

# *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *Sunday, September 18, 2022*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

"Arioso"

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.**

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** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

[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.**

# KYRIE



Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A READING FROM AMOS

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. (Amos 8:4-7)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 113 (Read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup>**who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup>**to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

<sup>9</sup>He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

## **A READING FROM FIRST TIMOTHY**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-7)

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. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

(Luke 16:1-13)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      “Take My Life, That I May Be”  
[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**

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.*

Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct us to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources while guiding us to live more simple and thoughtful lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to protect the life and dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, bring justice and mercy into every part of our economic and social system. Bless those who oversee food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, we pray for healing and wholeness. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. We especially pray for all who grieve, everyone who lives amid war or violence, and those people whose names we keep in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we give thanks for all your saints who have gone before us. Keep us mindful of their witness, daily strengthen our faith, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. 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.) "Fairest Lord Jesus" R. E. Schram

**ANTHEM** (10:30 a.m.) "I Will Sing Praise"\* J. Martin

**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 melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below each corresponding staff.

## 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.

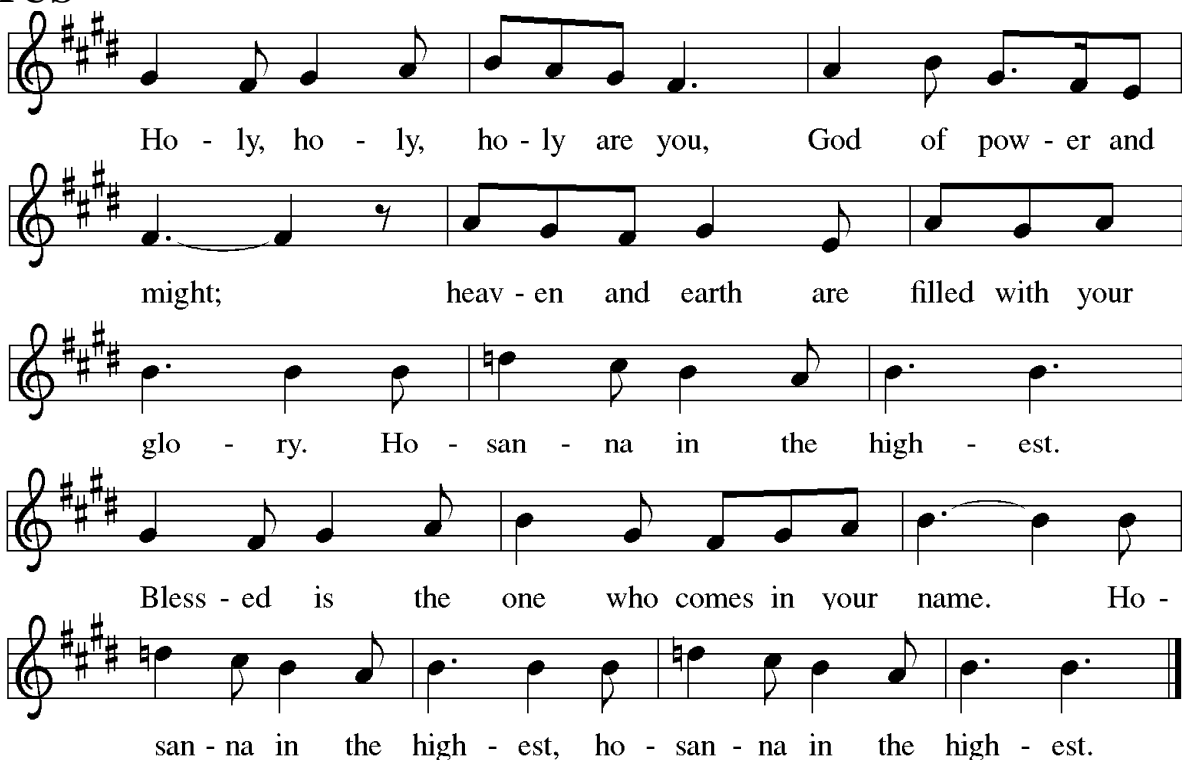
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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



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 (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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
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

“Be Thou My Vision”  
[See back of bulletin]

## TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

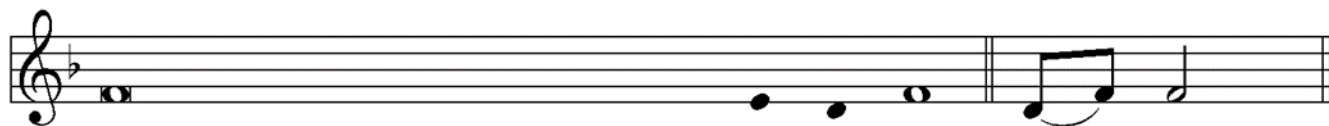
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



Ⓟ 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.

## SENDING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”  
[See back of bulletin]

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“A Joyous Song of Praise”

S. Wesley

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**Introduction to the Day:** As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of loved ones by Crystal Brensinger.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of the birthday of our dear father and grandfather, Ralph A. Reibie, 17 September 1911, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of loved ones by Diane Brobst.

\* “I Will Sing Praise” is presented in honor of “The Joy Builders” by the Rev. David Kistler, Chaplain, Hamburg Center. (1995) Additional copies of this anthem were purchased by Kathie Frantz and Sue Schenck in memory of fellow alto, Linda Doyle. (2019)

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (9/18/22)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Pastor Mike; USHER: 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

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (9/25/22)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Pastor Mike; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Madelyn Knecht; LECTOR: Jan Snyder  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel  
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter  
COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

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

Sunday, September 18	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Annual Picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion following worship
Monday, September 19	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
	6:30 PM	Finance
Wednesday, September 21	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, September 23	9:00 AM	STiC Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, September 24	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, September 25	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

## **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC TODAY**

This morning, following 10:30 AM worship, everyone is invited to our annual picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided, but a covered dish to share is appreciated. There will be games for all and BINGO. Donations for BINGO prizes are also appreciated. Members, neighbors, and friends are welcome.

## **ANNUAL SERVICE MINISTRY BAZAAR**

Our Service Ministry Committee will host its Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 1, from 9 AM to 2 PM in Reidler Hall. This event features good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, local vendors and craft dealers tables, homemade candies and pies, and an opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds from this event will benefit those in need in our community! Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Please note that Service Ministry will meet on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6 PM.

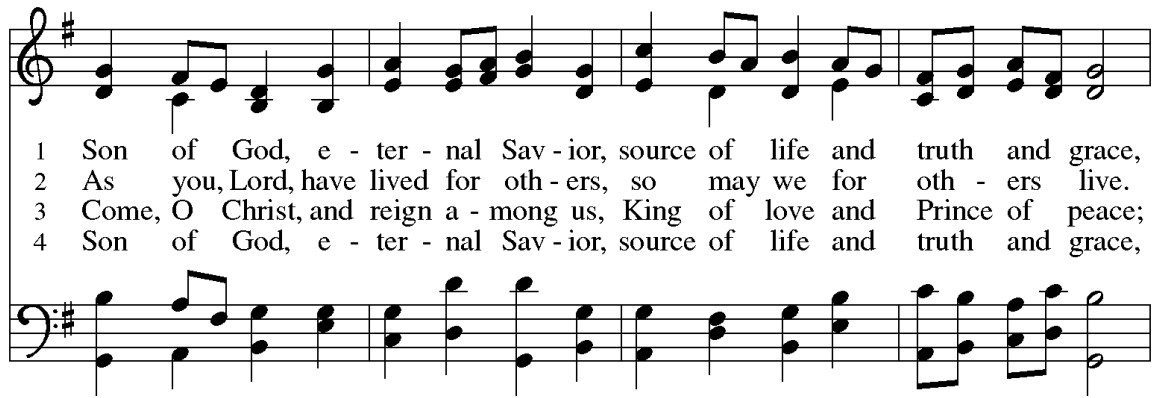
## **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Donations for Red Creek Wildlife are needed for Saint Francis Sunday, October 2. This non-profit operates exclusively on donations and cares for over 4,000 wild animals each year. Everyday needs include any brand of Bleach, Dawn dish 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.

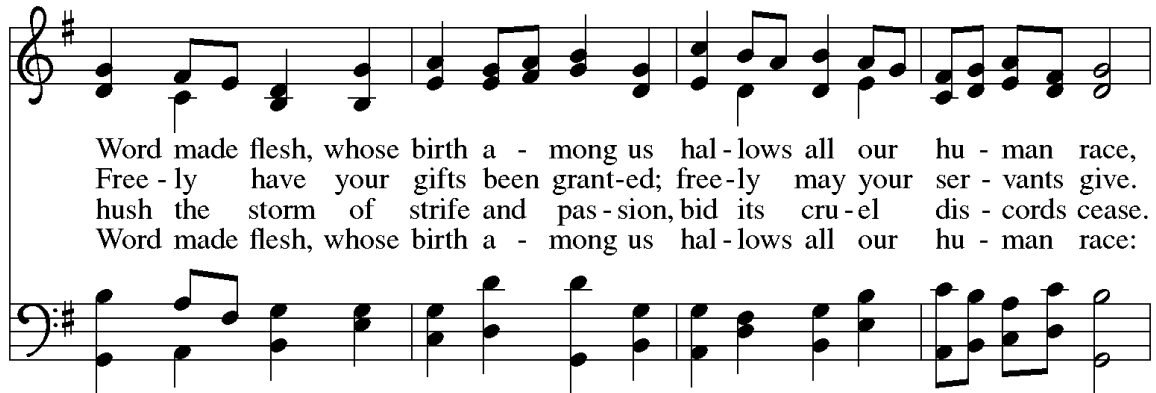
## **WELCA**

This year, WELCA is collecting "everyday essential items" to make up a raffle gift bag for our Service Ministry Bazaar. Small items less than \$5.00 are appreciated. The bag will be in the parlor for the next two weeks. Information is available on the WELCA bulletin board concerning the Women of the ELCA Schuylkill Cluster Fall event to be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Ashland on October 15th.

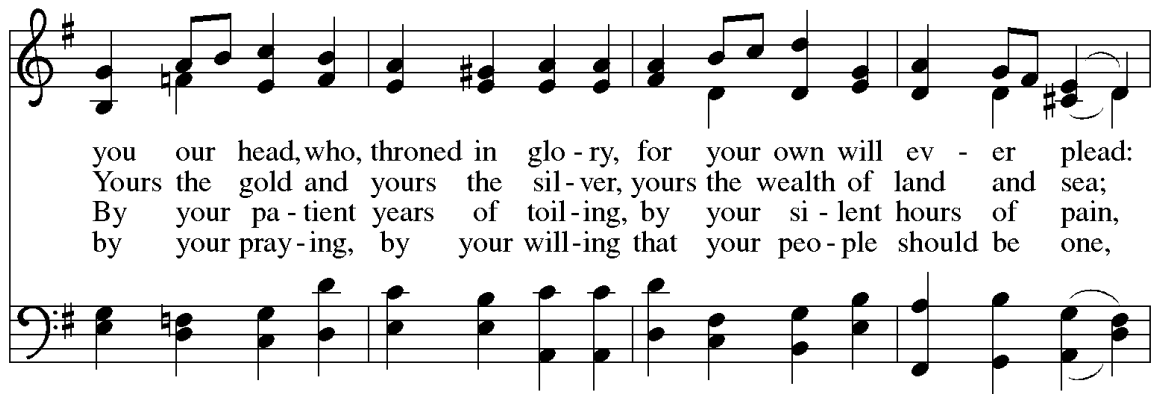
# GATHERING HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I May Be”

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

## COMMUNION HYMN “Be Thou My Vision”

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# SENDING HYMN

## “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!