memory of my dear wife Suzanne D Russell and my children Jeffrey Allen Russell and Lynn R McMurray. You are with us every day! By Harry L Russell, Jr

**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 the person leading service prior to start of service.

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

**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 June 2, 2024 52** in person, 302 views online and 2 shares as of June 3, 2024.

**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.) **Flower prices increased to \$17.50 a vase starting April 1**<sup>st</sup>. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. **The charts are on the bulletin board for 2024**. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

VBS will be June 17-21 from 6:00 to 8:30 at St. Paul's UCC church. This year's theme is

SCUBA diving into friendship with God. Registration forms are on table in the back of the church. Please complete form and place in Christian Ed mailbox or give to Sunday School teacher. Any adults or youth willing to help with VBS are asked to contact Reba Llewellyn.

Summer Worship Schedule June 2 – September 1 Sunday Morning: 9:00 am Saturday (first Saturday of the month only) 5:00 PM

On Saturday, June 15, at 5:30 pm there will be a celebration of life for Suzanne Russell and her daughter Lynn. The family included a note that they were extending an invitation to the Church Family Sue loved. Please see bulletin board for more details.

On Tuesday, June 11 the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Schuylkill Haven Borough Senior Citizen Appreciation Day and Picnic will be held at the Island Park Pavilion. See bulletin board for more information.

All committees are looking for more volunteers to help with the ministries of the church. Please consider your talents and volunteer. If you have a desire to serve on a certain committee, please contact the chairperson. If you are not sure who that might be, please contact the office.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

June 15- Deadline for newsletter articles for July/August June 17-21- VBS at St.Paul's UCC Church

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$34.75
Local Benevolence	\$152.50
Current	\$3236.12
Plate Offering	\$52.00
Capital Building Fund	\$10.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$3485.37</b>

## "THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

<u>Today:</u> 9 am Worship Service <u>Monday:</u> 10 am Prayer Shawl

Next Sunday: 9 am Worship Service

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Mon: Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6 Tues: Psalm 74; 1 Kings 18:17-40; Revelation 20:7-15 Wed: Psalm 74; Isaiah 26:16—27:1; Luke 11:14-28

Thu: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9

Fri: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 1 Kings 10:26—11:8; Hebrews 11:4-7

Sat: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20

### ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 9 am Eva Waldman Lector: 9 am am Harry Schwenk Ushers: 9 am Holly Maldonado

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Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.