



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 26, 2026
Ninth 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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2026

The Prelude

"Deep River" R. Hobby

* 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

"Gather Us In"

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



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



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



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



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



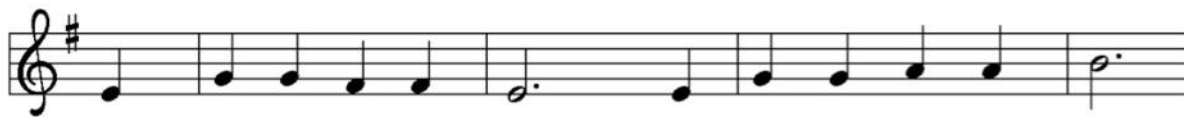
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

* 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")



Cantor 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



Congregation We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

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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 . . . Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your

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word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 119:129-136*

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ **The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom towards those who love your name.**

¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.**

The New Testament Lesson *Romans 8:26-39*

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

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³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52*

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

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

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

The Sermon

Rev. Amy Wright



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.

*** 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** *(Sung By the People of God)*

P: In confident hope of God's love and saving grace, let us sing in the words as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

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I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Communion Hymn

"We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

ELW 518



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis - dom, are



giv - en here a taste of the king - dom. To - geth - er



joined, the great - est and the least, we all are

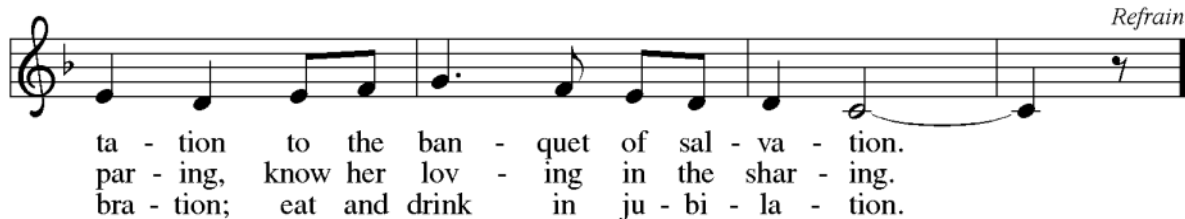
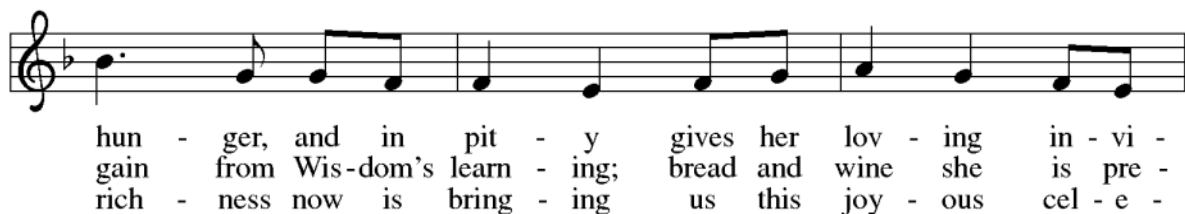


one at Wis-dom's ho - ly feast.



1 Wis - dom calls through - out the cit - y, knows our
2 Sim - ple ones whose hearts are yearn - ing, come and
3 En - ter with de - light and sing - ing, for her

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* 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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705



(The Closing Hymn continues on the Next Page ►)



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Fanfare" K. Leighton

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

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 our grandmother - her first heavenly birthday, by Tyler and Danielle Bye.

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.

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 **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.

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>

Making Disciples (continued...)

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.

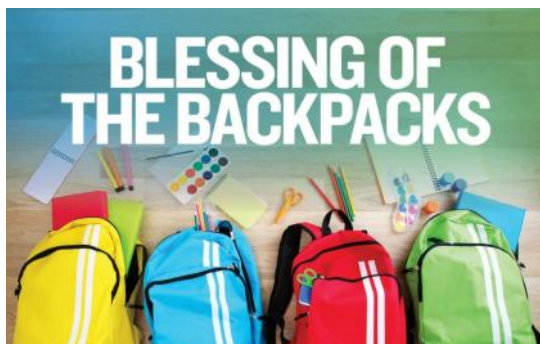
Food Insecurity continues to be a problem in our community! Can you help? Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (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**



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.

ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB
2026-2027

**POWERED BY THE SPIRIT.
MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

GALATIANS 5:22-23

LOVE	JOY	PEACE	PATIENCE	KINDNESS	GOODNESS	FAITHFULNESS	GENTLENESS	SELF-CONTROL
I care like Jesus.	I choose happiness.	I am calm and trust God.	I wait and don't give up.	I treat others with care.	I do what is right.	I can be counted on.	I am caring and kind.	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** ★

ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB



SUMMER OF SERVICE



July

School Supplies for E.A.G.L.E.S. and Ferris Schools

- Purchase school supplies use sign up genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA5AF2CA6FE3-64525101-july>
- 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.

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

★ TAUGHT BY ★
PASTOR PATRICK

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING CLASS!

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	Beth Molnar	(8:00 a.m.)
	Tom Brenneman	(10:30 a.m.)

LAY READER	Beth Molnar	(8:00 a.m.)
	Pam Brenneman	(10:30 a.m.)

USHERS	Bob Gibble and	
	Dave Thompson	(8:00 a.m.)
	Harold and	
	Sharon Holeman	(10:30 a.m.)

GREETERS	Bob Gibble and	
	Dave Thompson	(8:00 a.m.)
	Pam Brenneman and	
	Linda Burkum	(10:30 a.m.)

ACOLYTE	Allie Pouser	(10:30 a.m.)
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP’S

Sunday, July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 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> Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i> Sorting and Packing School Supplies for the Summer of Service in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Saturday, August 1	8:00 a.m.	Habitat Restoration Crew in the Back Yard
Sunday, August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:30 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> Worship Service at St. Philip’s <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day)</i>

