



**September 18, 2022**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion p. 1*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service p. 16*

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**Our Mission**

**CELEBRATING**

**GOD**

**CONNECTING**

**PEOPLE**



*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

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GATHERING

## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Beautiful Savior*

-Silesian folk tune,  
setting by F. Melius Christiansen, arr. G. Winston Cassler

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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:** *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* p. 26

## 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.**

# Kyrie

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The musical score consists of nine staves of music in G major (one flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff continues the lyrics: "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord." The third staff continues: "Lord, have mer - cy." The fourth staff continues: "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,". The fifth staff continues: "and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." The sixth staff continues: "Lord, have mer - cy." The seventh staff continues: "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,". The eighth staff continues: "let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." The ninth staff continues: "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

# This is the Feast



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who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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*Refrain*

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## Prayer of the Day

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**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
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and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 113** (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

*The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down  
let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations;  
God’s glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God,  
who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops <sup>1</sup> to behold  
the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>1</sup> of the dust  
and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers,  
with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church’s focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## The Gospel Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now

that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## Children's Sermon

Miss Stephanie

## Sermon

## Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Hymn of the Day: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending p. 27*

## Apostles' Creed

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

**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**

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.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,  
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Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Lord, bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others. We pray for the homeless, and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of the Food Pantry, and local foodbanks, providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed and there will be no more starvation. God of grace,  
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God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. Provide for those who are ill or in any need, *especially* Reed, Clint, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Lucille, Sonny, Rachelle, Jean, Dale, Kim, Tammy, Dale, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Sally, Larry, Carol, Kathy, Eisen, Ray, Bruce, Dean. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *Kim, Ben, Renae, Cassidy, Diane, Jane, Radelle, Patricia, Elizabeth.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially* Mark & Jennifer, Paul & Kimberly, Andrew & Stacy, Daniel & Stephany, Christopher & Julie, Cedella & Paul, Keith & Judy, Roland & Sharon, Brian & Renae. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for the residents and staff at Luther Crest, Allentown. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.  
All may be seated*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

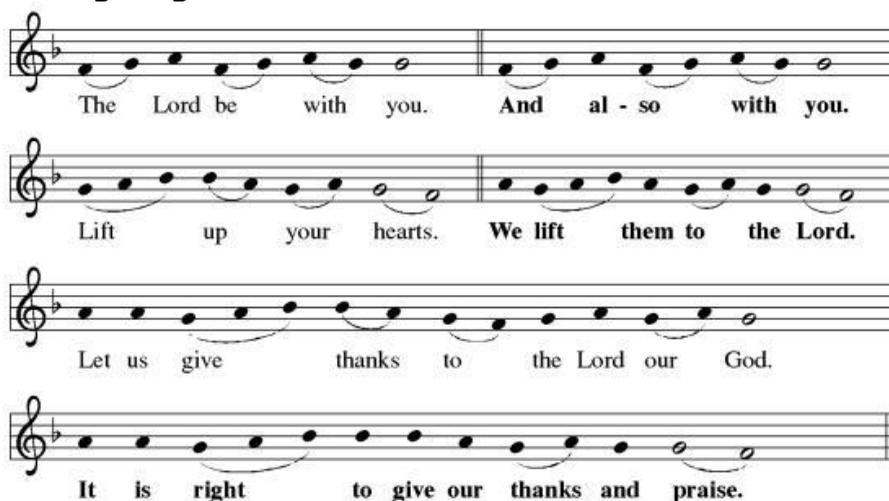
## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## 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



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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.

*All may be seated*

### Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."*

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## The Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

Communion Hymn: *We Give Thee But Thine Own* p. 28 & *Be Thou My Vision* p. 29

After all have returned to their places  
*All who are able are invited to stand*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Song after Communion



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.**

## SENDING

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

### **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:** *Son of God, Eternal Savior p. 30*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

-Randall deBruyn

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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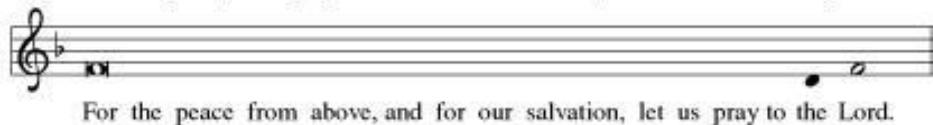
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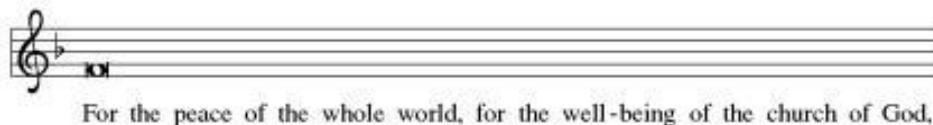
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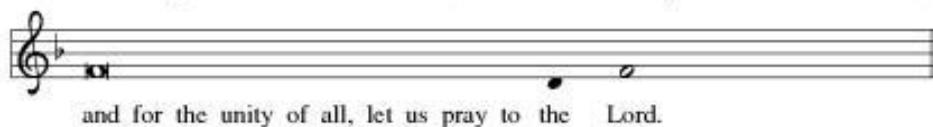
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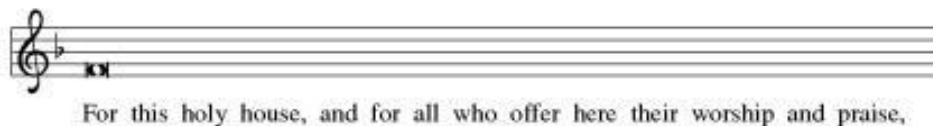
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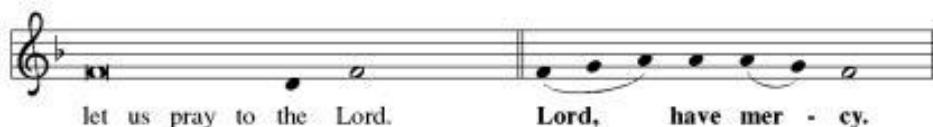
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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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 and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,  
<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers,  
 with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house  
 to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;  
 there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
 Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
 —this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## The Gospel Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

**Children’s Sermon**

Miss Stephanie

**Sermon**

**Time of Silent Reflection** *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Hymn of the Day: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending p. 27*

### Apostles' Creed

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

**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

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.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Lord, Bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others. We pray for the homeless, and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of the Food Pantry, and local foodbanks, providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed and there will be no more starvation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. Provide for those who are ill or in any need, *especially Reed, Clint, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Lucille, Sonny, Rachelle, Jean, Dale, Kim, Tammy, Dale, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Sally, Larry, Carol, Kathy, Eisen, Ray, Bruce, Dean.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *Kim, Ben, Renae, Cassidy, Diane, Jane, Radelle, Patricia, Elizabeth.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Mark & Jennifer, Paul & Kimberly, Andrew & Stacy, Daniel & Stephany, Christopher & Julie, Cedella & Paul, Keith & Judy, Roland & Sharon, Brian & Renae.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for the residents and staff at Luther Crest, Allentown. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory:** *You Are the One*  
-Jordan Chorale

-by Herbert Brokering & Thomas Keesecker

## **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*



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.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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.

## SENDING

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

### 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 Song:** *Son of God, Eternal Savior p. 30*

### Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

-Randall DeBruyn



*We are looking for two people to coordinate the Sunday refreshment times (one for each service), beginning after Labor Day. We have a checklist of duties if you'd like to see a "job description" before you commit, just call the church office.*

*To sign up to bring refreshments on a particular Sunday, please see the notepad on the lectern in the Memory Room.*

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.

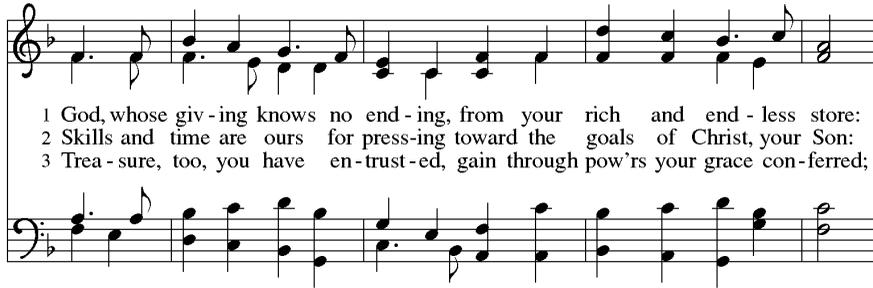
All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
 wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,

God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.

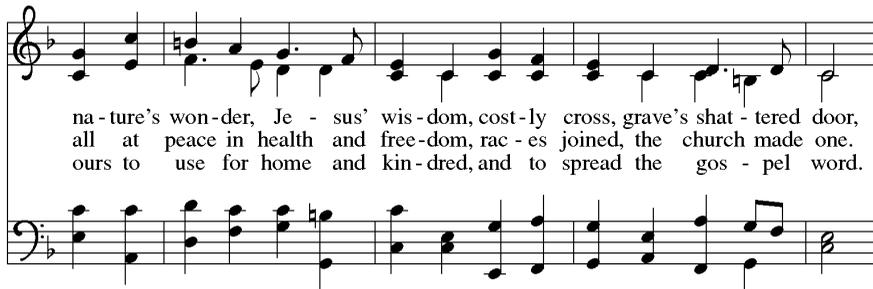
Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.  
 Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

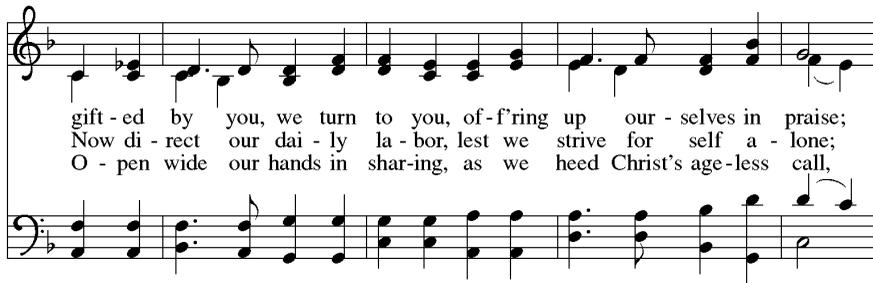
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



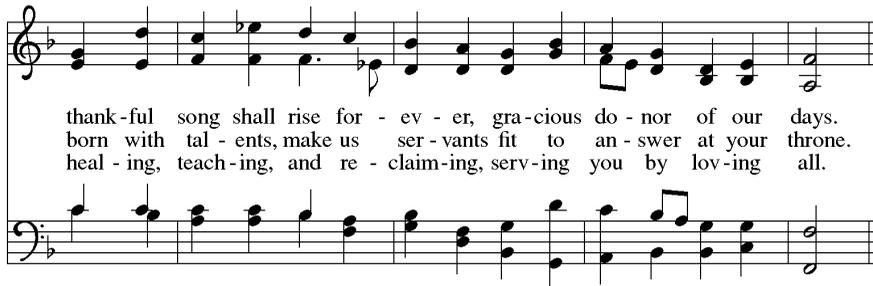
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## We Give Thee but Thine Own



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.  
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

- 5 The captive to release,  
the lost to God to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
- 6 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, Mason and Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



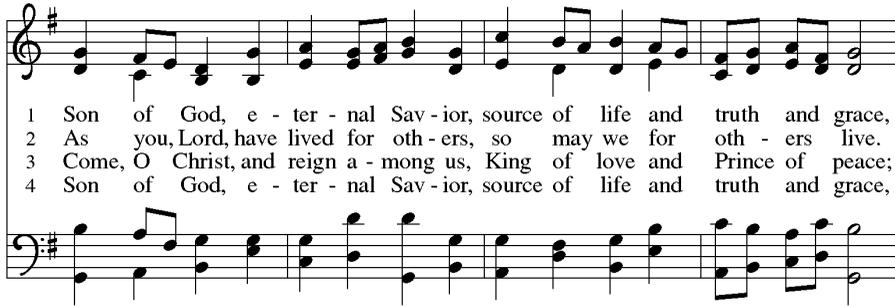
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



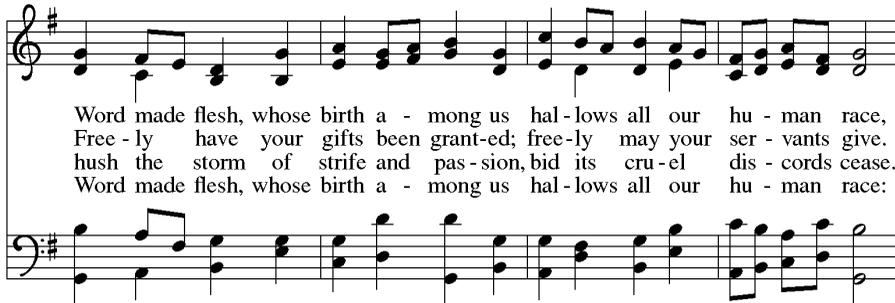
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

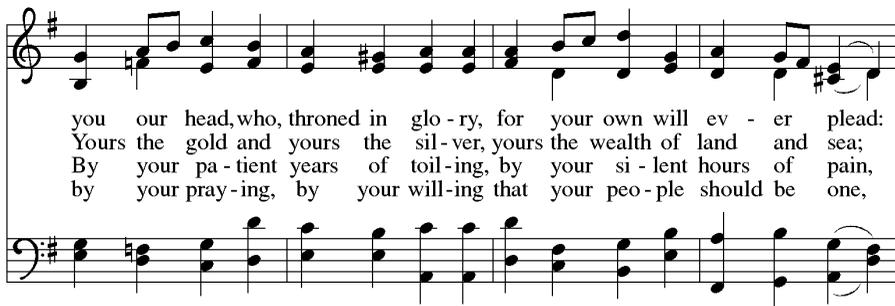
# Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

**THIS WEEK (Sept. 18 – 24)**

**TODAY (18)** FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

- 9:15am, New Member Info. Meeting, Pr. Dody's office
- 9:30am, Chorale rehearsal
- 12:00, Youth Outdoor Games & Picnic
- 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (19)** 9-10am, PANTRY

- 6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts

**TUES (20)**

- 1:30PM, Game Day, Social Hall
- 7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (21)**

- 9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- 5:30pm, Junior Gyros
- 6:00pm, Cherub Choir
- 6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
- 6:30pm, Canon Choir
- 7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

**THU (22)**

- 8:00am-5:00pm, Rising Roots Homeschool
- 7:00pm, Overeaters Anon, M1
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall

**FRI (23)**

- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- 7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall
- 9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**SAT (24)**

- 3:00pm, Klingman-Hoffman wedding

*Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

**Bristol House:** Janet Stettler

**Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl **The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Herb & Anna Bieber

**Sacred Heart Sr. Living:** Dale Gogel

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Loretta Hein

**Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Ron Andersch, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Jane Laudenslager, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Lucille Laudenslager, Sonny Laudenslager, Rachele Shollenberger, Olive Wood, Jean Adam, Dale Gogel, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Dale Hahn, Vanessa Mace, Michael Ross, Neil Snyder, Larry Bear, Carol Jean Lehr, Sally Crowe, Kathy Leonard, Eisen Fritz, Ray Fairchild, Bruce Leonard, Dean Shollenberger

**Birthdays this week:** Kim Roth, Ben Albright, Renae Shuey, Kassidy Stout, Diane Beitler, Jane Suhocki, Radelle Psarsky, Patrica Budlong, Elizabeth Schofield

**Anniversaries this week:** Mark & Jennifer Shafer (12), Kim & Paul Demarest (14), Andrew & Stacy Grim (19), Chris & Julie Boscia (27), Cedella & Paul Schenck (27), Keith & Judy Young (61), Roland & Sharon Harrier, Brian & Renae Shuey (17)

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*If you've asked to have someone added to the prayer list, don't forget to let us know when they are well enough to take them off!*

**Attendance**  
**Sunday, 9/11/22**  
**8:00-35 10:30-54**

**Sponsors**  
**Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Diane Stettler, by Bruce and family (T)

***Found in the Literature Racks This Week***

<i>Last week's bulletin</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>GWOH Activities Sheets</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>WALK for WATER info sheets</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

## Worship Assistants

DATE	9/18	9/25	10/2	10/9
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney, L Green 10:30-J. Grim, I Johnson	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-J. Grim, I Johnson	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-K Leonard
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-A Russell 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-I Martz		
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-S Deeney 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-J Kerschner		
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-D Heckman, B Hendricks	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-J Siegfried		8:00- 10:30-D Wenhold, B Hendricks
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-G Martz-Shelton	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-J Siegfried
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-J Laudenslager, D Wagaman 10:30-D Heckman, J Siegfried	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-		
<b>Video</b>	10:30-	10:30-		

**Help is needed in all areas of worship on Sunday mornings, now that we are back to two services!**

**If you would like to assist at worship in any of these capacities, please contact the person listed:**

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### **God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.** Watch for more information about available activities!

The Holiday Hope Chest project will once again be part of our GWOH Day, wrapping boxes on 10/2 after church that Sunday, along with activities relating to the WALK FOR WATER campaign. It will be a busy weekend!

### **2022 SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** October 2, 16, 23; November 27; December 4, 11, 18, 25

Altar flowers may be sponsored for **\$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\***; Bulletins for **\$20**.

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

**SPONSORSHIP POLICY:** *Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
Income:			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 21,428.00	\$ 244,193.00	\$ 30,530.00	\$ 244,240.00
Benevolence	\$ 715.00	\$ 6,796.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 10,667.00
Property	\$ 1,101.00	\$ 10,680.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,244.00</b>	<b>\$ 261,669.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,363.00</b>	<b>\$ 274,907.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,031.00	\$ 15,048.00	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 13,933.00
Benevolence	\$ -	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 14,500.00
Payroll	\$ 19,590.00	\$ 171,491.00	\$ 21,874.00	\$ 178,244.00
Ministries	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 7,822.00	\$ 858.00	\$ 6,866.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 11,655.00	\$ 82,423.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 61,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,636.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,959.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,912.00</b>	<b>\$ 274,543.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (10,392.00)</b>	<b>\$ (26,290.00)</b>	<b>\$ 451.00</b>	<b>\$ 364.00</b>

### **Jordan's Music Ministry**

If you would like to serve Jordan Lutheran Church in a very important way, please think about joining one (or more!) of our musical ensembles. Opportunities

are available to join the Jordan Chorale, Friendship Ringers, Junior Gyros, Sinfonia and Brass.

**For information about Chorale, Bells, etc.** contact Susan Hartney (E-mail [suzyflute@aol.com](mailto:suzyflute@aol.com)).

**For information about Canon Choir (age 8-17)** call or email Miss Jan at 484-225-5693 or [janrkis@ptd.net](mailto:janrkis@ptd.net).

**For information about Cherub Choir (age 3 -2<sup>nd</sup> grade)** contact Marlene Peters at (610) 573-6586 or [petersfarm19529@yahoo.com](mailto:petersfarm19529@yahoo.com).



### **Sunday School Teachers / Volunteers Needed** - Please consider serving!!!!

We are looking for adult members and confirmed youth to guide our Sunday School children on an exciting journey through rotation teaching stations this Fall. Each week adult leaders and classroom volunteers will lead a rotation station to two different age groups (20 minutes per group). Please contact Steph Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) to sign-up for areas YOU are comfortable — sharing a Bible story, leading a craft, singing a song or playing a game. You may sign up to volunteer for as many Sundays that you are available. All Spark lesson plans will be provided to engage the children. There will be a teacher orientation meeting to discuss the Sunday School classes and rotation stations, Sunday, August 28th, at 10:45 am in Room M4.

### **Game Day**

will resume **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m.** We plan on meeting in our Social Hall. Plans are to meet the *first and third Tuesday of each month*. For additional information or comments, call Jean & Dave Adam at 610-395-4282.

### ***Blessing of the Animals, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Center parking lot***

The blessing of animals invites “All creatures, great and small,” for an individual, hands-on blessing from Pastor Dody. The Blessing of Animals is done in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the early champion of animals. Animal participants must be on a lead or in a carrier and fully controlled and monitored by their human escorts. Invite your friends and relatives, too! A free will offering will be received and given to The Sanctuary at Haafsville to assist in their care for God’s creatures.



### ***Family Promise***

We will be hosting families with Family Promise the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a link to SignUpGenius on the Jordan website -> MINISTRIES -> OUTREACH to volunteer to make dinner, host dinner or sleep over. Call or email Dean with any questions - 484-241-6992 [wagamand@ptd.net](mailto:wagamand@ptd.net)

### ***Walk for Water Bricks- helping to provide clean water***

Creating a visual for all to see, we will be building a “well” in our Sanctuary. This will act as a reminder of where we are and where we need to be as we achieve our goal. Between services, Outreach Committee members will be seated in the Memory Room, selling wooden *bricks* at \$25.00/block. You will then be invited to be creative with your artwork and/or write your message on a broad side of the *brick*. Your *brick or bricks* will then be added to our symbolic well towering towards the ceiling! And what if we exceed our goal?? Then God’s Grace will enable other disadvantaged communities to benefit from our actions! All checks should be written to Jordan Lutheran Church and must be notated with “Walk for Water” in the memo line.

### ***GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.***

Please see pages 37 & 38 of this bulletin to review details about the service opportunities available at our yearly God’s Work. Our Hands. event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone can be involved in some way! Sign-up sheets are in the Memory Room for each of the ways you can share your time and talent. Think what we can accomplish if every member signed up for JUST ONE project! We ask that you would sign up for the Gathering Brunch so we know how many to expect, and we ask that you bring a pot-luck item to share, noted on the sign-up sheet. All are welcome to the Brunch, even if you are unable to participate in a project.



### ***Card Shower***

Ferne Rock will be 100 on October 1<sup>st</sup>! Cards may be mailed to her at:  
The Palmerton Room 302  
71 Princeton Avenue  
Palmerton PA 18071



# COMING EVENTS!!

## **TODAY, September 18 – Backyard afternoon picnic**

has been scheduled for our youth, noon – 3 pm, outside the Family Center for fun outdoor games. Please bring extra clothing (for water balloons) and lots of friends for fun and games!!!

## **Friday, October 14 – A night of “Glow Golf”**

for our youth will be held at Bear Rock Junction. Please plan to meet there at 7 p.m. Additional details TBD.

## **Friday, November 11 – Movie Night - Sight and Sound’s “Noah” will be featured at 6:30 p.m.**

### Family Events



## **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat**

Jordan families are invited to participate in Trunk or Treat night. Park on the Family Center parking lot, decorate your vehicle (awards for best decorations) and share a ton of candy with guests, 6:30 – 8 pm. Sign-up sheets for candy and details will be forthcoming.



## **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Basket Social**

Basket Social, family fun activity, Sunday, November 6th in the Family Center. Browsing begins at noon, drawing at 4:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Memory room for basket offerings, basket makers, pre-made baskets, gift cards, set-up, tear-down, and baked goods. Everyone is invited to participate in organizing, selling and buying baskets!

## **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread church-making**

Learn to make a Gingerbread church, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, after church, in the Family Center. Space will be limited. A sign-up sheet and specific details will be forthcoming.



## **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Christmas Caroling**

All ages invited to gather at church to stroll through close by community streets, sharing our beloved Christmas carols and a few fun children’s Christmas songs, 2 – 4 pm. Refreshments to follow in the Memory Room.

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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Members and friends of Jordan are invited to again celebrate “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday at 11:30 AM on October 2nd, 2022. This year’s activities have been developed so that our community as well as our shut-ins may benefit from your benevolent actions. Two collection campaigns *will begin immediately* as we receive unwrapped donations to serve the

needs of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter and Reilly Children’s Hospital. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> activities will happen in the Family Center and Classroom #8 following the GWOH Gathering Brunch. **Please use the sign-up sheets in the Memory Room to indicate your intentions or contact Monica at 610-395-5912.** Even if you are unable to participate in any of the “GWOH” activities on October 2nd, we welcome you to enjoy the brunch. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet how many from your family will be attending the brunch and what you plan on bringing. Send photos of your event to Monica so we can create a collage of our 2022 benevolent efforts. Please wear your bright yellow GWOH shirt if you have one. September 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign-up for the variety of select activities below.

**Choice #1:** *(No sign-up is necessary)* **Please consider donating the items** that have been requested by the Reilly Children’s Hospital. All can imagine the angst the young patients experience while recuperating in the hospital. Receiving our gifts of hope may act as a blessing and provide some comfort. Within the Memory Room you will find a box awaiting your donations as well as a list of acceptable donations. The donation cut-off date is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. A list of suggested donations is included with this flyer, found in the literature racks, on our website or can be requested from the church office.

**Choice #2:** *(No sign-up is necessary)* **6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter “Sweet Dreams” collection** campaign is being coordinated by Kay Mancke. A canvas cart is located in the Memory Room for your donations. The 6<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter is requesting standard sized pillows, twin sheet sets and twin mattress pads. **All items must be new.** This collection runs through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Choice #3:** **Be a “Brunch Buddy”** and help Ingrid Martz with the preparation, serving and clean-up of our Gathering Brunch following the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 AM service. Your assistance will be appreciated in providing the nourishment so we can do God’s Work. Ingrid will contact her “Brunch Buddies” with the details.

**Choice #4: “Wrapping Holiday Hope Chest Boxes for Children”.** On October 2nd, Tracy Heberling will meet her team in the Family Center after the brunch. Shoe boxes and wrapping supplies will be provided. A “shopping list” of recommended items will be provided to those who wish to take their shoe boxes home and fill them for needy children within the Valley. The remaining empty shoe boxes may be picked up by others who wish to participate in this project at a later time. All boxes *must* be filled and returned to the Memory Room by Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Questions? Contact Tracy at 610-730-5456.

**Choice #5: The “Blanket Brigade”** will again gather on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to assemble warm blankets for the Reilly Children’s Hospital. Darlene Wenhold will provide all the fabric to create these colorful blankets; *please* bring your own sewing shears. Talent is not a requirement. Following the Gathering Brunch, this group will meet in Classroom #8, across the hall from Pastor’s office.

**Choice #6: “Loving notes”** from us to our members who are unable to get around easily. We are invited to reach out to those who are isolated and let them know we care! Following our October 2<sup>nd</sup> brunch, Kathy Leonard invites you to meet her in the Family Center to write a few notes on behalf of our church congregation. You will receive cards and envelopes, stamps, a template letter as a guide and a list of those we wish to contact. Monica will also have supplies and stamps available for those unable to attend the October 2<sup>nd</sup> GWOH event yet wish to be involved with this project by completing their notes at home.

**Choice #7: “Advent Bags for our Shut-ins”** will be a youth-involved activity coordinated by Steph Derstine and Shirley Schleicher. These bags will include festive Christmas items and other treasures and be filled on October 2nd. Distribution to those isolated within their homes will happen shortly after the GWOH event.

**Choice #8: “Create at Star” ornament** will be a crafty activity led by Caroline Flemish. These dazzling stars will then be added to the Advent bags.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is your opportunity to give of ourselves as we help those who will benefit from our time, talent, generosity and Christian love. Can we count on you?

Dave Mancke, 484.866.6620 mancke@rcn.com  
Will we see you on October 2<sup>nd</sup>? The Outreach Committee

## Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

**The Lord's Table** at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers.

**Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

**ALTAR RAIL DISTRIBUTION:** As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

**INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:** Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate before the start of the service.

**Hearing assistance** is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver.

A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

**Restrooms** are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

**Children in grade 9 and younger** are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

**Please be sensitive** to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

**For Parents of young children:** We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.