

# *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, July 25, 2021*

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Orwigsburg, PA  
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### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

"One Bread, One Body"

M. Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves  
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

**We have used our time foolishly and daily strayed from your path.**

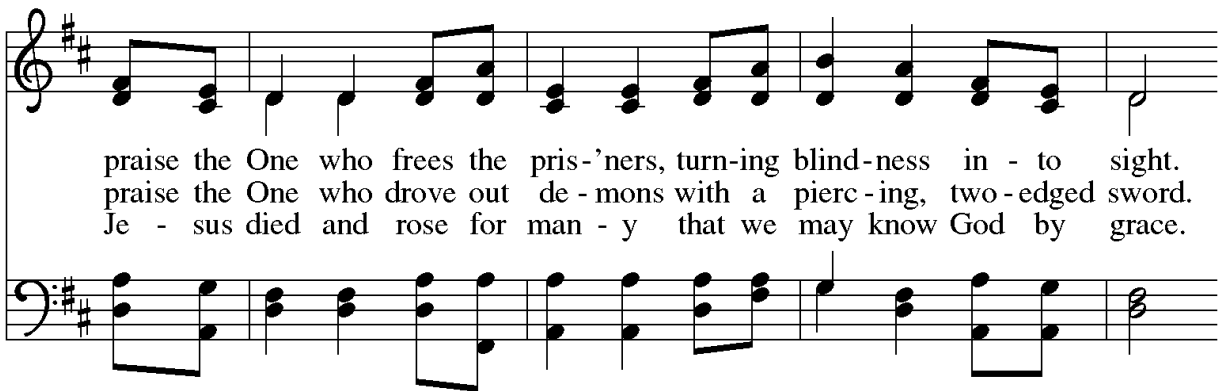
**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through Jesus Christ, the true Bread of life, God has given us life and hope.  
Know that your sins are forgiven and live abundantly – as we await his coming!  
**Amen.**

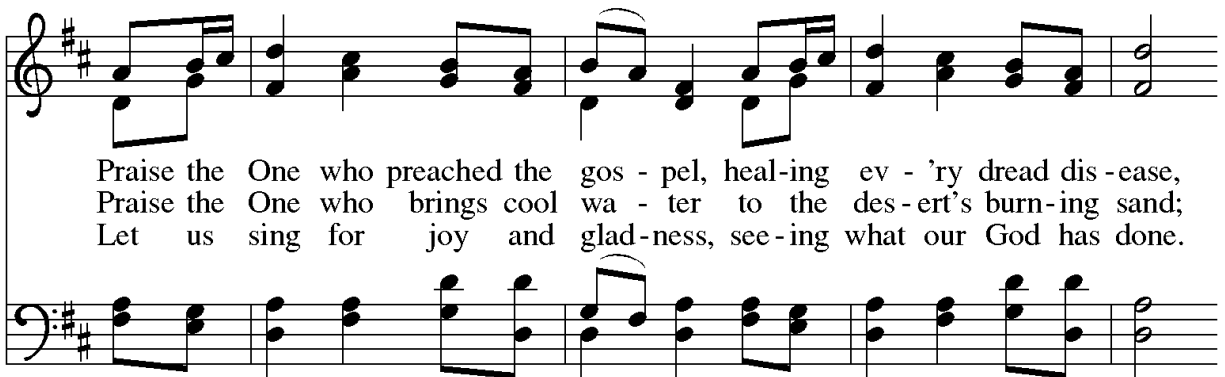
# GATHERING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



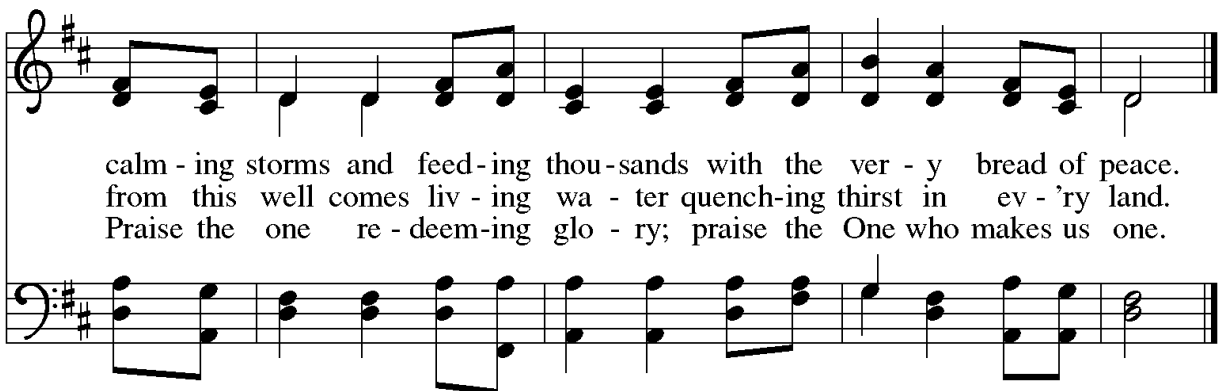
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A Reading from Second Kings

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. (2 Kings 4:42-44)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:10-18 (Read responsively)**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.**

The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.**

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

**A Reading from Ephesians**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

(John 6:1-21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

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

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.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

**SERMON**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Help us protect your good creation and bless crops and livestock raised for the nourishment of your people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Inspire them to share what is good and bountiful with those who are hungry and have little. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who are burdened. Console those who grieve and heal those who are broken or wounded. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us that you will provide. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. Abide in our hearts, that we comprehend, the love of Christ that that draws us together and unites as one. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

"Someone to Care"  
Tom & Gwen Wehr, duet

J. Davis

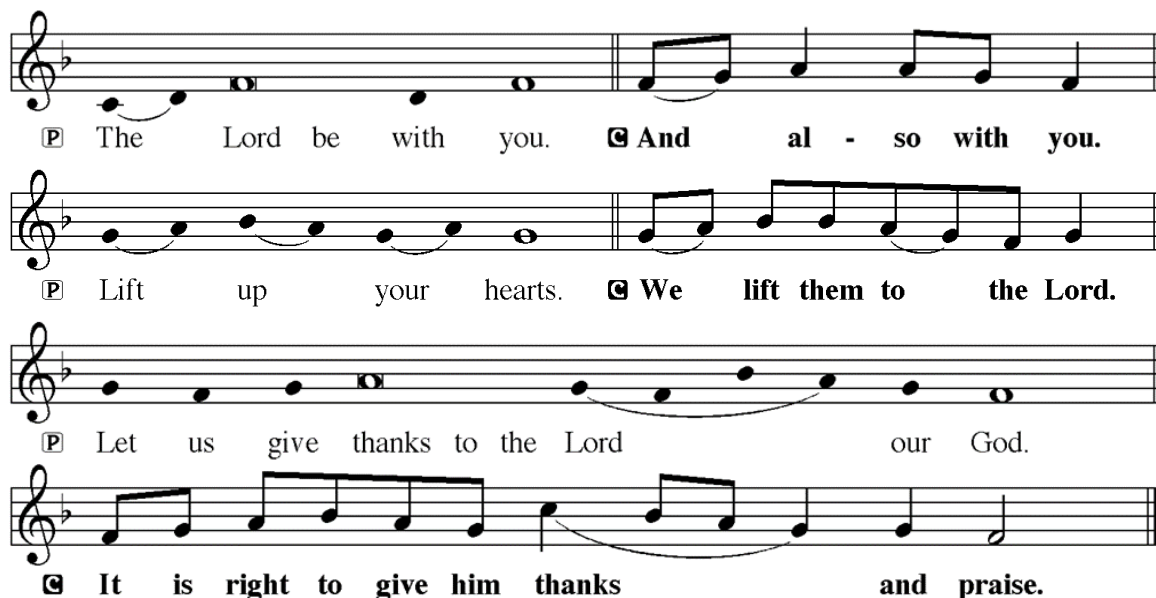
### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

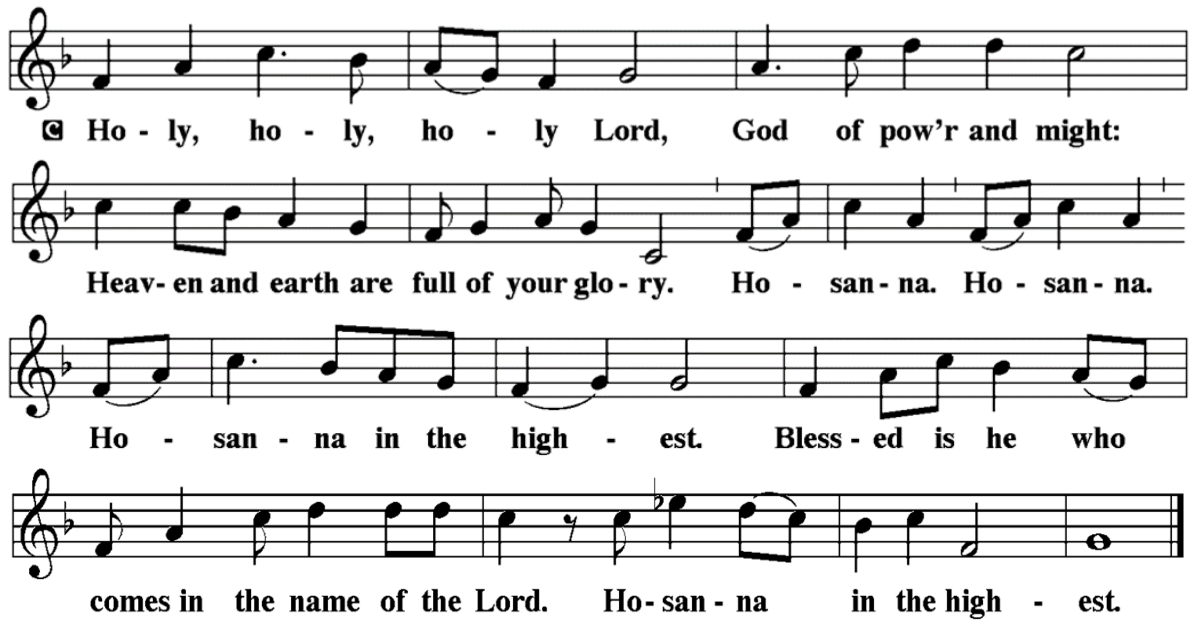
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us  
through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set this table. There is heavenly food and drink for all. Come and be filled with new life!

### ***INSTRUCTIONS***

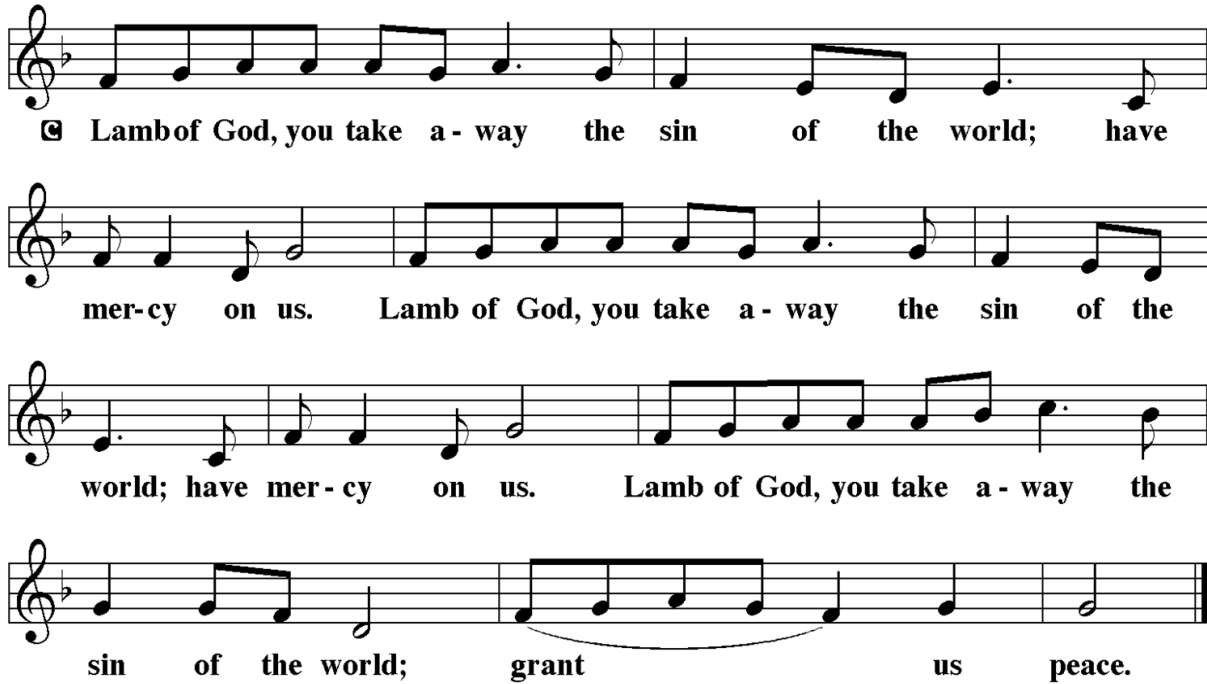
*If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. Walk towards the Pastor allowing sufficient space between you and the person in front of you.*

*When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then turn to the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. [Please be careful not to touch the chalice or wine with your hand.] After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews.*

*Those who would like to receive a blessing from the Pastor rather than the Sacrament should stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."*

# AGNUS DEI



☐ 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.

# COMMUNION HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

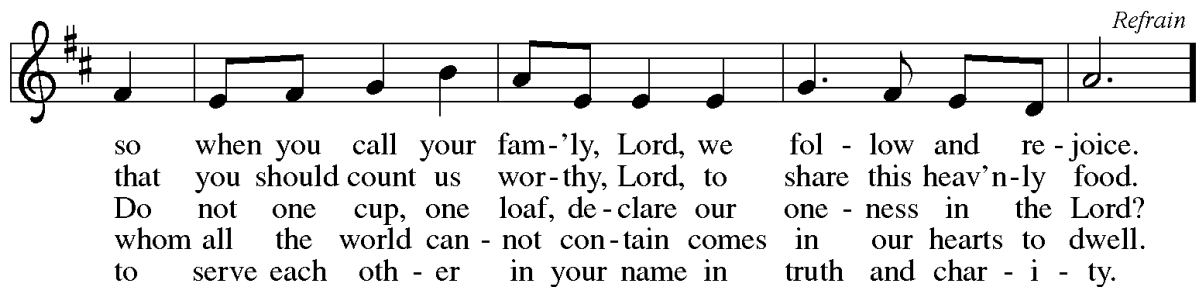
*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.  
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love the world. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

[See back of bulletin]

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"Hornpipe"

G. F. Handel

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Jeff Ritschel’s birthday by his loving family.

**Chancel Flowers** are presented in honor of Jeff’s birthday and in memory of Elizabeth’s and Eugene’s birthdays.

**Bulletins** are presented in honor of Mr. James Lengel by friends.

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**Introduction to the day:** Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as the bread of life. Today, Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (7/25/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Hope Clarke; GREETER: Deb Bolinsky  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tom Wehr; USHER: Cindy Sklar  
ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht  
COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/1/21)**

**9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jason Swick; GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Jerry Goessel  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul  
ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel  
COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday, July 25	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday, July 31	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, August 1	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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**YOU'RE INVITED!!!**

*Celebrating 40 years of Ordained Ministry*

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Reverend Robert Carl Reier's ordination as pastor. There will be a reception following the 9:30 AM worship service in the gathering place.

Rob and Sue have also graciously invited their St. Paul's family to their Pottsville home at 10 Crestview Drive, Pottsville PA., for snacks, desserts, and a possible evening campfire beginning at 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 8.

If you plan to celebrate with the Reiers, please RSVP Sue at (570) 617-3679 by Friday, July 30.

# SENDING HYMN

## “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.