

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE: "St. Anthony Chorale" Haydn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,

we confess that we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

We have desired to possess much more than we need.

We have damaged your good creation.

**Refresh our hearts, forgive our sins, and raise us to abundant new life
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Amen.

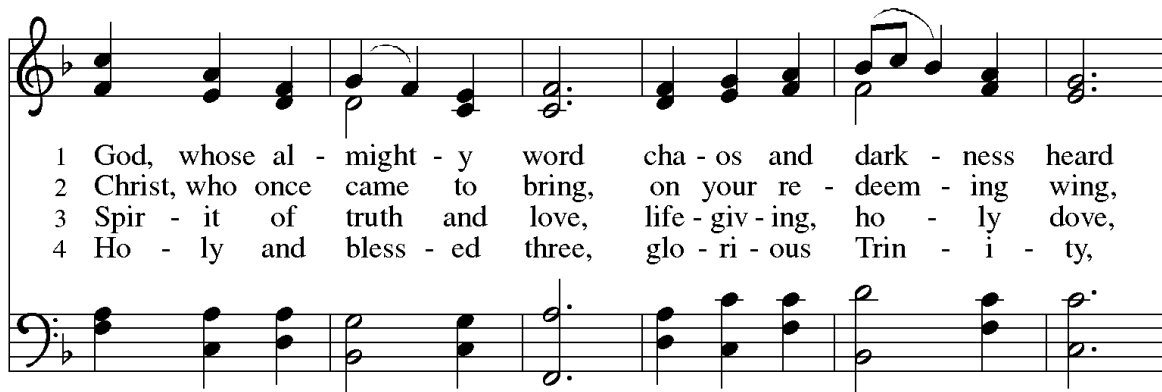
Trust in God and in God's promises.

Know that God will never leave you or forsake you.

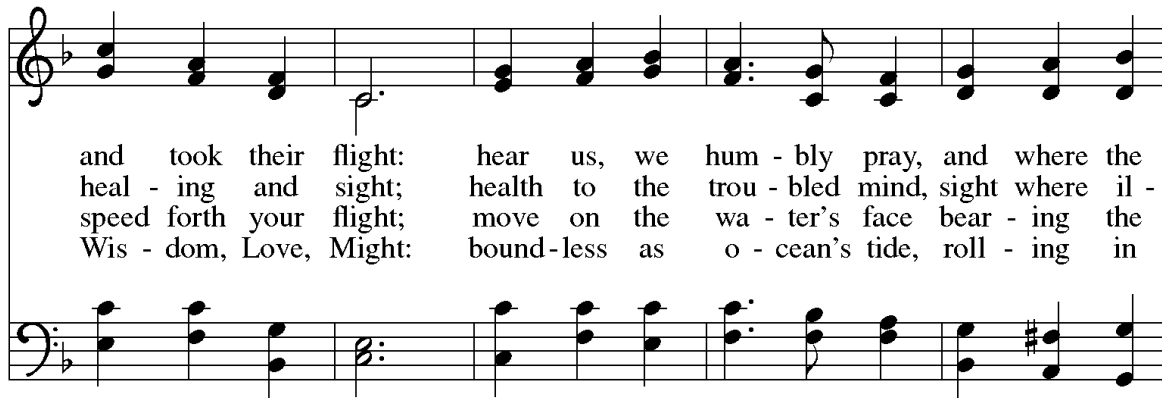
Believe that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

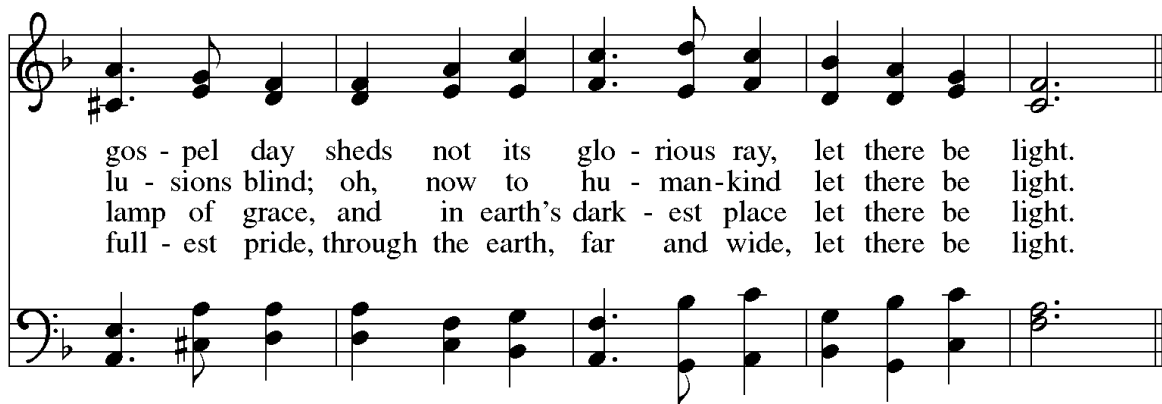
GATHERING HYMN “God, Whose Almighty Word”



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Jeremiah

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

(Jeremiah 31:7-9)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 (Read responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

⁵May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

A Reading from Hebrews

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

(Hebrews 7:23-28)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

(Mark 10:46-52)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Risen One, empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, encourage efforts of reconciliation among all nations so that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing One, send healing and relief to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing One, inspire generosity in your people so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving One, slow our tongue when we are angry or frustrated and quicken our desire to help others who are in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-living One, give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(The Pastor concludes): Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC:


"Bist Du Bei Mir"

Bach

OFFERTORY HYMN

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives that the world which you so dearly love may be nourished, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, 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 are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.
Amen.

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.

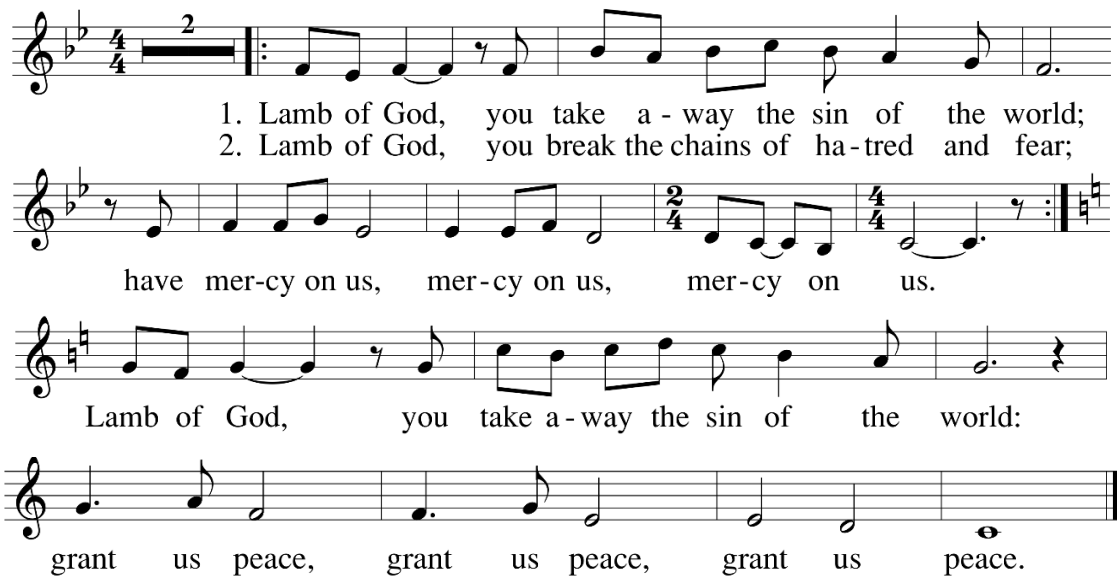
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven. All has been made ready.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. 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. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."

AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;

have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

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

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN "Christ, Be Our Light" [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood, you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Introduction from Water Music"

Handel

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Bulletins are presented in memory of Pearl Seigfried by daughter, Gail Wolfe.

Introduction to the day: Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 24	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Harvest Home
Monday, October 25	1:00 PM	Rainbow Friends
Wednesday, October 27	7:00 PM	Halloween Parade
Thursday, October 28	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Friday, October 29	9:30 AM	STiC SRT Sojourn in ????
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Friends
Saturday, October 30	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, October 31	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	6 - 8 PM	Trick or Treat in Orwigsburg

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (10/24/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Amy Dewald; LECTOR: Deb Moyer

COMMUNION ASST.: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Sarah Eger

COMMUNION ASST.: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/31/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Amy Dewald; LECTOR: Justin McClure

COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Deb Bolinsky; LECTOR: Sue Schenck

COMMUNION ASST.: Jim Spotts

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

GUEST ORGANIST

Please welcome Dale Bonenberger who will play our organ at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service this Sunday.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!

Starting Sunday, November 14, there will be Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month! Join us during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. We can't wait to see you there! For more information, contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522.

STiC EVENT

To any two people who would be interested in visiting the Morris Arboretum near Philadelphia on October 29, please contact Sue Reier as she has two free passes to use this season. kidsingaround@comcast.net or 570-617-3741.

ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

All Saints will be observed during our worship on Saturday November 6, and Sunday, November 7, 2021. Below is a list of members and friends of our congregation who have passed on since our last All Saints services:

<i>Clint L. Rarick</i>	<i>Lou Ann "Skip" Taylor</i>
<i>Ronald W. Umphrey</i>	<i>Dale J. Strouse</i>
<i>Gary M. Koch</i>	<i>Brian W. Miller</i>
<i>Lauren A. (Herb) Dow</i>	<i>Harold C. "Jim" Thomas, Jr.</i>
<i>Charles R. Letcher</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>Kathryn E. Wakiyama</i>	<i>Constance "Connie" E. Rudy</i>

If you know any other names which you believe should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Mike (570-366-2316) at your earliest convenience.

A "Table of Remembrance" will be featured during our worship services. We invite everyone to bring pictures of loved ones who have passed on and place those pictures on the table, so that together we can give thanks to God for their lives and share our memories.

COMMUNION HYMN

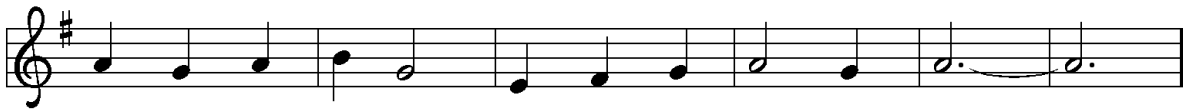
“Christ Be Our Light”



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.