



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***"As an inclusive and caring congregation, our mission is to make disciples,
praise God, and serve the community."***

**July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. WE pray that you would sense Christ's presence among us as we open our spirits to God.

If You Are Visiting with Us Today ...Welcome!! Please be so kind as to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor as you leave. We ask **everyone** to sign the red fellowship pads as they are passed down the pew. Only visitors need to put their address and phone number. Additionally, in your pew rack, there is a bible. We believe we are called not only to proclaim God's Word, but to give it away. So, should you need a copy of God's Word, we invite you to take a bible as a gift from our congregation.

Nursery Care: Jesus said, "Let the little children come." So, living in our baptismal promises, we welcome and encourage children to worship with us. However, we understand that children often wiggle during the service, so if you so desire, parents are invited to go for a walk in the narthex or to take children (thru age 4 years) to the nursery, which is in the room just off the narthex.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

9:15 A.M. Small Groups, Youth Group Breakfast Club in the Youth Room and
Christian Education for all ages.

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

** Holy Communion Celebrated Each Week at Both Worship Services

Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)

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The Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 19, 2026

The Prelude *"Thaxted" C. Callahan*

* The Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

P: God of mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and grants forgiveness to all who call upon his name. And so then, may almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you, and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* The Gathering Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



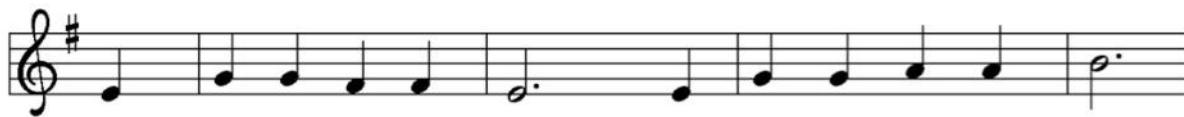
giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

* The Greeting

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 (*Kyrie Eleison is "Lord Have Mercy"*)





we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray . . . Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 44:6-8*

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 86:11-17*

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

¹³ For great is your steadfast love towards me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The New Testament Lesson *Romans 8:12-25*

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are

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collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

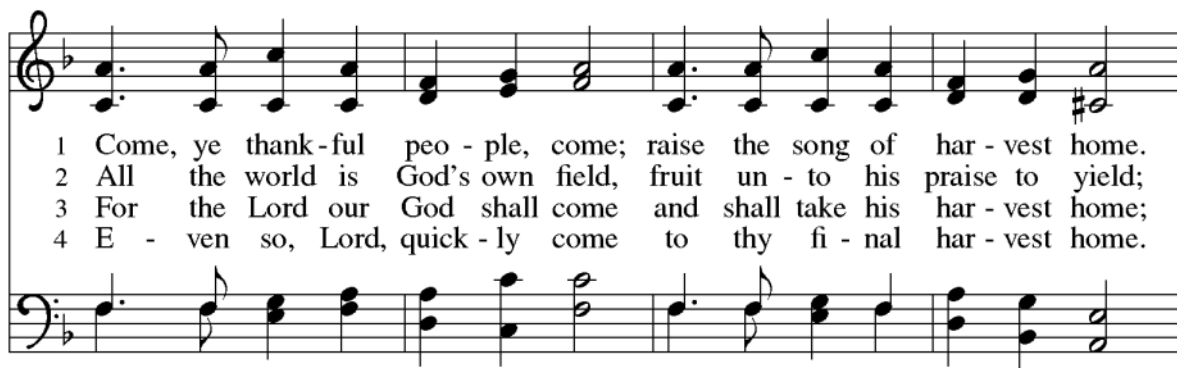
The Sermon

Rev. Amy Wright

* Hymn of the Day

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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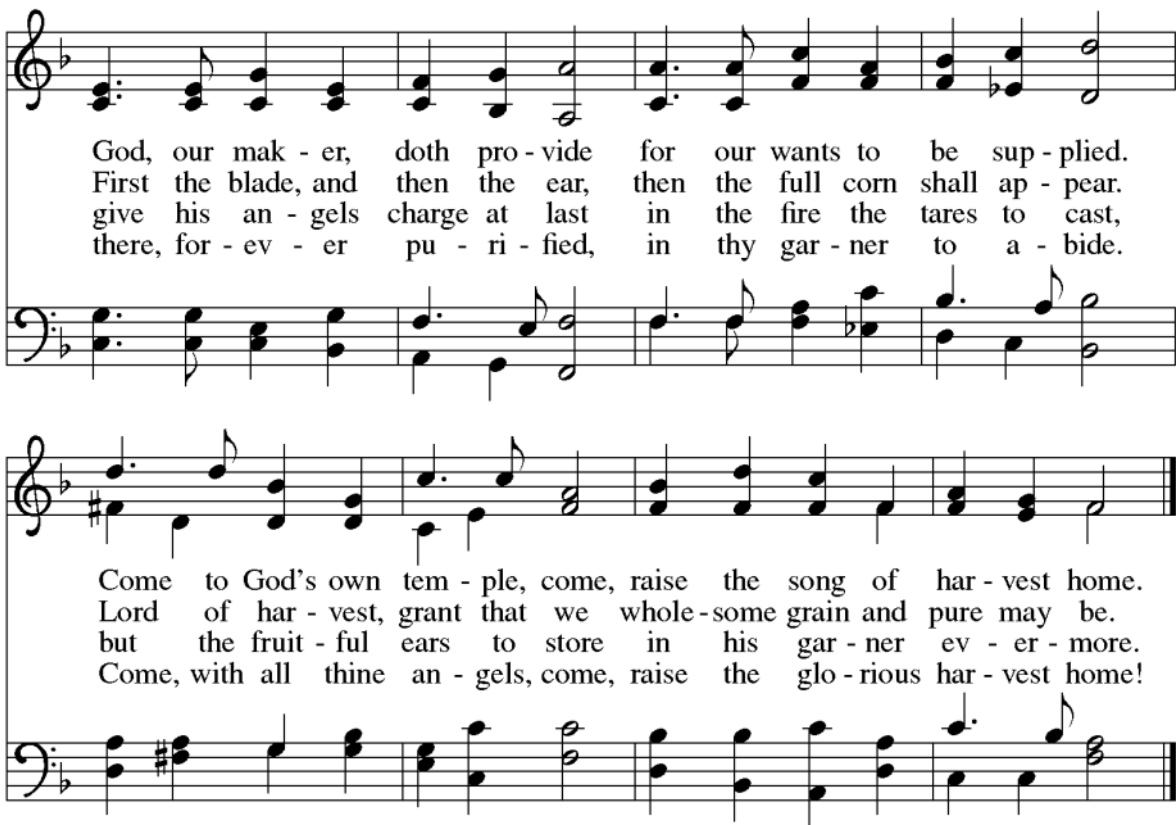


1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



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,

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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!

* Apostles' Creed

P: Responding to the good news of God's grace, let us confess our faith together.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 Prayers of the Church**

*Congregation responds to each petition with: **Hear our Prayer.***

*** Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you are mutually comfortable with: handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, "peace signs," or words of peace and grace.

Greetings and Announcements

At this time the pastors will lift up some of the relevant events/happenings in the congregation. Offering plates are no longer passed around. Instead the offering plate is near the baptismal font. At some point this morning you may deposit your offering in the offering plate or you may continue to mail, automatically deposit, or use the website to continue your generous giving. Thank you so much for all you do for the ministry we are all a part of here at St. Philip's.

*** Offertory Prayer**

P: Let us pray . . . Generous God,

C: **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise.

* Sanctus

("Holy, Holy, Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We give you thanks, great Shepherd of the sheep, for all your loving acts: for creating us out of the dust of the ground; for planting us in this garden earth; for giving us spirits of love toward you and calling us to service; for giving us seasons of faith renewal and calling us again and again to repentance and righteousness for the sake of your name. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, your only Son, whom you sent to redeem us and all the world.

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.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, together we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

C: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

P: Remembering Christ's ministry among us, O God, and the faithful example of the Good Shepherd seeking out the outcast and forsaken, we ask you; send now your Holy Spirit so that through our faith and in our service we might glorify you.

Through Jesus Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

P: In confident hope of God's love and saving grace, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **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.

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God**

The congregation may be seated.

Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

The Reception of Communion

The pastors will give direction on how communion will proceed this morning. Remain seated until directions are given.

Communion Distribution Hymn

As you are waiting to come forward to receive the bread and the wine and/or after you are seated again, we ask you to join us in singing together the following hymns during the distribution of the Eucharist.

Communion Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

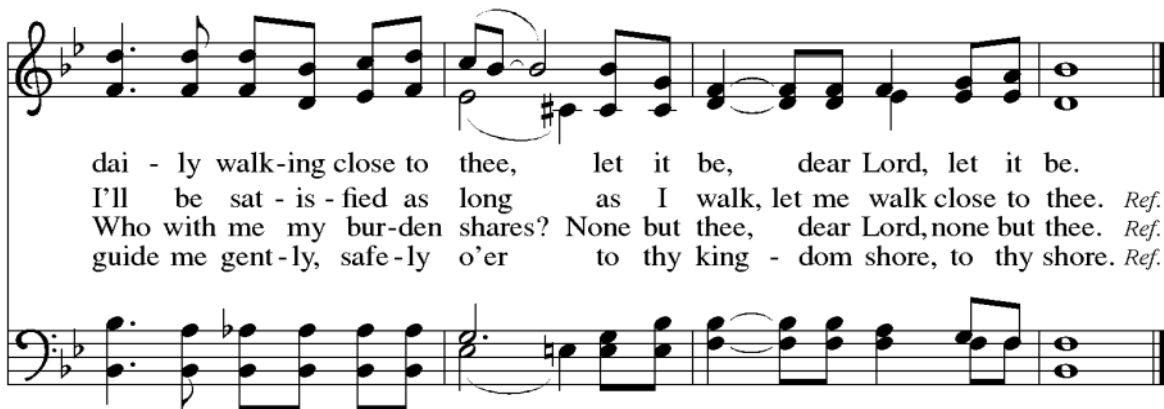
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Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



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dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

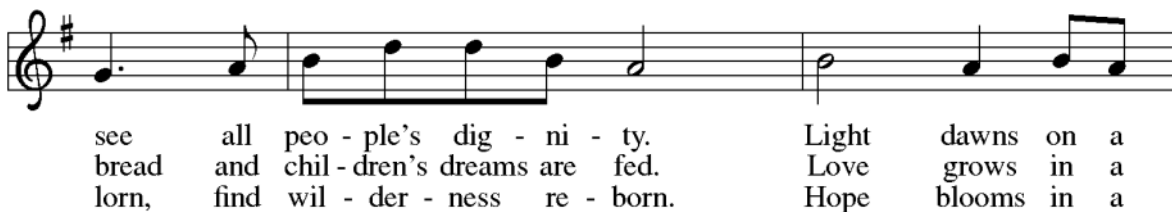
Communion Hymn

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

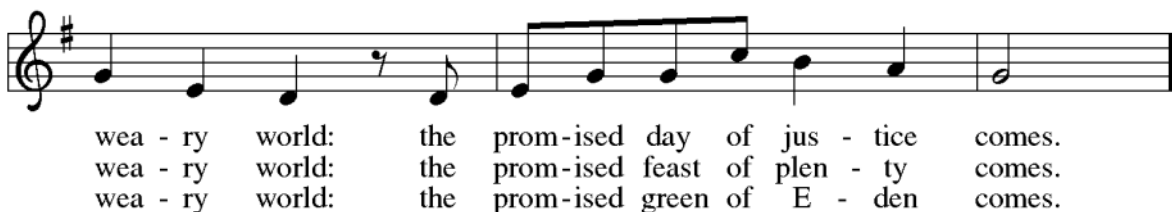
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1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

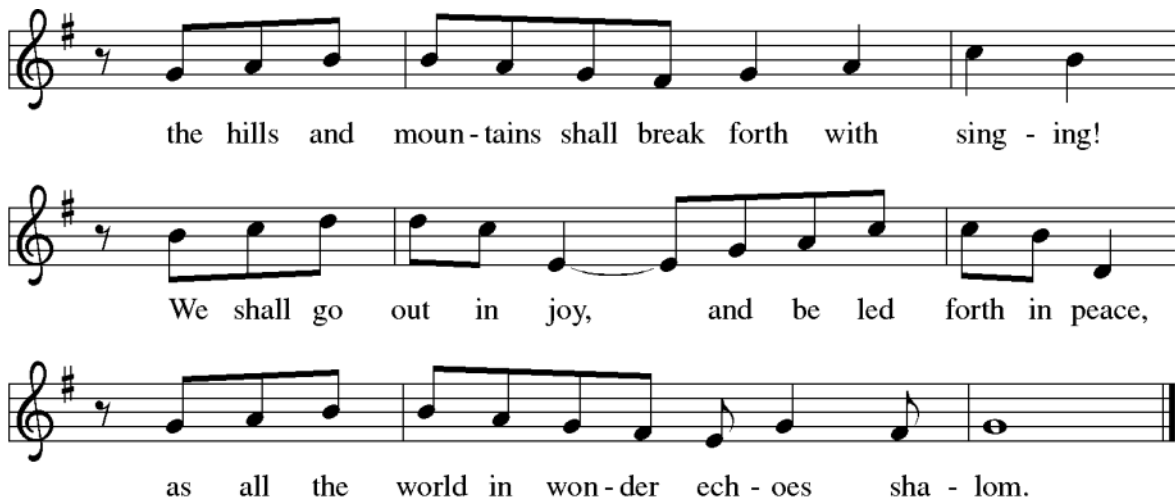


wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

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the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

* Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . 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.

C: Amen.

* Blessing

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

And May the Lord look upon you with favor + give you peace.

C: Amen.

* Closing Hymn

"All My Hope on God Is Founded"

ELW 757



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my

2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -

3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,

4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

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trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Ein Feste Burg" J. Weber

Remember Us When You Pray

We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:

We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:

John and Barb Williams, Charles and Ruth Bowles, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Sherry Thompson, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Elizabeth Stirk, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Ellen Lenker, Phyllis Bolgiano, Gary Kennedy, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark Davis, David Nevins, Kelly Krapf, Trudy Gilgenast, Tony Calvarese, David Kenney, Allison Hewitt, Donna and Monika Daugherty, Ed Chaban, Cynthia Hamlin, Nancy Zinnato, John Frink, Paul Stadelberger, The Family of Lula Curry

We Pray for our Loved Ones: *(Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Ruth DiDonato**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; **Louise Cookson**, grandmother & **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simpers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son and **Quintin Barrett**, grand-nephew of Yvonne Cilento; **Lee Craig**, friend of The Budds; **Diane Balinski & Debra Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family & **Myron Davis**, brother of Mark Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **Anna Longo**, mother of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Doris S. & Kathleen K.**, friends, & **Caleb Houtmann**, grandson of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak; **The Family of Maddy G.**, friends of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk; **John Stachowski & Family**, friends of Tom Krapf, **Lael Zinnato**, granddaughter of Nancy Zinnato; **George Rice**, son of Vicky Rice; **Bob Gilmour**, friend of John and Jodi Newcomer; **Kevin Hewitt**, brother of Rebecca Litterst; **Rory Manhard**, granddaughter of Suzanne Bradley; **Chuck Kemper**, family of The Shovestul's; **Kate Drake**, granddaughter of Shirley Rash; **Martin Page**, friend of the Stevens Family; **Dmytro Yerokin**, friend of Helen Pierce

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday of our very dear friend, Carol Johnson, by Bill and Mary Kay LaRue.

Pastor Patrick is on vacation until July 27th. He'll be out of cell phone range during most of that time. Should you have pastoral care needs contact Pastor Amy or the church office.

Making Disciples

Koinonia: If you're looking for a small group that has fellowship, food and support for one another a koinonia group (Greek for fellowship) might be right for you! The **first Koinonia Group** meets at church on the **second Wednesday** of the month from **Noon - 1:30 p.m.** The next gathering date is **September 9th in Room #031**. New people are welcome!! Contact Sharon Kittle. A **second group** is meeting Sundays after church. **The next meeting will be Sunday, September 20th**. Grab a lunch and come over to the Muellers after the 10:30 Worship Service. Discussion will start around **Noon**. Crystal Solie will be leading a discussion on, **WALKING WITH THE SAINTS**. This topic offers an early look at our fall series on Sainthood in Scriptures, tradition, and Lutheran theology. Anyone is welcome to join this great conversation. Questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

All Women of St Philip's - Mark Saturday, August 15th at 4:00 p.m., on your calendar. We will be having a **Pool Party** at the home of JoAnn Stevens. We had one a few years ago and it was a blast! If you have questions, or need more details contact Gigi Mueller.

The summer **Women, Wine and Whine** event will be **Saturday, July 25th at 2 p.m.** at Harvest Ridge Winery. All are invited.

Attention Widows, Widowers, and Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones!! If you have lost a spouse, partner, or close loved one and would like to have some fellowship and support, there is now a support group meeting for fellowship and to provide comfort and support through this life transition. The next gathering is **August 13th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in Room #031 here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

The **Daytime Women's Book Group** next book for **July 21st** will be *Silent Sister* (this meeting will be at St. Philip's Room #127). For **August 18th** is, *Say You'll Remember Me*, by Abby Jimenez. For **September 15th** the book is *Speak to me of Home*. **October 20th** is *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult. For **November 17th** it is *The Winemaker's Wife*. Weather permitting, August and September, will meet at Gigi's house.

Making Disciples (continued...)

SUMMER OF SERVICE continues during July with **School Supplies for E.A.G.L.E.S. and Ferris Schools**. Use the sign up genius below to indicate what supplies you will purchase and bring them to church in July. You can also help pack up the supplies on Sunday July 26.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA5AF2CA6FE3-64525101-july>

The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall or individual homes. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars and plan to come . . . We hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Praising God

Worship and Music Team has had a lot of changes lately due to members of the team having life changes that has required them to retire from their jobs. If you are interested in helping out with this team which helps plan worship services through the year, we can use your help. You don't need to know anything about worship. Pastor Patrick is currently chairing the team—let him know if you can help.

Worship Assistants Are Needed!!! In particular we are in need of Assisting Ministers. This is an easy job because the pastor helps you during the entire service. Assisting with communion and the prayers. Let Pastor Patrick know if you are interested.

Serving the Community

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Continues to Meet at St. Philip's - The Alzheimer's Assn. of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a monthly support group for anyone who has a loved one with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's. Living with or caring for a person with dementia can be extremely challenging, overwhelming and exhausting. The group offers education, support, and the opportunity to connect with others in a similar situation. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **August 11th at 1 p.m.** in Room #129. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

Food Insecurity continues to be a problem in our community! Can you help? Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (cans are best and Dollar Store has good prices), **Shelf Milk (2%, Almond Breeze, Whole, or Soy** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/Frosting**. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Serving the Community (continued...)

PET FOOD DONATIONS - We are asking for pet food donations for the individuals and families in Grocery Club. It can be a one-time donation, a monthly donation or however many times you would like to donate. If you don't want to shop for the food yourself, you can donate a gift card from Petco, PetSmart or Concord Pet and I will shop for you! As an owner of 20 pets over the last 40 years, taking care of animals is very important to me. If you are interested in helping, please email Nancy Zinnato for a list of what is needed.

HELP WITH MINOR REPAIRS! Are you retired and looking for a way to support St. Philip's work? Are you handy with tools and doing minor repairs and small building projects? Come join our group on the **3rd Thursday morning of each month, from 8:30 until ?**. Enjoy a little fellowship and simple refreshments followed by an hour or two of "fixup" type project work around the church property. We refer to ourselves as the **Old Fellows Fix It Group**, but all are welcome. Contact Dave Thompson if you can help.

Homeless Care Kit Items Needed - Homelessness is increasing, Delaware's homeless population increased 16% from 2024 to 2025 and Children under 18 made up 27.3% of the state's unhoused population. Long-term affordable housing needs to be addressed but let's also make sure that unhoused individuals or those in temporary or emergency situations know that they are not invisible or ignored. Care kits are one way to convey that. The following items are needed to replenish our stock of Care Kits for community distribution. **Chewy snack bars, Deodorant (men's), Cracker packs, Water, Fruit snacks (applesauce or fruit cup), Socks, Individual toothbrushes, Band-aids, Travel size toothpaste, Body wipes, Small tissue packs**

Family Promise Tours Are Ongoing: As most of you know, Family Promise was started by St. Philip's in 2008 to address the gap in caring for homeless families which often left parents separated and often kids separated from parents. We started with St. Philip's and 12 other churches hosting families in our classrooms and church buildings. Today, Family Promise works with over 40 churches and synagogues and a new Family Promise Center is opening to house over 18 families at a time. Tours are available for the new Family Promise facility at 2501 Milltown Road in Wilmington. The tours will run from June 11th through July 23rd. If you would like a tour, please use the below link to sign up for a date and time:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=69YVemKMfUuwrYCoEQ3dlWi-mz6QkQlChictT-Y3VjxUQk9WSkY0MU1VR1YwUDBZRVQ5RTg2M0wxWi4u&blm_aid=40163

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 2026-2027

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LOVE
 I care like Jesus.



JOY
 I choose happiness.



PEACE
 I am calm and trust God.



PATIENCE
 I wait and don't give up.



KINDNESS
 I treat others with care.



GOODNESS
 I do what is right.



FAITHFULNESS
 I can be counted on.



GENTLENESS
 I am caring and kind.



SELF-CONTROL
 I make good choices.

GROWING STRONGER IN FAITH.
MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.
★ ONE FRUIT AT A TIME. ★



★ **CONTACT ANNA GRIEDER OR PASTOR AMY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS** ★

Mission Kids

Pool Party

Sunday, July 19th
Noon-4pm

Questions & RSVP to
 Anna Grieder, Liz
 Freburger, or Pastor Amy











SUMMER OF SERVICE



July

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- Help pack supplies to send to the schools on July 26th



August

CITY OF FOOD

- Donate items to build our city of towers.
- All non perishable items welcome. Suggested needs are cereal, shelf milk, canned fruit or vegetables, canned tuna or chicken, canned beans, nuts, snack food, mac & cheese, feminine hygiene, personal hygiene baby food, wipes, diapers (size 4-5), baking items, paper products, laundry detergent food to go to St. Philip's and St. Stephen's food pantries
- 3 churches (Limestone Presbyterian, St. James Episcopal, St. John the Beloved) have agreed to join our effort
- the goal is to collect a total of 20,000 items
- there will be an ice cream social for all on Saturday September 19





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- **8:00 a.m.** - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- **9:15 a.m.** - Large Group Forum
- **9:15 a.m.** - Kid's Club will meet in the Christian Ed Wing
- **9:15 a.m.** - Youth will meet in the Youth Room for the first Breakfast Club
- **10:30 a.m.** - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- **11:45 a.m.** - Annual St. Philip's Picnic Lunch with Fun and Games for Children of All Ages!!!

St. Philip's Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 13, 2026



Join us on this Special

Day as We Celebrate

the Return of the Fall

Programs, and

bring to a Close our

Summer Sabbath Time.

ROCK & ROLL CONTEMPORARY MUSIC



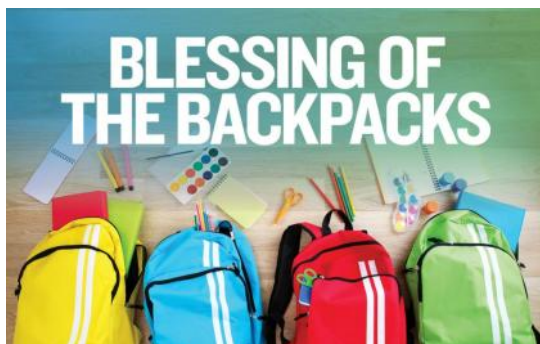
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A CLASS EXPLORING FAITH, CULTURE,
AND THE MUSIC THAT SHAPES US

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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING CLASS!



Attention Students! That's any students, whether you are starting kindergarten, pursuing that post-graduate degree, or anywhere in between.

On **August 30, 2026**, we will have a Backpack Blessing during **both** worship services.

This is a chance to begin the school year with a send-off from your church family, along with the reminder that God is ever with you, even in the most trying of school days.

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Amy Wright	
PREACHER	Rev. Amy Wright	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Stephen Benscoter	CAGO
CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST	Dr. Lauren Conrad	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sharon Price	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Imgarten	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Cindy Hoyt	(8:00 a.m.)
	Steve Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Ernie Frisicchio and	
	Faith Simperts	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Pushkarewitz and	
	Doug Larson	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Ernie Frisicchio and	
	Faith Simperts	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Pushkarewitz and	
	Doug Larson	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	Abby Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP’S

Sunday, July 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i> <i>Christian Education for All Ages is on Summer Break — All Will Return in September</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i>
	Noon	Mission Kids Pool Party at the DeWeese’s Home
Tuesday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Daytime Book Group in Room #127
	7:00 p.m.	Property Team Meeting in Room #031
Wednesday, July 22	1:30 p.m.	Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 25	2:00 p.m.	Women, Wine and Whine at Harvest Ridge Winery
Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i> <i>Christian Education for All Ages is on Summer Break — All Will Return in September</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Sorting and Packing School Supplies for the Summer of Service in the Fellowship Hall