



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."***

August 23, 2026
Thirteenth 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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 23, 2026

The Prelude

"O Gracious God" Marcel Dupré

* 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.**

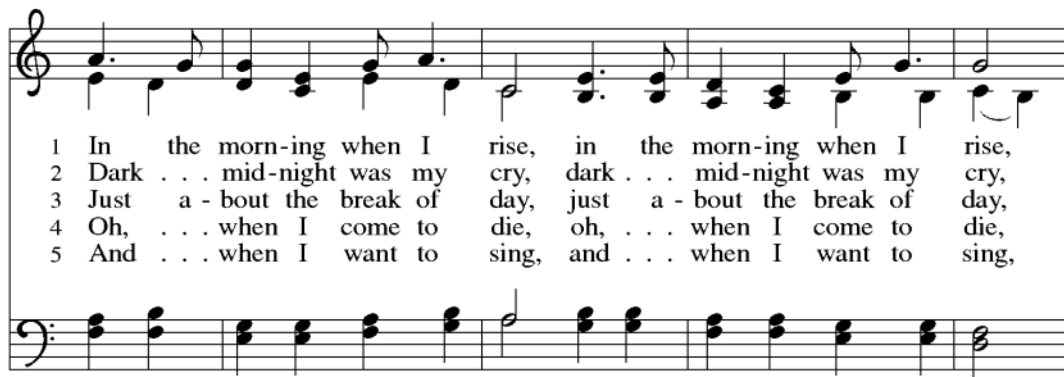
P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and grants forgiveness to all who call upon his name. And so then, may almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you, and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life in the name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

C: **Amen.**

* The Gathering Hymn

"Give Me Jesus"

(Hymn is on the Next Page ►)



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

* 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.**

* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 138*

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The New Testament Lesson *Romans 12:1-8*

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

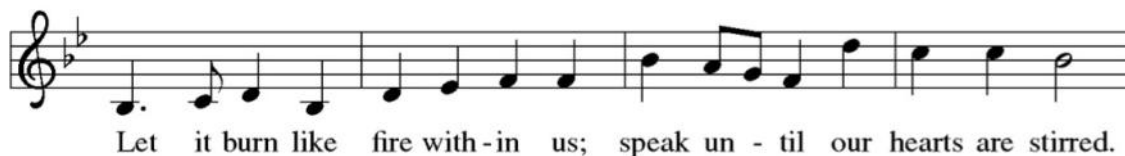
² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation



* The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 16:13-20*

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

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

The Sermon

Rev. Patrick V. Downes



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

*** 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 be 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:
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.



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

* 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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

(The Hymn continues on the Next Page ►)

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Prelude in F Major" Johann Sebastian Bach

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, David Kenney, Allison Hewitt, Donna and Monika Daugherty, Ed Chaban, Cynthia Hamlin, Nancy Zinnato, John Frink, Jeff Rash

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**, sister 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 Shovestuls; **Kate Drake**, granddaughter of Shirley Rash; **Martin Page**, friend of the Stevens Family; **Dmytro Yerokin**, friend of Helen Pierce, **David Martin**, cousin of Donna Hokanson

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and blessings and thanksgiving for Pastor Dave and Gigi Mueller's 60th Wedding Anniversary, by Gigi Mueller.

A special thank you to Sue Furhmann for sharing her musical talents with us this morning!

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 Mueller's 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.

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 **September 8th 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's** next book for **September 15th** is *Speak to Me of Home*. **October 20th** is *Small Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult. For **November 17th** it is *The Winemaker's Wife*. On **December 15th at Noon**, we will have a Christmas Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Weather permitting, September will meet at Gigi Mueller's house.

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. For **September 11th** our book will be - *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. On **October 9th** - *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, **November 13th** - *Judge Stone* by James Patterson and Viola, **December 11th** will be our annual - POETRY and Cookie Exchange, and for **January 8th** - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, David Morse, et al. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars . . . We hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Making Disciples (continued...)

The Summer of Service wraps up during August with our **City of Food**, Help St. Philip's and our 3 partner churches reach our goal of collecting 20,000 items. The items collected at St. Philip's will go to our church pantry and St. Stephen's pantry.

Next Young at Heart gathering will be at Gigi Mueller's house on **Saturday, October 3rd, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** This is a gathering of women who are 70+ years old who come together for fellowship and mutual support. All are welcome to join us.

Next Women, Wine, and Whine, is **Saturday, September 26th**, at **2:00 p.m.**, at Harvest Ridge Winery, Toughkenamon, PA. ALL ARE 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 **September 10th 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 Host Week is Aug. 30th to Sept. 5th - Family promise is a ministry we participate in along with many other churches to provide shelter and meals to homeless children and families. The success and growth of Family Promise has changed how we volunteer! Volunteering our time is now the primary need in this ministry. Food will now be provided by the kitchen manager at the new Family Promise facility. Our important role is shifting to helping to prepare, serve, visit, and clean up.

- Please see the **sign up poster in the narthex** for more information.
- To help provide **Shelf Stable** items for families use this link: **<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-64986356-family>**
Please drop off items on or before August 30th under the Family Promise Sign-Up board in the narthex.
- In addition, Family Promise has a wish list on their website which can be found at **<https://www.familypromisede.org/wish-list>**. If you would like to donate any of the items they are requesting, you can place these items under the Family Promise Sign-Up board and we will make sure they are delivered.



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.

SIGN UP HERE!

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



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** 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



The logo features a large green circle with a white center. Inside the white center are five colored dots: yellow, red, green, yellow, and red. The word "Rally" is in green, "DAY" is in large black letters, and "Kickoff" is in red cursive script.

Rally DAY Kickoff

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



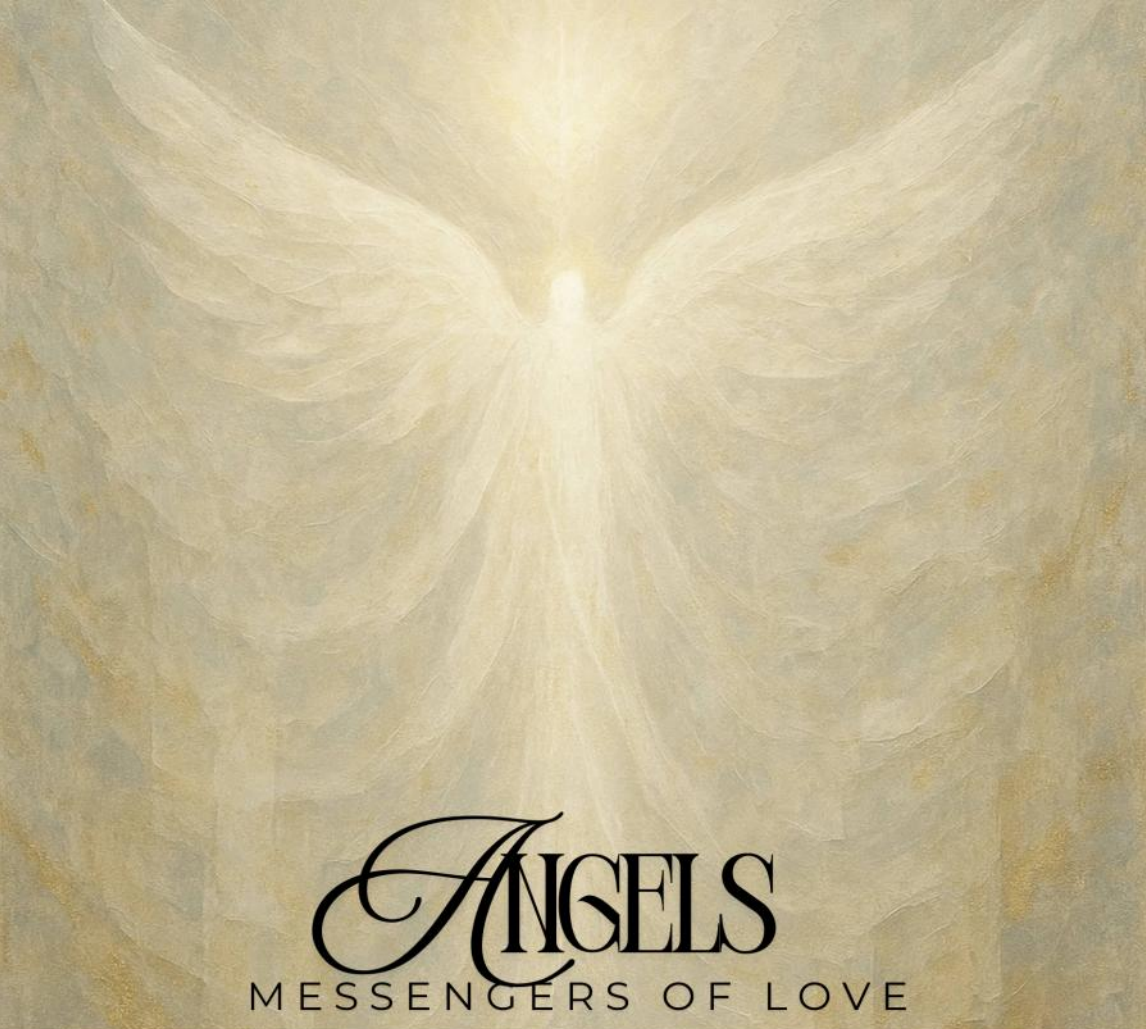
★ AND THE ★ CHRISTIAN FAITH

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

★ TAUGHT BY ★
PASTOR PATRICK

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING CLASS!



ANGELS

MESSENGERS OF LOVE



2026 Fall Women's Retreat
- Saturday, Nov. 7th -
8:30am-1pm in our Fellowship Hall.
Food will be provided. All are welcome to join!



God deeply loves and communicates with us every day. This retreat will help us to think about ways God moves in our daily lives.

See you there!



2026 WALKTOBERFEST

HELP END HUNGER
FAMILY FUN - FOOD - MUSIC
BEER - PRIZES - & MORE!

WALKTOBERFEST

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!
PART FUNDRAISER WALK
PART OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION



Concordia Lutheran Church
3003 Silverside Rd
Wilmington DE, 19810

Saturday, Sept. 19th

Walk / Run
9:00 am - 11:30 am

Oktoberfest
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

SUPPORT LOCAL
FOOD PANTRIES

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Amy Wright	
PREACHER	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Stephen Benscoter CAGO	
CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST	Dr. Lauren Conrad	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Maryann Shovestul	(8:00 a.m.)
	Steve Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Cindy Hoyt	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Imgarten	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Ernie Frisicchio and	
	Faith Simperts	(8:00 a.m.)
	Janet Shechter and	
	Debbi Miller	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Ernie Frisicchio and	
	Faith Simperts	(8:00 a.m.)
	Janet Shechter and	
	Debbi Miller	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	Abby Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, August 23 Thirteenth 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>
Tuesday, August 25	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, August 26	1:30 p.m.	Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Back Pack Blessing	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>
	1:30 p.m.	Youth Group Pool Party at the Cory's