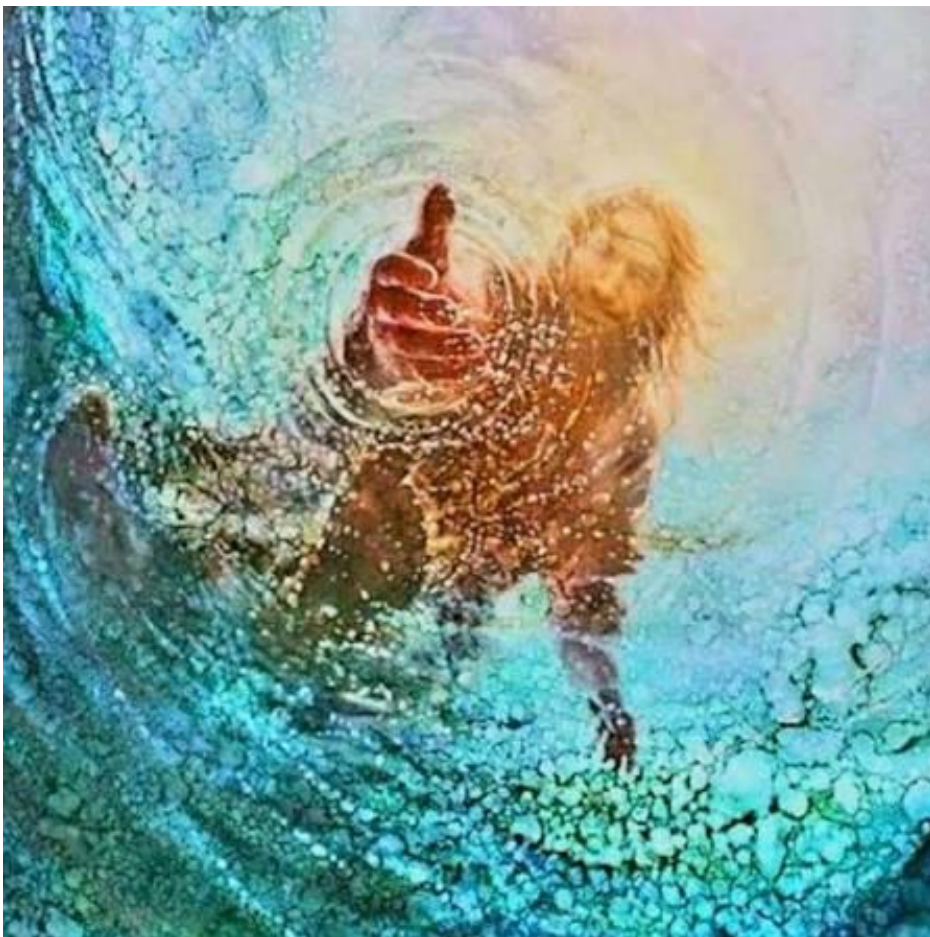




ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**August 9, 2026
Eleventh 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 9, 2026

The Prelude

"Give Me Jesus" R. Billingham

* 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** *"Oh, Sing to the Lord/Cantad al Señor" (Hymn is on the Next Page ►)*



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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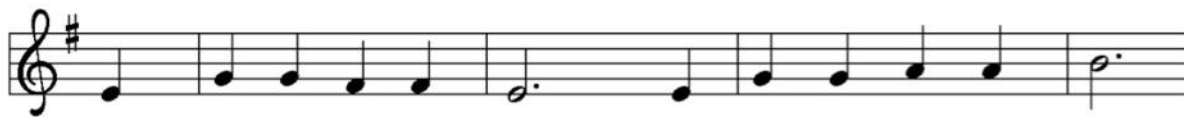
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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

* 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 . . . O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson *1 Kings 19:9-18*

⁹At that place Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant,

(The Old Testament Lesson continues on the Next Page ►)

thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 85:8-13*

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³ Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

The New Testament Lesson *Romans 10:5-15*

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? ‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

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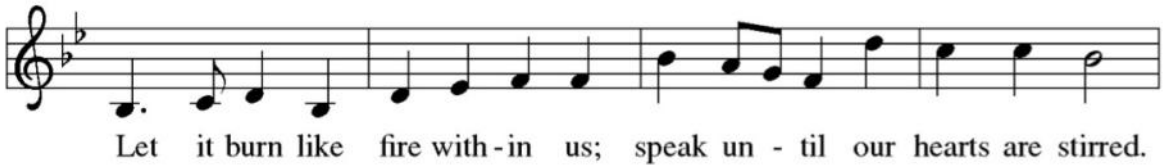
¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'
²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

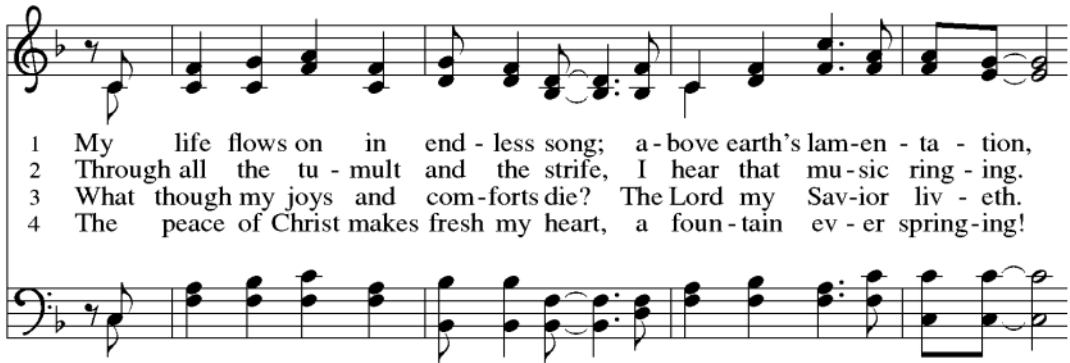
P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

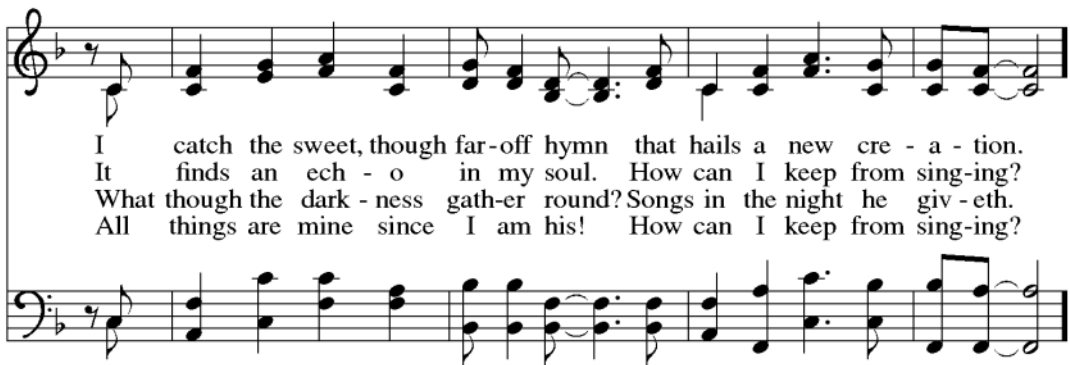
Children's Sermon

The Sermon

Rev. Amy Wright

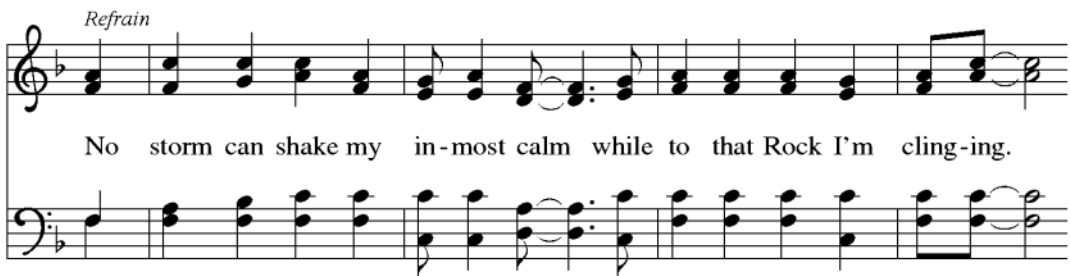


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

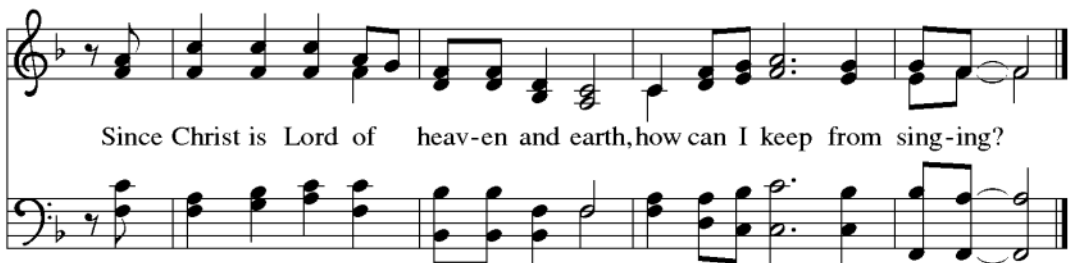


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

*** 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

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

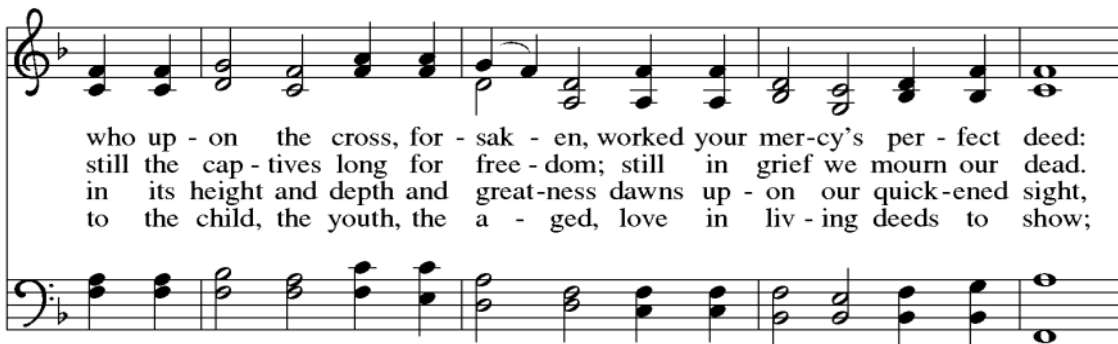
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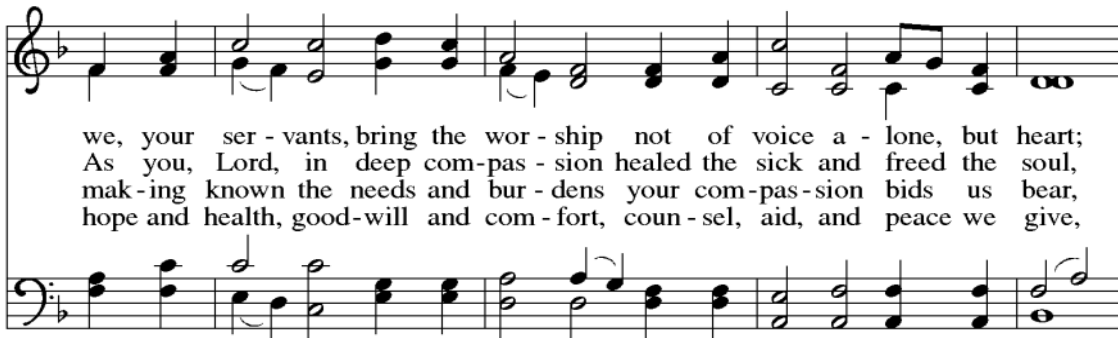
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



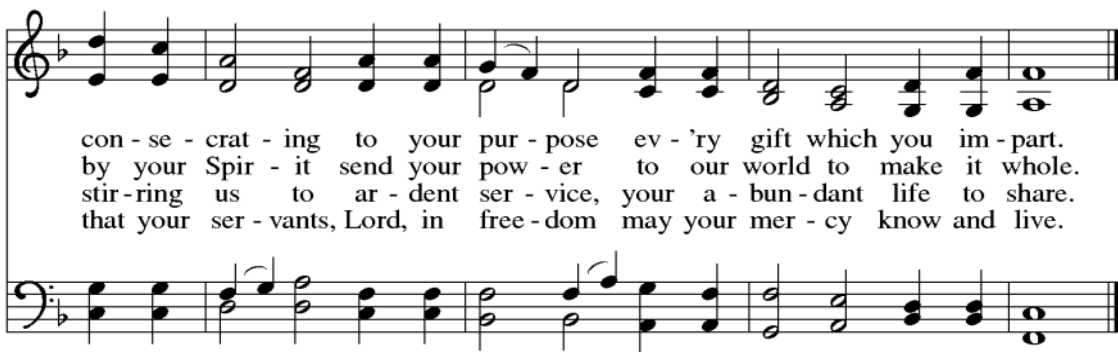
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who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

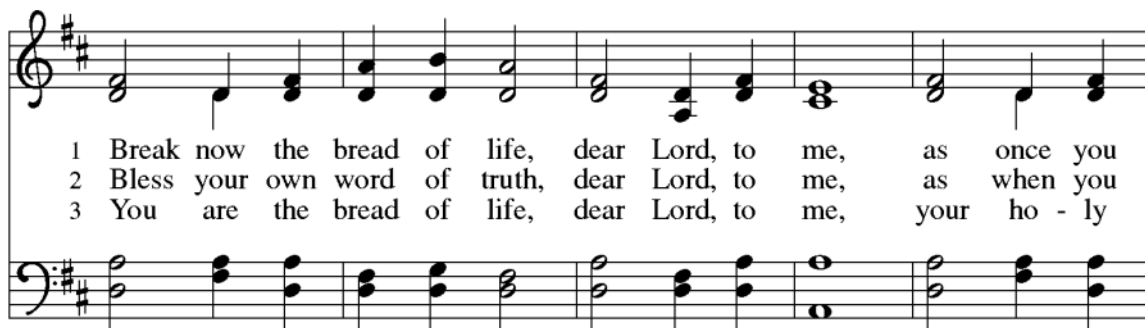


con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Communion Hymn

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

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1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

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broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

* 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

"When Peace Like a River"

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* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

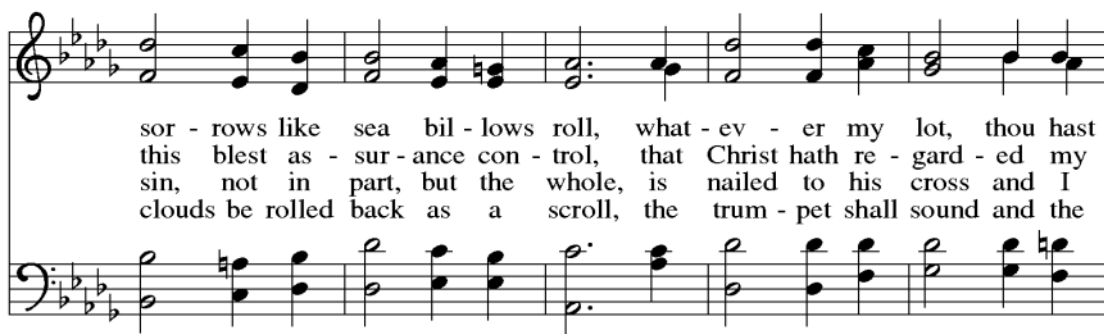
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Holy Manna" W. Held



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

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**, 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 my husband, Jim Sterling, by Anita Sterling.

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 Friday, August 14th 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! Rain date will be Sunday, August 16th at 4:00 p.m. 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 wraps up during August with our **City of Food**. Help us build a city of food towers by bring in non perishable food and other needed items. A list of suggested items is on the Summer of Service page. 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.

Making Disciples (continued...)

The Women's Evening Book Club meets on **August 21st 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.

Welcome to the World Nour Hamoda!! The Hamoda family, one of our beloved refugee families, has just had a baby girl!! On July 17th at Christiana Hospital, Adam and Assma (along with their 3 boys) welcomed a sweet baby girl named Nour. To help this family out, if anyone has any **gently used baby items**, diapers, wipes, etc. to donate that would be greatly appreciated. There is a bin in the narthex where you can drop off any items. Should you wish to provide **gift cards** for items to stores like Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. you can drop them off at church too, or hand them directly to one of the pastors or our member, Teri Suddard (remember, we will never ask you to send a gift card anywhere other than to bring it physically to the church building). Also, if anyone has an **older car** they are trying to get rid of through a donation, the family is also really in need of another car. Thank you very much!!

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

All kids age 4 through 5th grade

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MADE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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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



2026



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



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the Return of the Fall

Programs, and

bring to a Close our

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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!



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	Karen Stahl	(8:00 a.m.)
	Mike Rosen	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Karen Stahl	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Klosowski	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Dave Thompson and	
	Coleman Bye	(8:00 a.m.)
	Bob and	
	Delores Wardwell	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Dave Thompson	(8:00 a.m.)
	Bob and	
	Delores Wardwell	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	Will Krapf	(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, August 9 Eleventh 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>
Monday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	Outside Group in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 11	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group in Room #129
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Council Meeting in Room #031
Wednesday, August 12	1:30 p.m.	Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 13	12:30 p.m.	Grief Group in Room #031
Friday, August 14	4:00 p.m.	Women's Pool Party at Joann Steven's House
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Book Group Location TBD
Saturday, August 15		<i>September Guidepost articles are due today!</i>
Sunday, August 16 Twelfth 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>