



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."***

**October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday**

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 wiggly 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

Reformation Sunday - October 25, 2026

The Prelude

"Toccata on Engleberg" D. Cherwien

* 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. Forgive 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

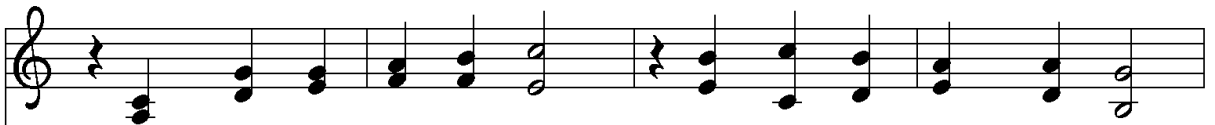
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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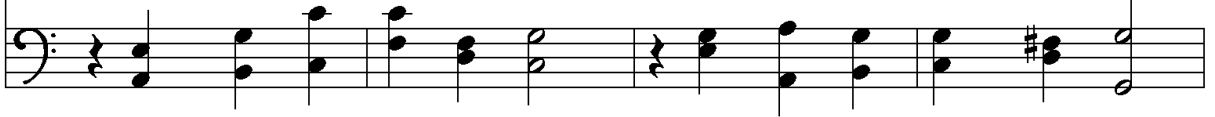
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



* 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")



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

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 - mighty God and Fa - ther,



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

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



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

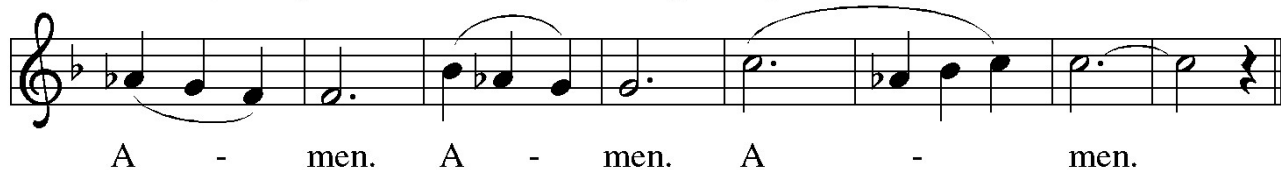
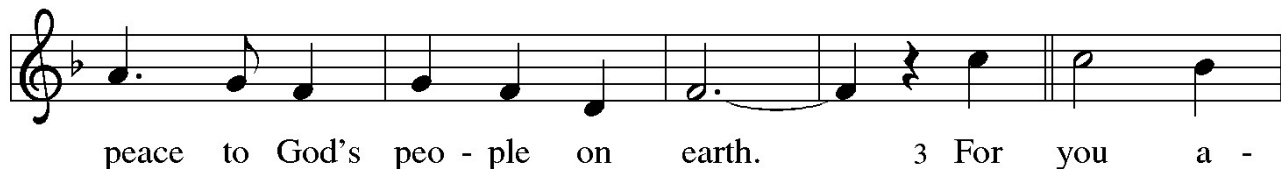
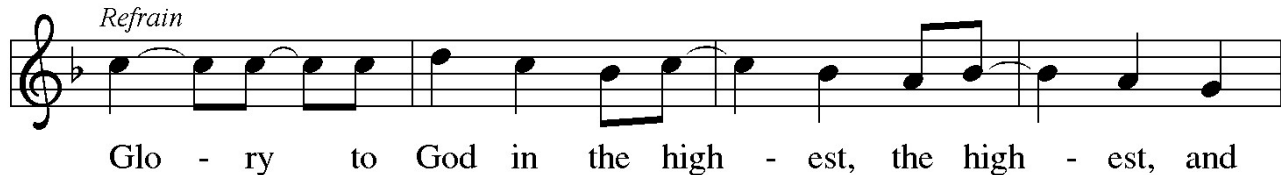
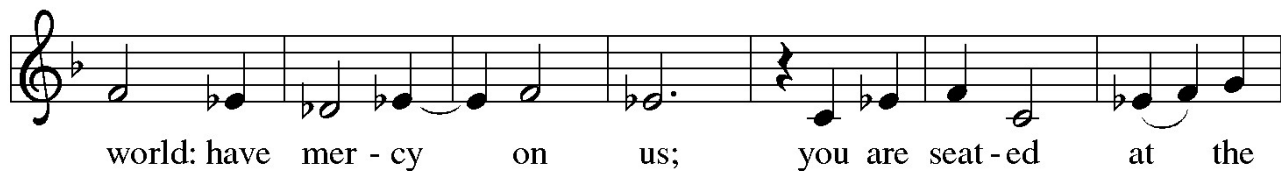


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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

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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 . . . Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

"Spirit Open My Heart" Duck

St. Philip's Chancel Choir

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

**⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

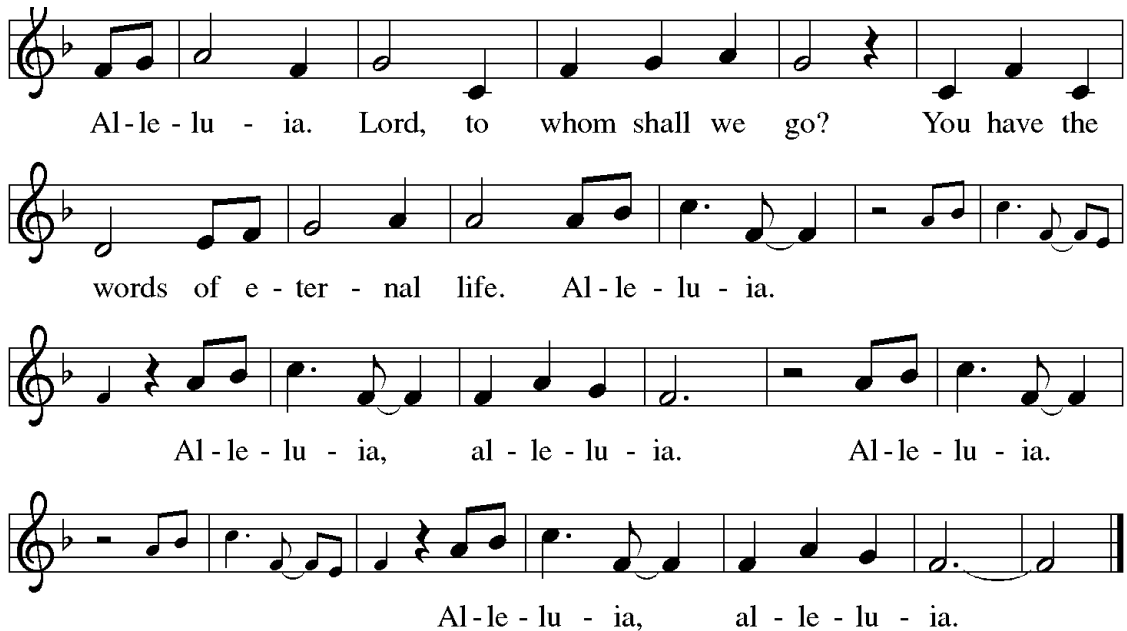
²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 *John 8:31-36*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John the eighth chapter.

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

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' ³³They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

³⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Rev. Amy Wright



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

*** 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.

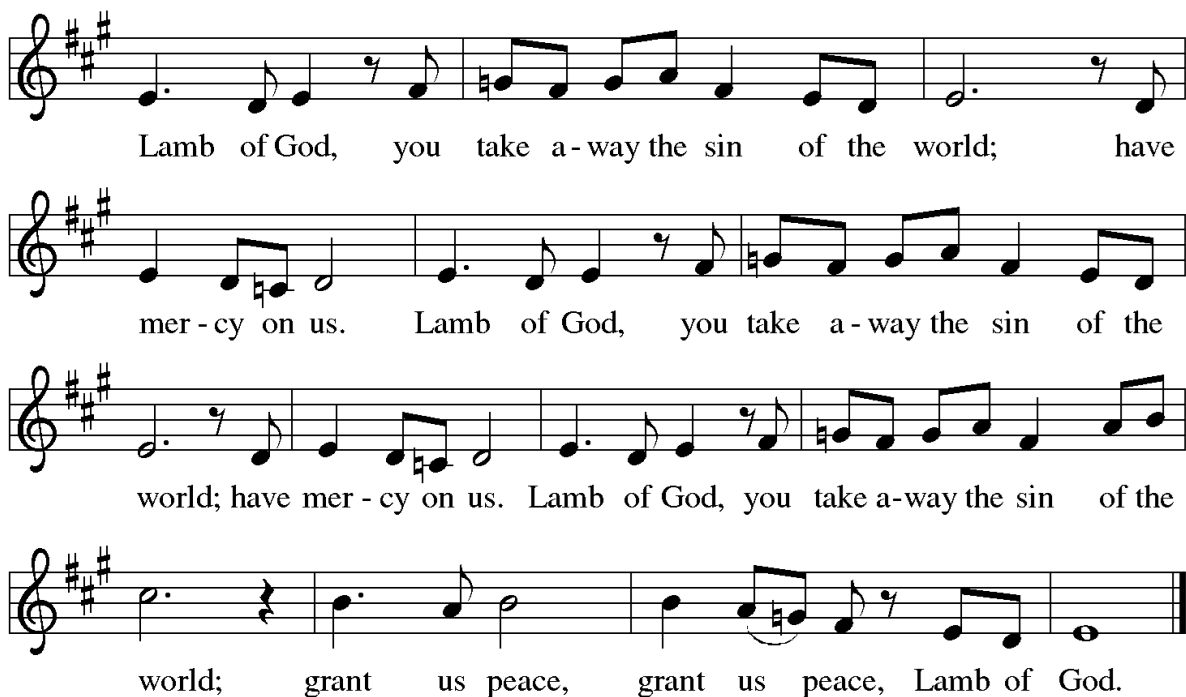
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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")



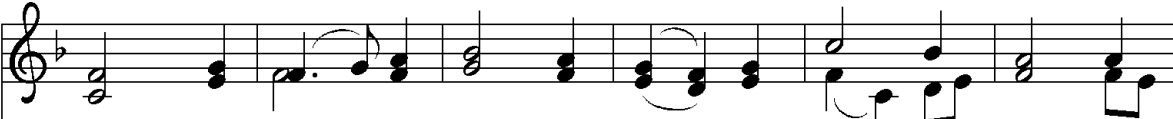
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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.



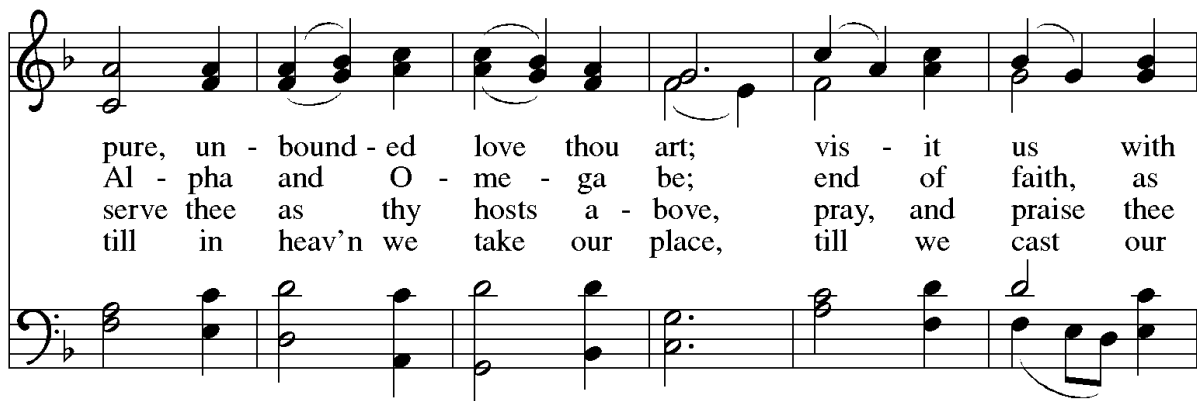
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

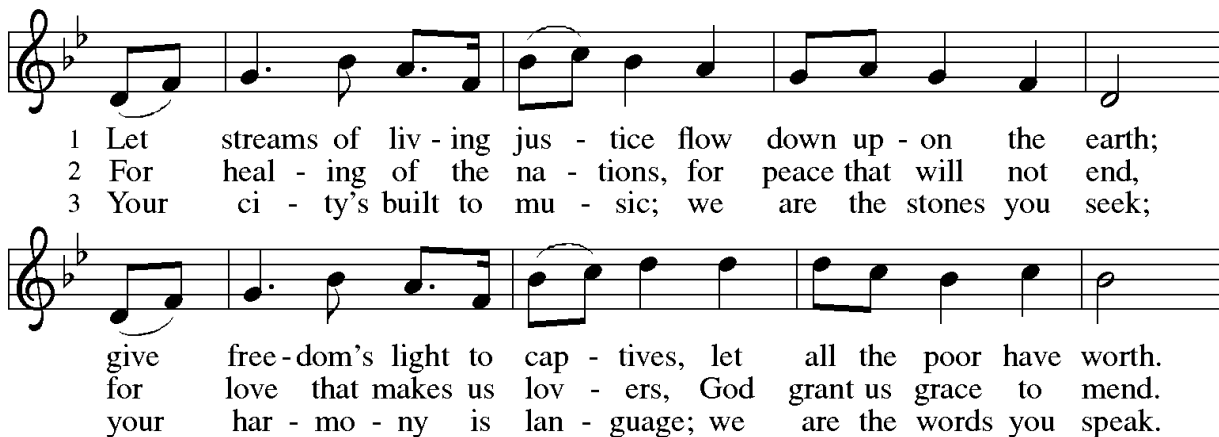


thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Communion Hymn

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

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The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

* 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

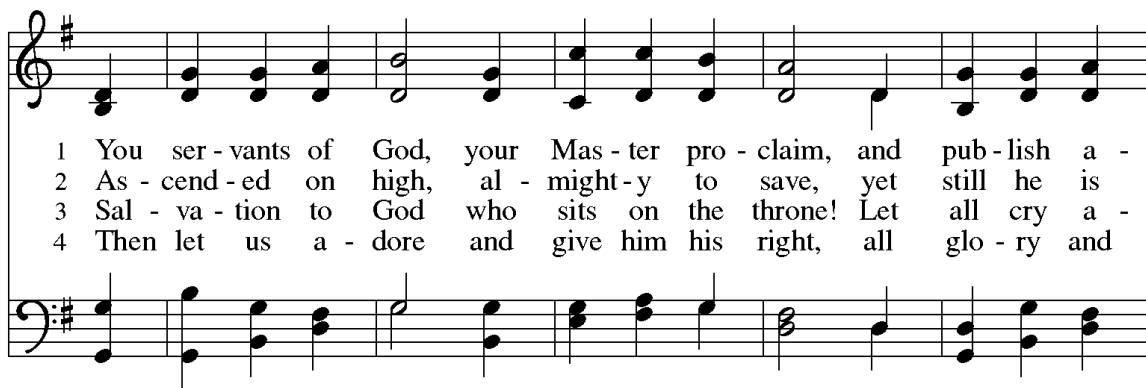
P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen

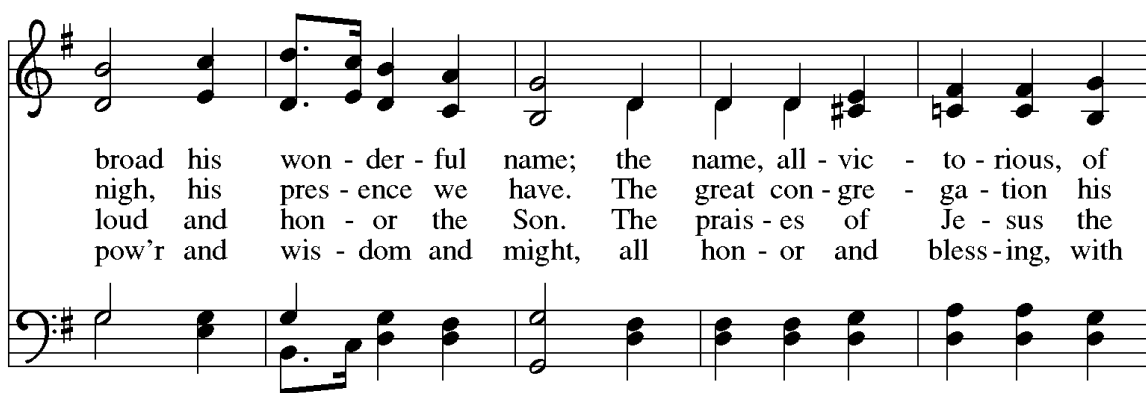
* Closing Hymn

"You Servants of God"

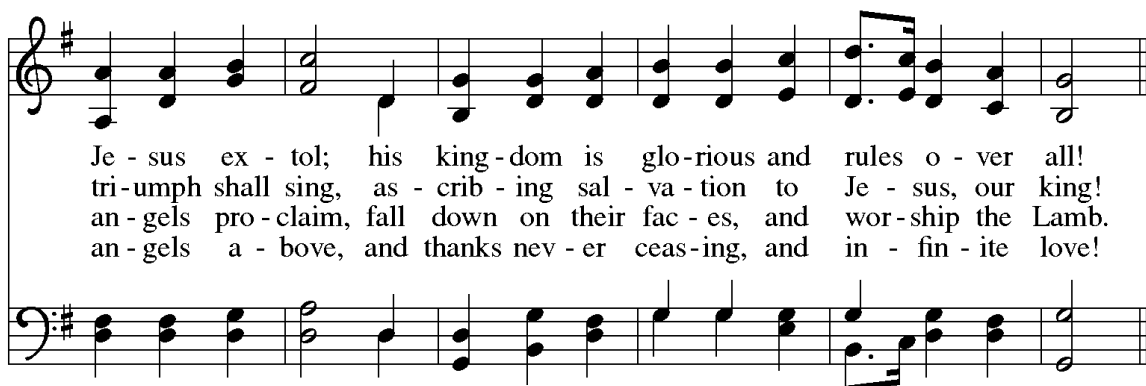
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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

* Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Ein' Feste Burg" J. Weber

Remember Us When You Pray

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

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

John and Barb Williams, Charles and Ruth Bowles, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Sherry Thompson, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Elizabeth Stirk, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Ellen Lenker, Phyllis Bolgiano, Gary Kennedy, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark Davis, David Nevins, Kelly Krapf, Trudy Gilgenast, Allison Hewitt, Cynthia Hamlin, Nancy Zinnato, John Frink, Jeff Rash, Shirley Rash, Carol Oesterbo, Linda Spivak, Chuck Cory, Lamont Smith, Jackie Kyle

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 of Anne Hamilton; **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; **Joann Post**, Aunt of Kelly Sparrow; **Victoria Frattarola**, granddaughter of Virginia Frattarola; **Heidi Bennett**, daughter of Hilde Crothers; **Tyler Grube**, grandson of Edna Basilio; **Angelina Bezotosno**, 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, Tom B. Krapf, and our 52nd Wedding Anniversary, by Sally Krapf.

Daylight Saving Time is ending on Sunday, November 1, 2026. Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed the night before. We don't want to lose out on an extra hour of sleep that day.

Commitment Sunday was on October 11th!! If you did not get a chance to return your financial and time and talent commitment forms, please be sure to return them to the church office or offering plate in the next couple weeks. Thank you for all the ways we come together to make disciples, praise God, and serve the community together.

Making Disciples

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 **November 12th 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 **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.

2027 Chancel Flower Dedications - Every year we provide members the chance to signup to dedicate chancel flowers (we used to call them altar flowers when they sat on the altar, but now they are on the shelf in the chancel area) in memory or in honor of loved ones. In order to make it easy for you to signup for flowers for the 2026 Calendar Year, below is a link to a signup genius form that will allow you to dedicate flowers for the coming year. **The flowers for 2027 will be \$60.** You will pick the date you want to sign-up for and then it will ask you to type in your dedication and then click the submit button. Like last year, we are asking that you please mail in your payment for the flowers **AT THE TIME YOU FILL OUT THIS DEDICATION SIG-NUP.** The only reason we are asking this is that many people forget that they signed up and then forget to send the money in. Altar Guild is trying to avoid coming after the dedication money months afterwards. Thank you so much. To make a dedication, click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9AE29A57-66547178-flower>

Making Disciples (continued...)

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 **November 11th in Room #031**. New people are welcome!! Contact Sharon Kittle. A **second group** is meeting Sundays after church. **The next meeting will be Sunday, November 1st.** Grab a lunch and come over to the Mueller's after the 10:30 Worship Service. Discussion will start around **Noon**. All are welcome to join this great conversation. Questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

GRACE AND GRUB - Lutheran Trivia Edition! Taking inspiration and spring-boarding off of our OWLS group, we have created something new that will combine the best of the best: amazing presentations and experiences, along with lunch (soup, bread and salad)! This will be a group open to everyone of every age on the *second Tuesday of every month from 11:30am-1:00pm*. Come join us for our upcoming events like: **You won't want to miss what's coming!** Our next gathering will be for Lutheran Trivia! ***Guaranteed** laughs, good food, and maybe you'll learn something new about our Lutheran heritage, Martin Luther, the German Reformation, Lutheran beer, & more!* Prizes will go right along with the theme - you'll love it. As Luther said, "Sin boldly" and come join us on **Tuesday, November 10th from 11:30 am-1:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided. See you there!

PUB THEOLOGY!! The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come and bring your questions and thoughts, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and join Pastor Amy. You'll be able to share your own wrestling's and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey— there's likely to be a good craft beer you haven't tried yet! *We meet every 3rd Thursday of each month. Come join us! You won't regret it. Join us: **Thursday, November 19th, 2026!** We will be meeting at Chuck Lager from 6:30-8:30pm. See you there!! All are welcome.

Looking for a Way to Serve Without a Weekly Commitment? Consider joining our **Growing in the Gospel** volunteer team! We're looking for volunteers to help lead these lessons, which provide additional teaching of the Gospel message for our youth during the sermon at each **10:30 a.m. service**. Serving with Growing in the Gospel is flexible and easy: 1. Choose the dates that work best for you. 2. Lessons and all necessary supplies are provided. 3. No weekly commitment is required. Interested or want to learn more? We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Pastor Amy, Pastor Patrick, Sharon Kittle or Kelly Sanderson for more 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 Molnar, if you have questions or are interested in joining.

Making Disciples (continued...)

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. Upcoming reads: For **November 13th** - *Judge Stone* by James Patterson and Viola Davis; **December 11th** will be our annual - POETRY and Cookie Exchange; **January 8th** - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, David Morse, et al. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Be sure to Mark your calendars . . . 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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service is Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. This year we will gather at Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, in Wilmington, DE.
Happy Thanksgiving To All!

Serving the Community

Our Annual Thanksgiving Basket collection for the great Wilmington community is here. We are making up 90 baskets to donate to Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center in Wilmington and to our own St Philips Grocery Club families. Items can be dropped off at the marked area in the Narthex by Sunday November 15th. Please use the form below to sign up for the items you would like to donate to these wonderful organizations. Many thanks go to Michael Imgarten for donating the turkeys. We need lots of your help for everything else, especially this year. Thank you all for your generosity! Please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-66457693-2026>

Calling All Sauerkraut Makers! It's that time of year once again . . . we'll be getting our annual sauerkraut sale ready to go for the New Year. But first we need to make the sauerkraut!! So, we are tentatively looking at either **Friday, October 30th or Saturday, October 31st** to make the sauerkraut. Alternative dates would be **Friday, November 6th or Saturday, November 7th** depending on volunteer availability. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tony and Deana Calvarese.

Serving the Community

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!

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 ?**. a little fellowship and simple refreshments followed by an hour or two of "fixup" type project work around the church property. Contact Dave Thompson if you can help.

Care Kits for Those Experiencing Homelessness—We are 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. The sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-65332693-homeless>

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. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **November 10th at 1 p.m.** in Room #129. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

Pinners and Knotters will meet on the **third Wednesdays of each month**. Our next meeting is **November 18th in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM**. We have a number for projects ready to get under-way. Consider joining us for this important ministry. No special skill is required.

Woodland Restoration Crew - The Crew is always looking for additional members. The only requirements are a heart for the land and a couple of hours on one Saturday or Wednesday each month. We meet in the morning (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. currently) on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of each month *throughout the year*, weather permitting. Contact Mary or Phil Duncan for more information.

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

Mission Kids & Youth Group

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
Movie Night

REMEMBER * CELEBRATE * BELONG

Sunday, Nov 1st
4:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Philips Fellowship Hall
and Parking Lot

DINNER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

FEATURED MOVIE: COCO

Questions?
Contact Pastor Amy, Anna, or Liz



Mission Kids

FRIENDSGIVING

FELLOWSHIP HALL

SATURDAY 11/14

4PM-7PM



SIGN UP HERE



CHILDREN'S

Advent

WORKSHOP

ST PHILIP'S
CHRISTIAN ED WING

DEC | 6th | 9:15AM-
10:15AM

INVITE A
FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR!



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR ADVENT
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, AND A SNACK.
PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24TH
SO WE CAN PLAN FOR ENOUGH SUPPLIES

ALL
AGES *
WELCOME





YG FALL CLEAN UP

➔ NOV. 8TH

As fall rolls in, are there leaves collecting
on your lawn?

What about leftover weeds from the
summer heat?

Do you need a little teenage muscle to
help move things, winterize rooms, etc?

The Youth Group is having their
Clean-Up Day Service Project after
worship on Sunday, November 8th
from 12:30-3:30 pm.

The youth can help with landscaping,
taking out the trash, cleaning, or
whatever you may
need.

**Contact Pr. Amy if
you'd like some assistance that day.**





All Saints' Sunday—Alpha and Omega Saints!!!

November 1, 2026

On November 1, 2026, at our worship services, we will recognize the annual celebration of All Saints' Sunday. In the past, on All Saints' Sunday we have celebrated our connection as members of the Body of Christ to all those saints who have gone before us as witnesses to the same Gospel that we celebrate today. These people, like us, are children of God and have been provided an important gospel witness to us through their faith and life. In that sense, we could call them "Omega" Saints . . . "Omega" being the last letter at the end Greek Alphabet and these "Saints" being at the end of their journey with us on earth. However, we proclaim as people of faith that our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. So, in addition to recognizing the "Omega" Saints who have completed their journey on earth, we will also be recognizing the "Alpha" Saints - those who have been born this year and are beginning their journey with us as "Saints": those claimed by Christ.

So, on this day, during our worship services, we will be remembering all those saints who have been born this past year and those who have died before us whether during the past year or any time prior. If there is a loved one, friend, or family member that you would like to have named and/or remembered by name on this special day, please clearly write their name and either their date of birth or date of death below. We will read the names of those who were born or who have died this year and will print and remember all names during our prayer time on this very special day.

Detach the bottom of this form and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. If you prefer to submit online, use the following link: <https://forms.gle/sdnHHbX7GwFzGCcKA>

Please Recognize the Following Saints:

Alpha Saint Name:

Date of Birth:

Omega Saint Name:

Date of Death:

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Patrick V. Downes

PREACHER

Rev. Amy Wright

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Stephen Benscoter CAGO

CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST

Dr. Lauren Conrad

St. Philip's Youth

USHERS

Jerry Aunet and

Bill LaRue

(8:00 a.m.)

Pam Cory and

Donna Daugherty

(10:30 a.m.)

GROWING IN THE GOSPEL

Liz Freburger

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Kids Club in the Christian Ed Wing Together in Faith Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Confirmation Class
Monday, October 26	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
Tuesday, October 27	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting Stephen Ministry Team Meeting in Room #127
Wednesday, October 28	1:30 p.m.	Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 1 All Saints' Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.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> Mission Kids and Youth Outdoor Movie Night