

# *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, August 7, 2022*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" J. S. Bach

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

If we say we have no sins, 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.*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
[See back of bulletin]

## **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**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to your grace so that we may always be ready to receive you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A READING FROM GENESIS**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

(Genesis 15:1-6)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 33:12-22**

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup>**The Lord looks down from heaven,**

**and beholds all the people in the world.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned, he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**He fashions all the hearts of them**

**and understands all their works.**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;**  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,

**<sup>19</sup>to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.

**<sup>21</sup>Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

## **A READING FROM HEBREWS**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

(Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

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. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” (Luke 12:32-40)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”  
[See back of bulletin]

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED (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 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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us pray with confidence.

*A brief silence.*

Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope amid fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, make us good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be our steadfast shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and all people who live amid war and violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Help us to strive for the way of justice and peace. Strengthen the ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. Help us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "The Cup of Life Outpoured"  
Rachel Rubright & Justin McClure

J. Cowan

## OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.**

### **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 (In Unison)**

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.

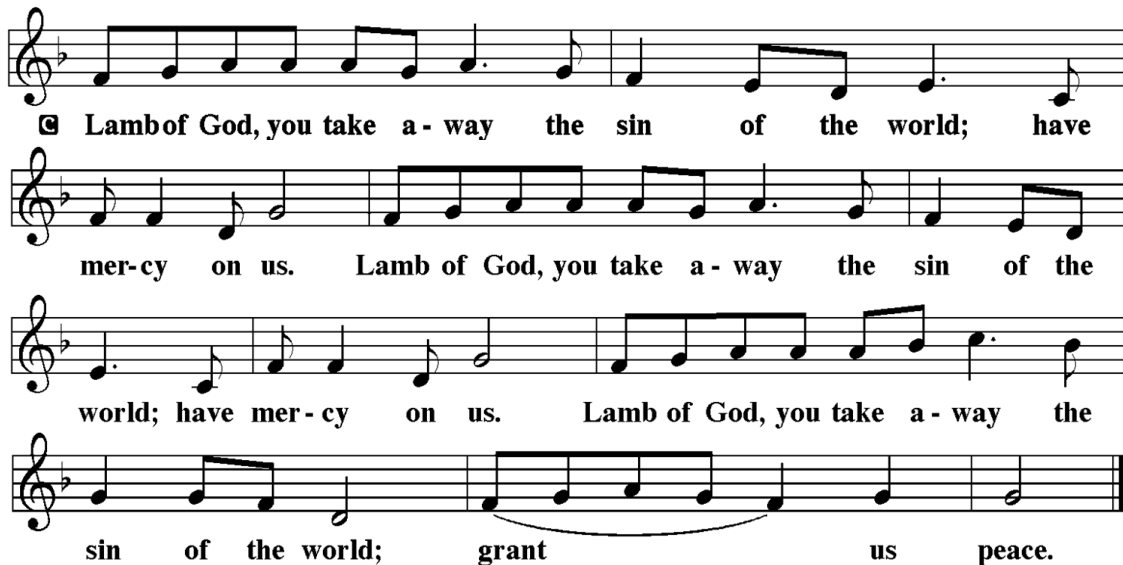
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

### INSTRUCTIONS

*All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants are to dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.*

## 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" [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**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our 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**

“How Great Thou Art”

[See back of bulletin]

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

D. E. Wagner

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**Introduction to the Day:** Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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### **SERVING THIS SUNDAY (8/7/22)**

#### **9:30 AM**

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: Jim Spotts; LECTOR: Hope Clarke

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, and Diane Brobst and Marlene Eidam

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/14/22)**

#### **9:30 AM**

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: Barb Sterner; LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, Pat Davis

**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of my parents, Guy R. and Frances F. Lengel, and my brothers, G. Roger and Jack A. Lengel, by James Lengel and family.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in loving memory of Kenneth and Miriam Miller, Sr. on their anniversary by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Russell C. Zehner by his family.

<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>
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Sunday, August 7                      9:30 AM    Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, August 8                      7:00 PM    Council

Saturday, August 13                      5:30 PM    Worship

Sunday, August 14                      9:30 AM    Worship with Holy Communion

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**“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS”**

The Evangelism Committee has placed a box in the narthex to hold items donated to Opportunity House in Pottsville, PA. This will be our congregation’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” project for 2022.

The Opportunity House helps homeless veterans, their families, and those in need in our area. Victoria Spitler, who is a member of St. Paul’s, is a case manager at Opportunity House.

The following items are needed: shampoo and conditioner, body soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, blankets, and towels.

Our donations will be presented to Opportunity House on September 11, 2022, “Gods Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

The “Blessing of the Backpacks” will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Teachers, students, and school staff are welcome. Please bring bookbags, devices, etc. to be blessed for hopes of a wonderful 2022-23 academic year. Refreshments will be provided following our worship service.

## GATHERING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

### “SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break! The Sunday School team is busy planning for the upcoming term which will begin the Second Sunday of September. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>!

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with the Sunday School program, please contact me. Any amount of time or effort would be greatly appreciated!

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# HYMN OF THE DAY “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your  
2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less  
3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful  
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and  
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who  
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your  
serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.  
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

## STIC NEWS

No STiC walks are scheduled on August 12 and 19, as I will be out of town. Please find a walk YOU enjoy! Also, look ahead for a September STiC meeting. Next month will be different, but in all the noise, the hand of God. Sue Reier

# COMMUNION HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

## *Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

# SENDING HYMN

## “How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion and there pro - claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

### *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!