



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."***

September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshipping 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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 13, 2026

The Prelude

"Earth and All Stars" W. Wold

* 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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. For give us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* The Gathering Hymn

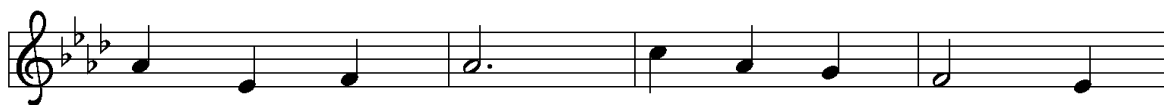
"Earth and All Stars!"

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* The Gathering Hymn

"Earth and All Stars!"

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1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail, wind, and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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Refrain

God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with a	new	song!
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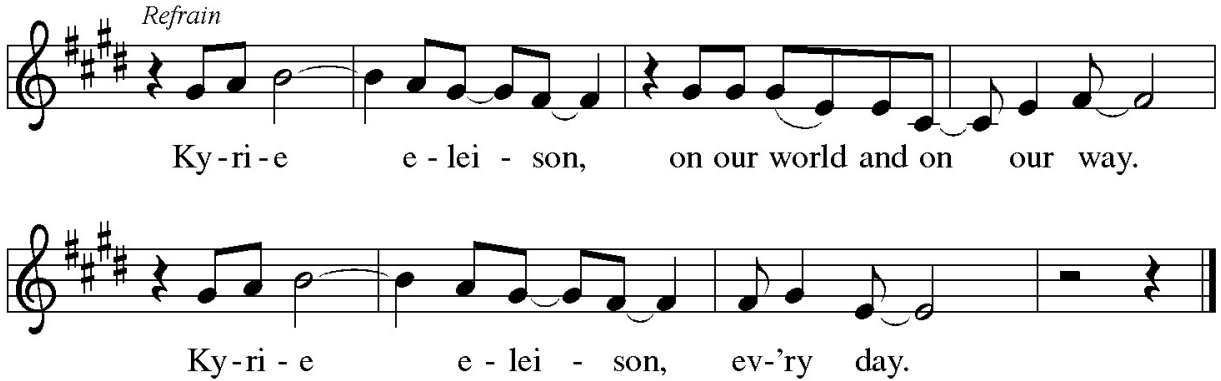
* The Greeting

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"*)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Verses (Sung by Congregation)

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, Let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, Let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

* Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



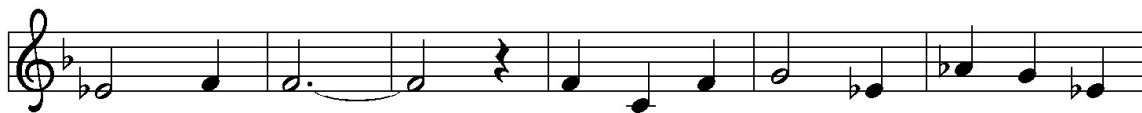
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est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

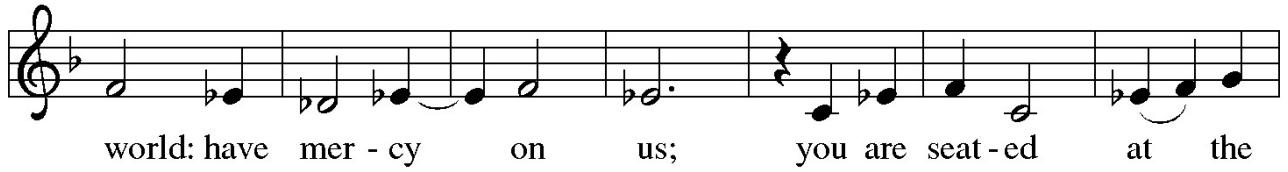


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

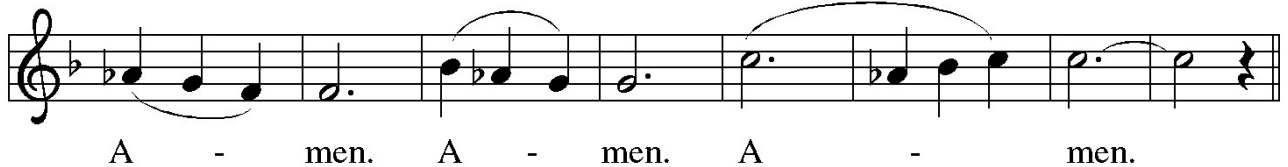
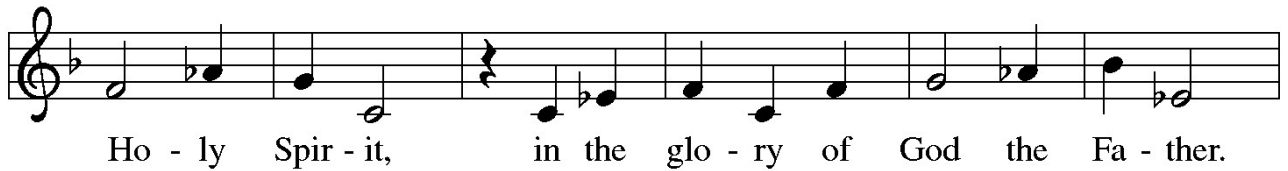
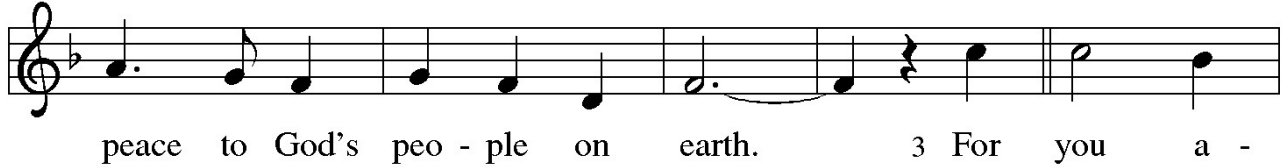
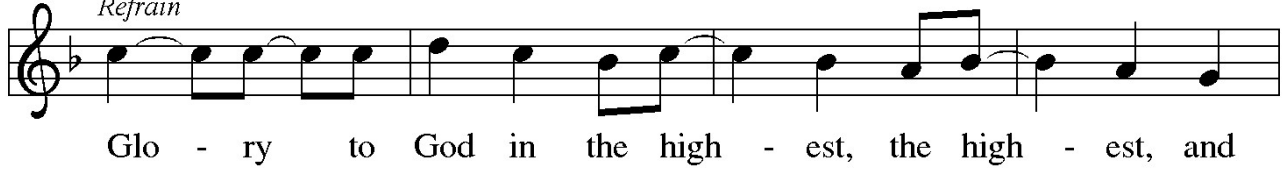


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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Refrain



Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray . . . O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Choir Anthem *"Sing a Jubilant Song" Stanton*

St. Philip's Chancel Choir

The Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 50:15-21*

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 103:8-13

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;**

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
every tongue shall give praise to God.’

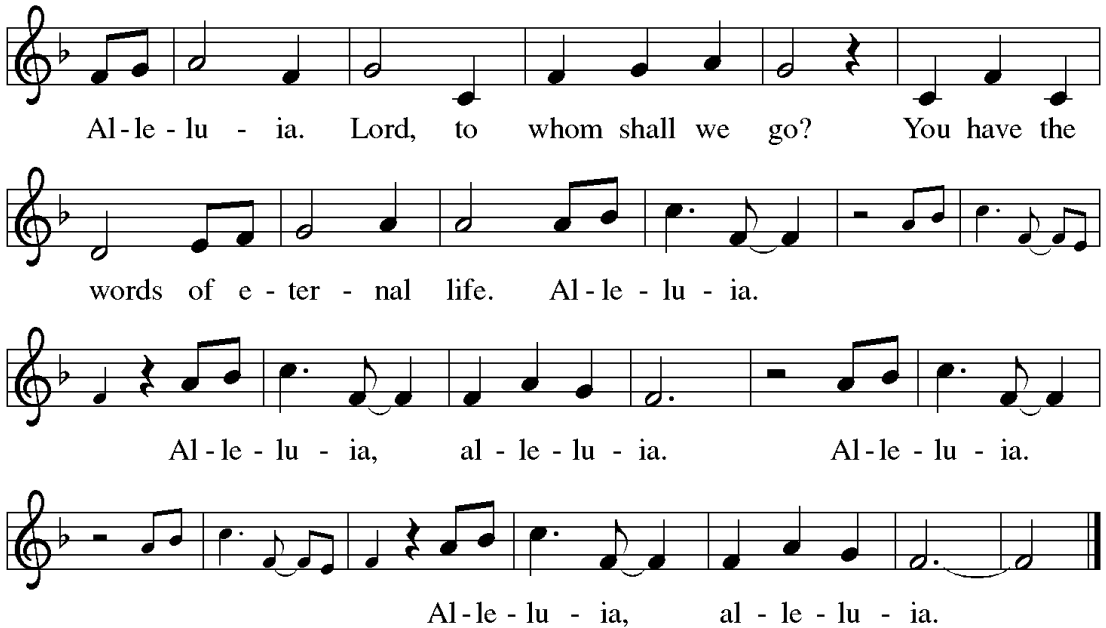
¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"



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

* The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

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

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his

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fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

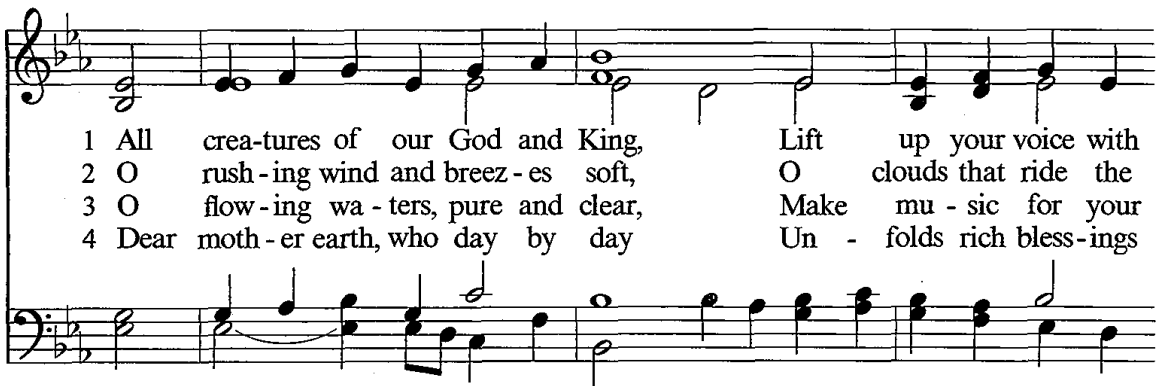
Children's Sermon and Growing in the Gospel (*Growing in the Gospel are at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and is for children through 3rd Grade.*)

The Sermon

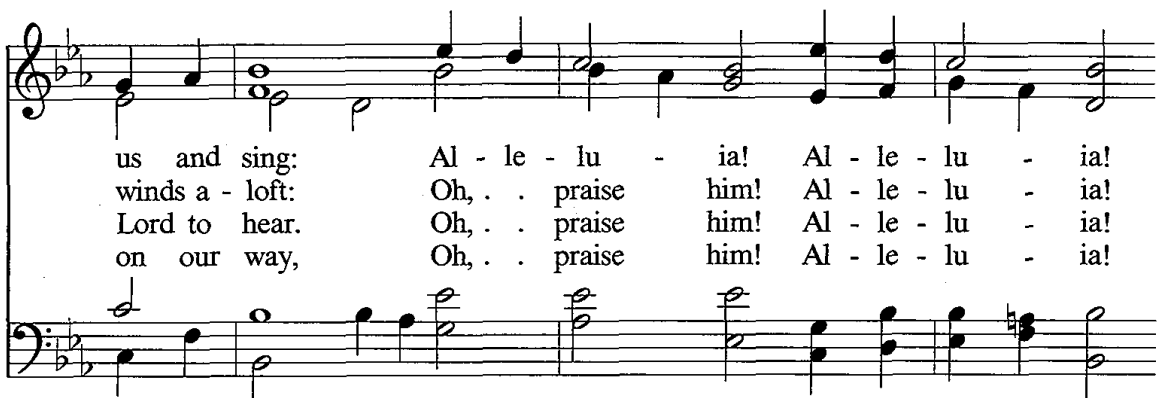
Crystal Solie

* Hymn of the Day

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

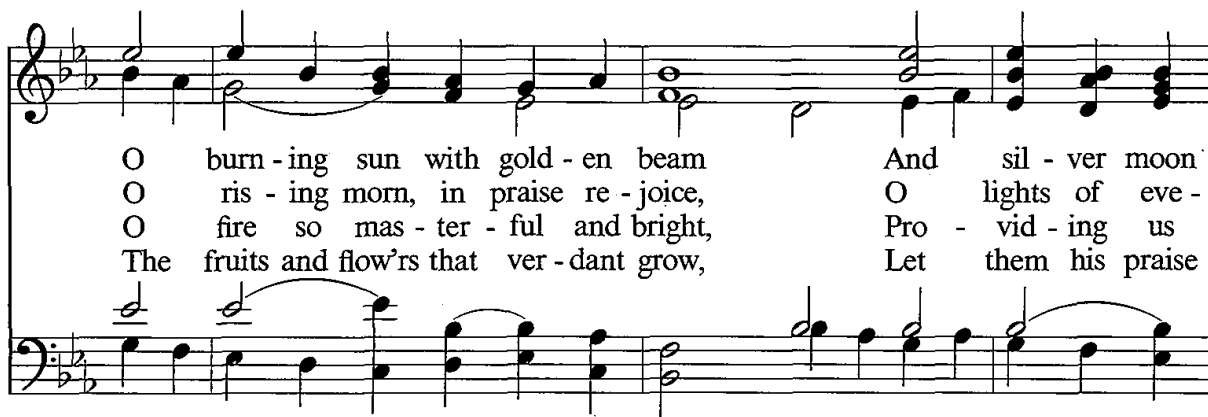


1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with
2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the
3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your
4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

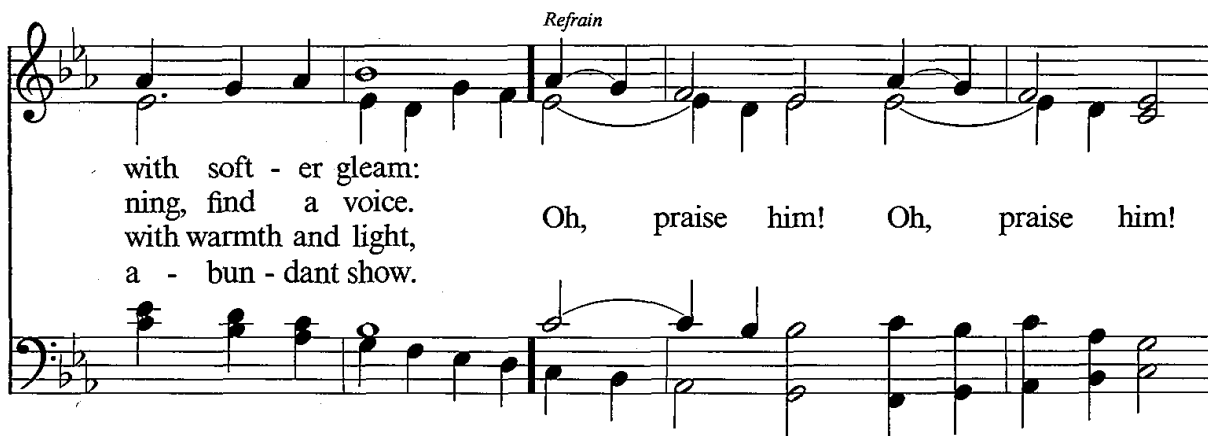


us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
winds a - loft: Oh, . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord to hear. Oh, . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!
on our way, Oh, . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam And sil - ver moon
 O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, O lights of eve -
 O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, Pro - vid - ing us
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver - dant grow, Let them his praise



with soft - er gleam:
 ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 with warmth and light,
 a - bun - dant show.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 O ev'ryone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part,
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 All you who pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and lay on him your care. *Refrain*

6 And you, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our final breath,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
You lead to heav'n the child of God,
Where Christ our Lord the way has trod. *Refrain*

7 Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*

* 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 . . . God of life,
C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 in 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 in the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of 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 salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving your grace and mercy, may be formed to live as your holy people sharing our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

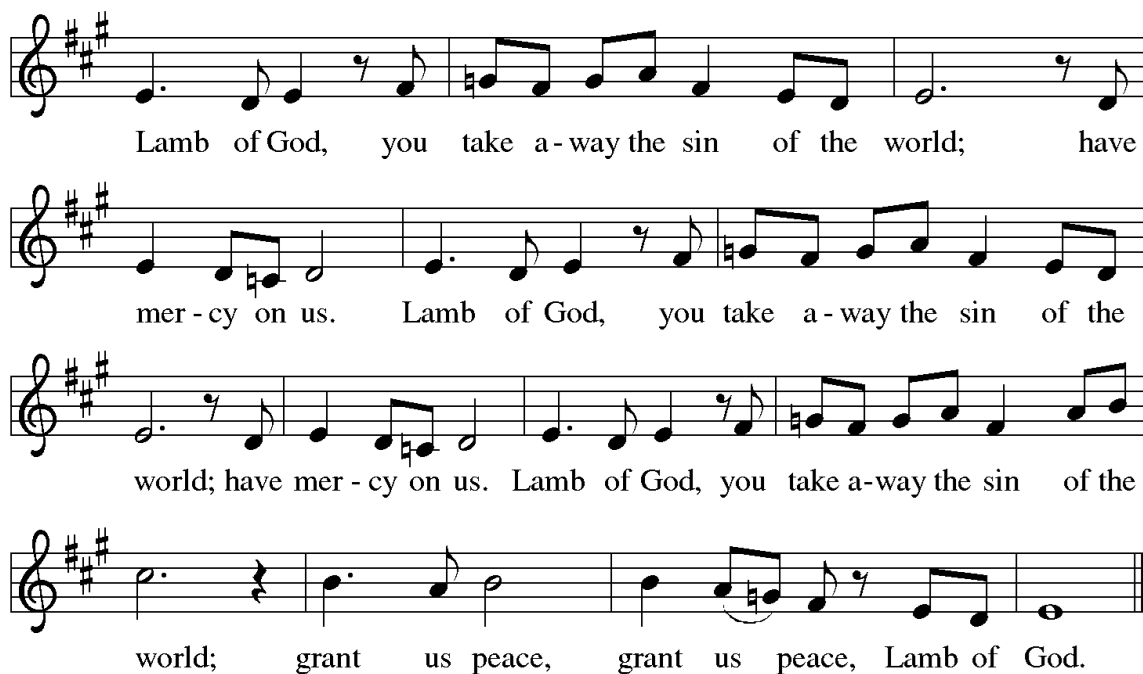
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: **Thanks be to God** *(The congregation may be seated.)*

Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")



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

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 Come with Joy"

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Communion Hymn

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

ELW 606

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

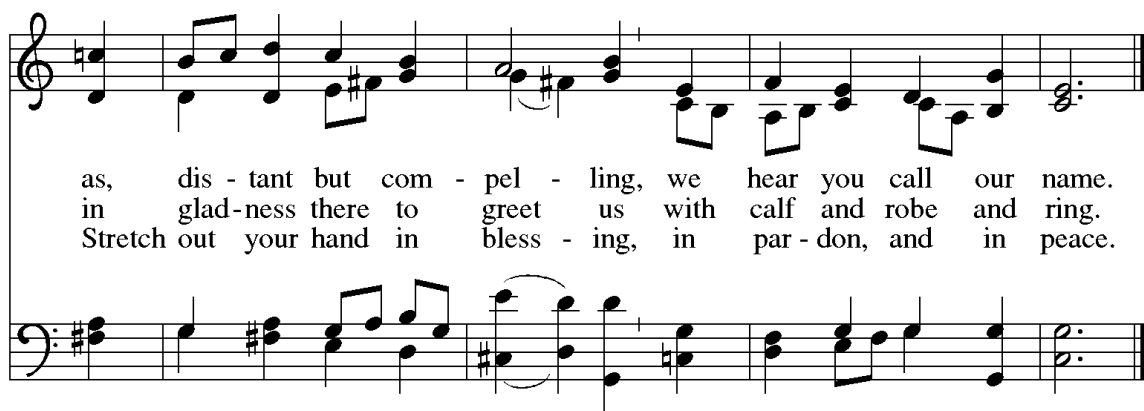
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in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

* Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

* Closing Hymn

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"Ein Feste Burg" B. Harbach*

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, Paul Stadelberger, Jeff Rash, Shirley Rash, Carol Oesterbo, The Shovestul Family

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 Gobble & 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 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; **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, Dan, by Lila Hall.

Today we welcome Crystal Solie as our preacher. Crystal, as many of you know, is a member of St. Philip's and a candidate for Ordained Ministry. She is preaching here to gain experience and lend another voice of gospel proclamation. Thank you, Crystal!!!

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 **October 14th 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. 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 **October 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 **October 9th** - *The Correspondent* Virginia Evans, **November 13th** - *Judge Stone* James Patterson and Viola, **December 11th** will be our annual - POETRY and Cookie Exchange, and for **January 8th** - *Theo of Golden* 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...)

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!!

St. Philip's Fall Men's Retreat will be from **October 15th to 18th**. If you are interested in joining this Band of Brothers for the weekend in Central Pennsylvania, please contact Chuck Cory for information.

There is a new daytime **Women's Small Group** meeting at church on the second Tuesday of every month at 10am. Beth Molnar is leading the group. Discussion includes questions, thoughts and feelings about aspects of the Christian faith. The group members determine the topics for the meetings. Contact Beth if you have questions or are interested in joining.

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 **October 13th at 1 p.m.** in Room #129. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

Serving the Community (continued...)

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: **Shelf Stable Milk** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Cereal, Spaghetti (dry noodles), Peanut Butter, Baked Beans, Toilet Paper.** Thank you so much for your generosity!!

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? 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 ?** Join us for 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.

Care Kits for Those Experiencing Homelessness—During September we will be gathering items to replenish supplies for our Care Kits. This is one small way to show our love and concern for those challenged by a lack of adequate housing. plan to assemble 60 kits to have on hand as we approach the colder weather. Please leave items in the bin under the coat rack in the Narthex. Below is a sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-65332693-homeless>

It is time to Celebrate the City of Food! This has been a collaborative effort with Limestone Presbyterian and St. John the Beloved churches. We will reveal the amount collected at that time. Join us for ice cream on **Saturday September 19th at 1:00 p.m.** in the St Philip's Social Hall. Please RSVP on Sign Up Genius by Sunday September 13th. Thank you for a great effort done by all!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C49A9A623ABFF2-65319002-icecream>

ST PHILIP'S
KIDS CLUB
 2026-2027

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

SIGN UP HERE!

Galatians 5:22-23

LOVE
 I care like Jesus.

JOY
 I choose happiness.

PEACE
 I am calm and trust God.

PATIENCE
 I wait and don't give up.

KINDNESS
 I treat others with care.

GOODNESS
 I do what is right.

FAITHFULNESS
 I can be counted on.

GENTLENESS
 I am caring and kind.

SELF-CONTROL
 I make good choices.

**GROWING STRONGER IN FAITH.
 MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.**

★ **ONE FRUIT AT A TIME.** ★

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

ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB

**Time to Celebrate the City of Food with an
 Ice Cream Social**

**Saturday September 19th
 In the Social Hall
 1:00 p.m.**

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 13th

Email Maryann Shovestul
 mshovestul@gmail.com
 Or
 Use the QR code

ST PHILIP'S KIDS CLUB



MISSION KIDS



PLANNING



♥ 2026-2027 ♥

Fun. Faith. Friends. All Year Long!



September

9/12: Chalk the Walk • 11am-1pm

9/13: Rally Day • noon-2pm

• Food & Games Provided

• Inflatable Bouncy House!



October

Fun Fall Festivities –
Date and Time TBD



November

11/1: Outdoor Movie Night • 5pm-8pm

11/14: Friendsgiving • 4-7pm



December

12/6: Advent Workshop • 9:15am-10:15am



January

1/24: Mom's Brunch
(snow date 1/31)



February

2/14: Valentines with Youth Group • noon-1:30



March

3/14: Easter Egg Hunt • noon-2pm



April

4/10: Mission Kids Get Messy • 4-7pm



Growing in God's love
together!

For young families. All are welcome! ♥ Bring a friend!



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



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

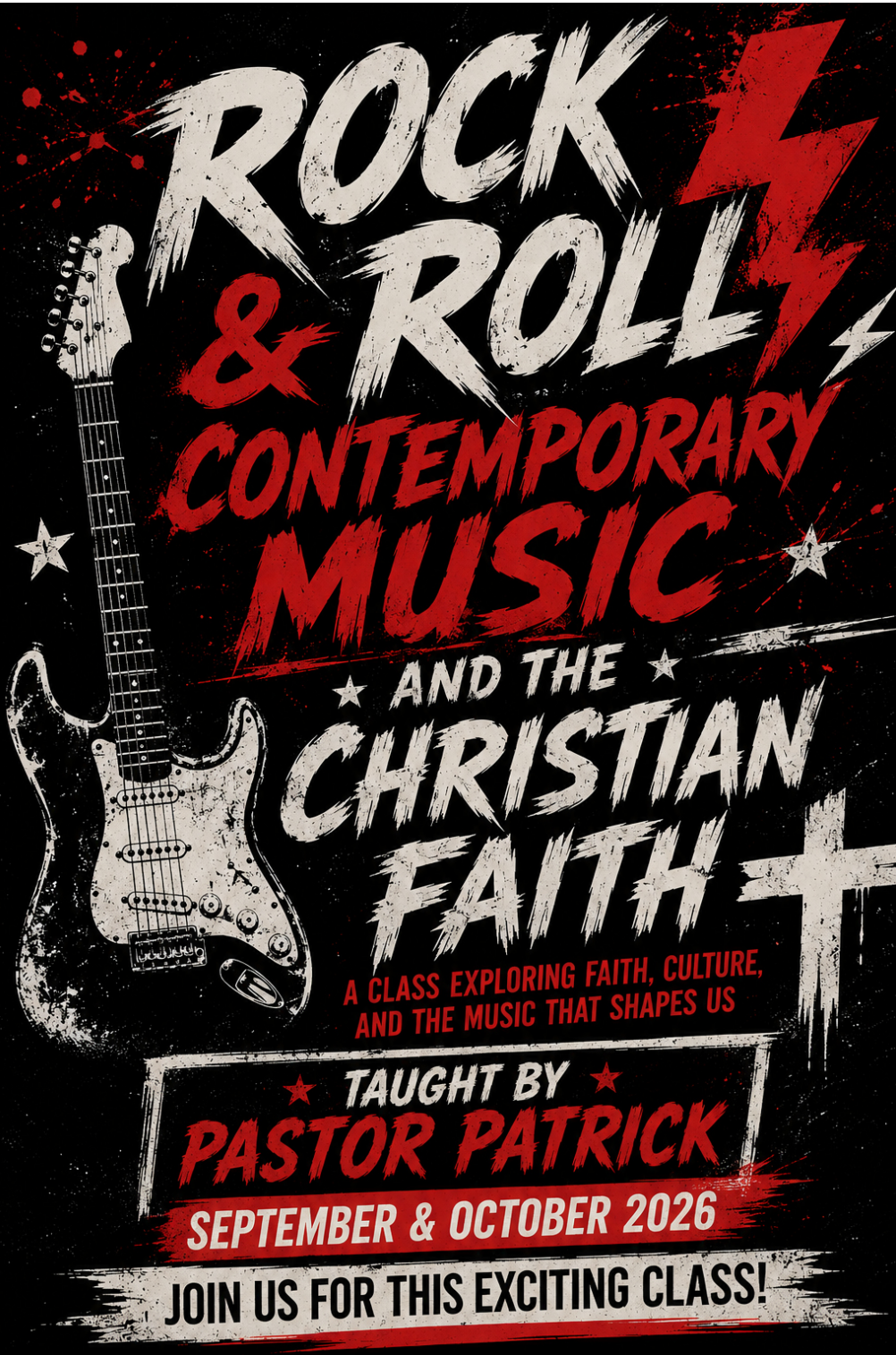
Day as We Celebrate

the Return of the Fall

Programs, and

bring to a Close our

Summer Sabbath Time.



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A CLASS EXPLORING FAITH, CULTURE,
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★ 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!



ST. PHILIP'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Blessing of the Pets



**Mark your calendars!
Sunday, October 4th
at 1 p.m.**

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Amy Wright

Rev. Patrick V. Downes

PREACHER

Crystal Solie

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Stephen Benscoter CAGO

CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST

Dr. Lauren Conrad

ASSISTING MINISTER

Coleman Bye

(8:00 a.m.)

Trevor Freburger

(10:30 a.m.)

LAY READER

Anna Grieder

(8:00 a.m.)

Mike Rosen

(10:30 a.m.)

USHERS

Tony and

Deanna Calvarese

(8:00 a.m.)

Sally Krapf and

Michael Klosowski

(10:30 a.m.)

GREETERS

Joan Marie Powers

(8:00 a.m.)

Sally Krapf and

Michael Klosowski

(10:30 a.m.)

ACOLYTE

Will Krapf

(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, September 13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost RALLY DAY!!!	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Kids Club in the Christian Ed Wing Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Rally Day Picnic
Monday, September 14	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Outside Group meeting in the Fellowship Hall Altar Guild Meeting in Room #031 Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
Tuesday, September 15	6:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Guidepost Articles are due today!!!</i> State Primary Election in the Fellowship Hall All Day Staff Meeting Daytime Book Group at Gigi's Property Team Meeting
Wednesday, September 16	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Habitat Restoration Crew in the Back Yard Delmarva Conference Meeting in the Fellowship Hall Pinner and Knotters in the Fellowship Hall Environmental Stewardship Meeting in Room #031
Thursday, September 17	6:30 p.m.	Pub Theology at Chuck Lager's
Saturday, September 19	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Walktoberfest for Lutheran Community Services Ice Cream Social Celebration in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Kids Club in the Christian Ed Wing Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>