

# *Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

## *Sunday, August 14, 2022*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

"Prière à Notre Dame"

L. Boëllmann

**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**

"Sing of Mary"  
[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, in choosing Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A READING FROM ISAIAH**

<sup>7</sup>Because [the] shame [of God's people] was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations. (Isaiah 61:7-11)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 45:11-16, 18

<sup>11</sup>“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;  
forget your people and your father’s house.

<sup>12</sup>**The king will have pleasure in your beauty;  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**

<sup>13</sup>The people of Tyre are here with a gift;  
the rich among the people seek your favor.”

<sup>14</sup>**All glorious is the princess as she enters;  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

<sup>15</sup>In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

<sup>16</sup>**With joy and gladness they are brought,  
and enter into the palace of the king.**

<sup>18</sup>I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.”

## A READING FROM GALATIANS

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

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.**

<sup>46</sup>Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

(Luke 1:46-55)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”  
[See back of bulletin]

## **THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

You have revealed your love for all people, sending your son to be born among the humble and poor. Send your church to proclaim good news to those who feel abandoned, despised, or rejected and make our congregation a place of genuine welcome and hospitality. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

All creation longs for healing and restoration. Stop the destruction of plant and animal habitats and raise the voices of those who advocate for the wise stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember your promise to our ancestors and look to you for justice. Expose pride, greed, and exploitation wherever it is found and raise up leaders who act on behalf of those who are oppressed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives in our hearts and makes us heirs of salvation. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially everyone on our prayer list and the people of Ukraine. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Mary's song of praise and amazement echoes through time. Encourage those expecting a child, and console those who are struggling to conceive or have experienced a miscarriage. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bless us with faith and reward us with your amazing grace. When we sin, remind us that you are always willing to forgive. When our work bears good fruit, remind us to give you praise and glory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found refuge in you, especially Mary, the mother of your Son, Jesus. As you have delivered them from harm, save us from the power of the evil one until that day when we sing your praise together in heaven. 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 Narrow Way"\*

K. Lee Scott

Cindy Ritschel, Chris Long, Sue Schenck, and Gwen Wehr

### 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**      “Canticle of the Turning”  
[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**      “Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones”  
[See back of bulletin]

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**      "Postlude on Salve Regina"      P. Fey

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**Introduction to the Day:** Mary’s role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John’s gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

\* “**The Narrow Way**” is a memorial anthem presented by Myrtle Blacker in loving memory of her husband, Fred. (1995)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 14                      9:30 AM    Worship with Holy Communion  
Monday, August 15                      6:00 PM    Service Ministry  
Saturday, August 20                      5:30 PM    Worship  
Sunday, August 21                      9:30 AM    Worship with Holy Communion

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### **SERVING THIS 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

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/21/22)**

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

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Sue Petresky; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, Joanne Emerich

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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 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

## “Sing of Mary”

1. Sing of Ma - ry pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er un - de - filed;  
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, in the home at Na - za - reth,  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to God the Son;

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Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle child.  
toil and la - bor can - not wear - y, love en - dur - ing un - to death.  
Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; Glo - ry to the Three - in One.

10

Fair - est\_ Child of fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,  
From the\_ heart of Bless - ed Ma - ry, from all Saints the song as - cends,

15

Word - made - flesh our ver - y broth - er, takes our na - ture by his birth.  
forth to preach and heal and suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
and the Church the strain re - ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

## HYMN OF THE DAY "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

## "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, 2022!

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! Sarah Eger - 570-394-3522 (cell) - swoodring86@hotmail.com

## 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 “Canticle of the Turning”



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# SENDING HYMN

## “Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones”



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia!  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia!



“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
“Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
Al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
Al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” Al - le -



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

## “REGULAR” WORSHIP RETURNS

On Sunday, September 11, we will return to our regular worship schedule with services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will continue to be shared on the first Saturday of each month and at every Sunday service.