Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 11, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style"

G. Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin holds us in its grasp.

We have not protected your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Trust in God and take comfort 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's Work, Our Hands"
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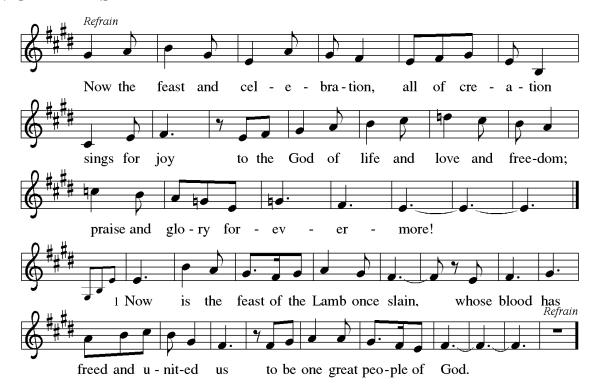
GREETING

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**.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you display your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fulness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

A READING FROM EXODUS

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change

your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

(Exodus 32:7-14)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-18 (Read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

A READING FROM FIRST TIMOTHY

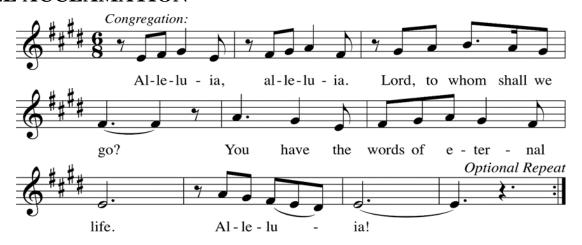
¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Timothy 1:12-17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the

one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:1-10)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace"
[See back of bulletin]

BLESSING AND SENDING FOR MISSION

Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we complete our "God's Work. Our Hands." project. Let us bless these personal care items assembled before us as we send them to Opportunity House in Pottsville, PA, where they will help veterans and their families and those in need.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. With all creation we lift our voices in songs of praise and we thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Renew us in our commitment to share our gifts with all who are in need.

Bless our sister in Christ, Victoria Spitler, and all who work for Opportunity House. Prosper the work of their hands and bless those who receive the fruits of their labor.

Let us also bless these personal care items, blankets, and towels which are gathered here. May those who receive them find dignity and comfort in their use, and may they know that they are valued and loved.

O almighty and ever living God, you love us more than we can hope for or imagine. Through Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love to the world, so that we might know abundant life now and have the promise of life eternal in a world yet to come.

Let us be your hands so that the hungry may be fed, the homeless may find shelter, the naked may be clothed, the weary may find comfort, the stranger may be welcomed, and all people might know your boundless love.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever. **Amen**.

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with faith and love and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and denominational commitments. God of grace, hear our prayer.

As the seasons change, open our eyes to see all the beauty you have placed around us and renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our leaders so that we may know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Help us to seek out those who are lonely, anxious, depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Comfort and bring healing to those in any need, especially everyone for whom we pray. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Build up the ministries of this congregation and empower your church so that we may joyously serve our neighbors and welcome strangers in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

We give thanks for those who have been examples of faith in our lives and in time receive us with joy when you welcome us to share eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

(*The pastor concludes*): Gathered in the communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

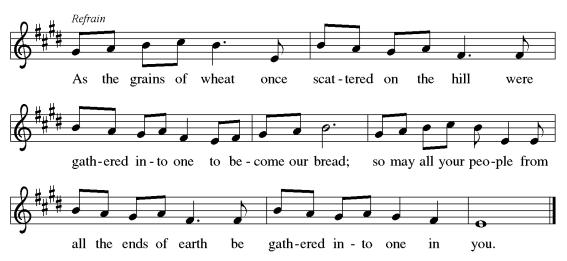
OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (8:00 a.m.) "Amazing Grace"

J. Linker

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) "We Will Stand As Strong, Tall Towers"* M. Bedford

OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat"



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your love you provide for all our needs. Multiply these gifts which we bring to you and increase our faith so that we are always ready to share every good gift with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

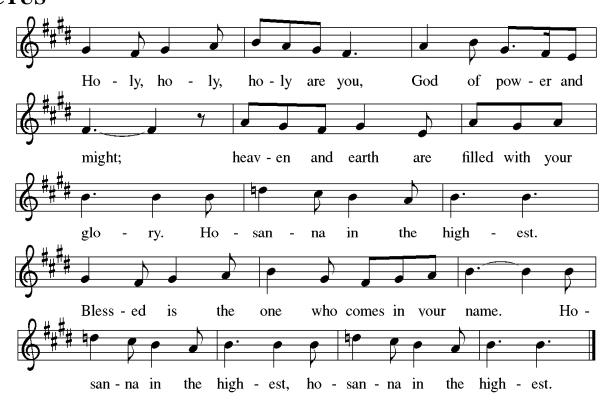
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



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 (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.

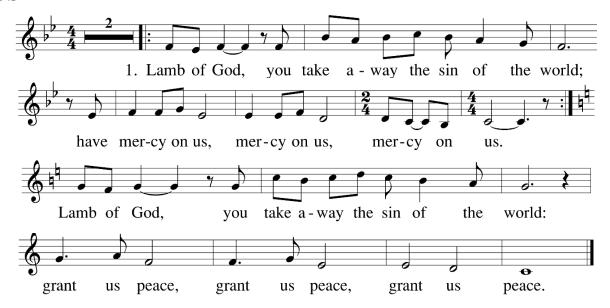
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to dine at his table. Let us come, taste, and see.

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 may 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



COMMUNION HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" [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 God of abundant life, you have refreshed and renewed us through this simple meal. As we journey, daily give us your grace so that we might serve our neighbors with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ℜ give us peace.



SENDING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Festive Voluntary"

H. Purcell

Bulletins are presented in memory of my brothers, G. Roger Lengel and John A. Lengel, by James Lengel and family.

"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Welcome to the start of a new school year! This morning, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, children ages 1-10 are invited to come upstairs for bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship!

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (9/11/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Tina Butler; LECTOR: Eric Eger

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Tina Butler

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (9/18/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Deb Bolinsky

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

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

WELCA

Welcome back to the beginning of a new season for St. Paul's Women of the ELCA. Please join the meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00 PM at church. Your September In-Gathering Offering has been designated for the Old White Church of Ringtown.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum resumes September 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. We will discuss the life of **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg**. October 2 through November 20 we will study the **10 Commandments**. November 27 through December 18 we will use **Advent** resources. Plans for year 2023 will be announced in the December newsletter. If you are joining **Adult Forum**, please contact the church office or Barbara Lafko (570-366-1208) or at bjlafko@yahoo.com, so we can provide you the materials for our group discussions. Any questions, please contact Barbara.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S		
Sunday, September 11	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Worship with Holy Communion "Second Sunday" Sunday School "God's Work. Our Hands."
Monday, September 12	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday, September 13	1:00 PM	WELCA
Wednesday, September 14	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, September 16	9:00 AM	STiC Walk in Auburn
Saturday, September 17	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, September 18	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship with Holy Communion Annual Church Picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion following 10:30 AM worship

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual covered-dish picnic will be next Sunday, September 18, at Albright's Woods Pavilion following our 10:30 a.m. service at the church. Bring your favorite covered dish to share and a lawn chair. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There will be games for all and BINGO. Donations for BINGO prizes are appreciated. A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering room so that enough hot dogs and drinks can be provided. Members, neighbors, and friends are welcome. If you have not done so previously, please sign up today!

STIC: DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donations for Red Creek Wildlife are needed for Saint Francis Sunday on October 2. This non-profit operates exclusively on donations and cares for over 4,000 wild animals each year. Everyday needs include Bleach (any brand), Dawn dish washing detergent, Simple Green cleaner, large and kitchen size trash bags, vinegar type window cleaner, paper towels, and unscented facial tissues. General Needs include gallon size Ziploc bags, batteries (AAA, AA, C, D,), heavy duty extension cords, heating pads, 2-quarts pitchers, light bulbs 40 - 100W, and 4' fluorescent bulbs.

GATHERING HYMN "God's Work, Our Hands"





COMMUNION HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

SENDING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(In memory of those who tragically lost their lives on September 11, 2001)



