

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

P. Fey

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


"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

[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

Holy God, look with compassion upon this troubled world. Give us your grace and grant us those riches that only come from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM AMOS

- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. (Amos 6:1a, 4-7)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 (Read responsively)

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

A READING FROM FIRST TIMOTHY

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all

things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

(1 Timothy 6:6-19)

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.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

(Luke 16:19-31)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”
[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.

Holy God, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, patience, and gentleness. Make your church rich in good works and always ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation from all harm. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats for all creatures and preserve all that you have made good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice and mercy throughout the world. Let no heart remain hardened. Guide all who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bless families of every kind. Strengthen our love for one another and our trust in your mercy. Help us to listen with open hearts and speak your truth in love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to feed those who hunger, lift up those who are bowed down, and protect those who are vulnerable. We pray for all who grieve or suffer, especially those on our prayer list. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that one day with them, you will bring us into the light of your eternal presence. 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.) "Prayer" K. Davis

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) "Poor Man Laz'rus" Spiritual

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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: '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', and 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'

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.

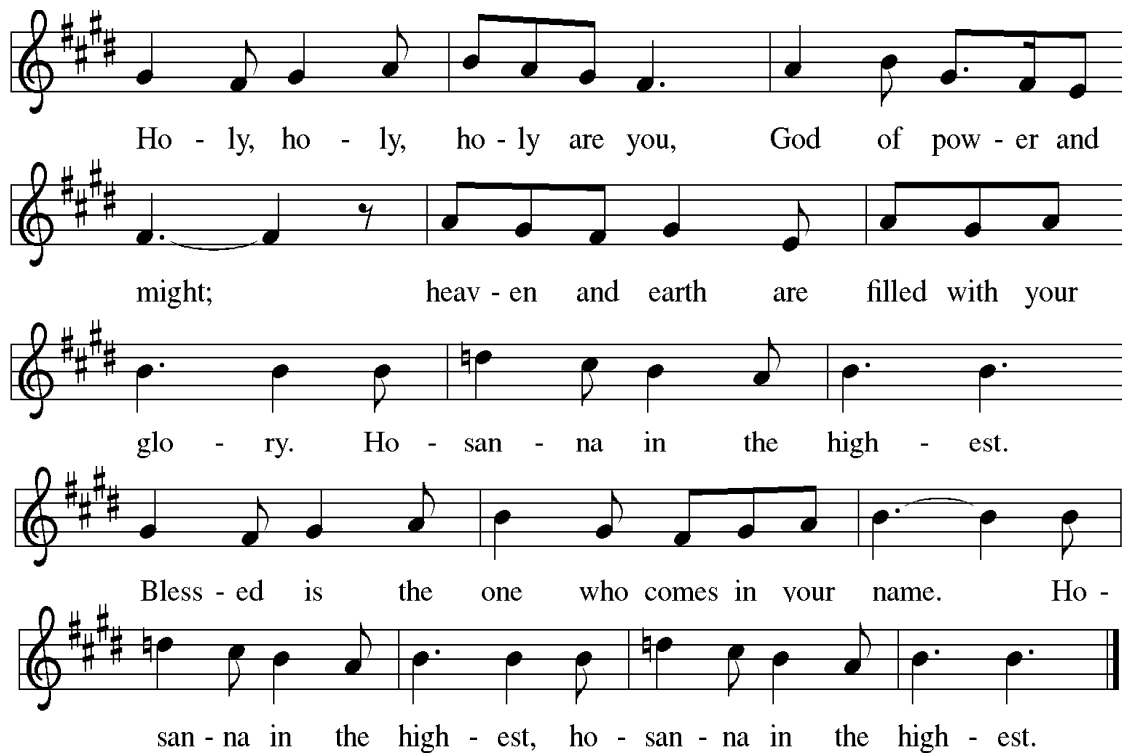
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

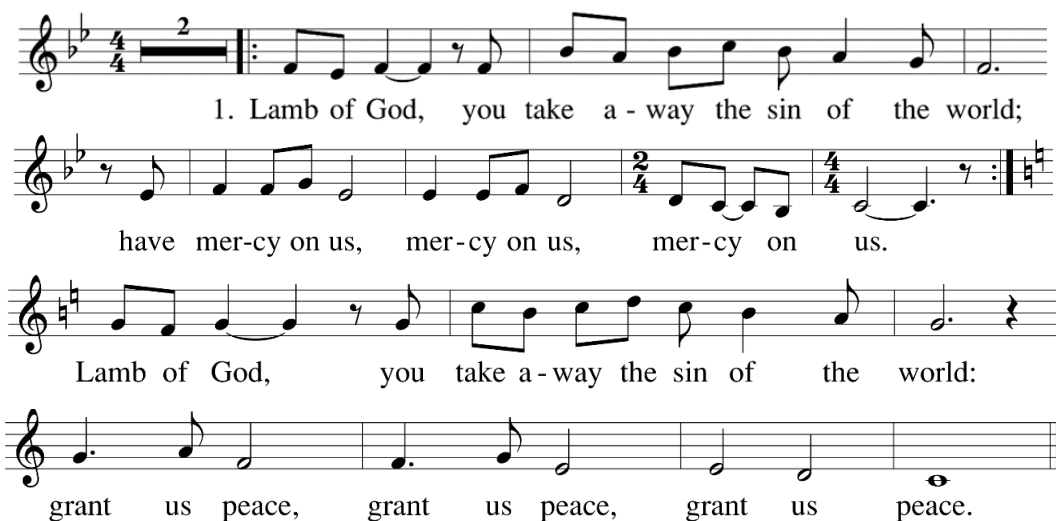
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. Because of COVID-19 precautions, communicants should not drink from the chalice. 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 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
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TABLE BLESSING

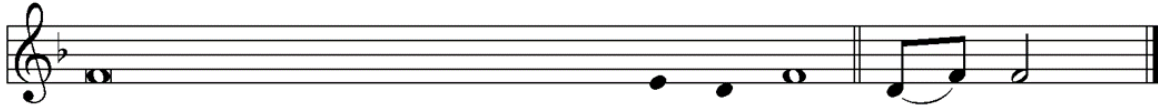
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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. ☐ A - men

SENDING HYMN “O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Postlude in Ellacombe” M. McDonald

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Introduction to the Day: Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good discipleship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of my parents, LeRoy and Christine Diefenderfer, by daughter, Hope.

Chancel flowers are presented in memory of loved ones by Diane Brobst.

Bulletins are presented in honor of Danika Bolinsky's 18th birthday!

SERVING THIS 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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/02/22)

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: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter
COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

ANNUAL SERVICE MINISTRY BAZAAR

Our Service Ministry Committee will host its Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Reidler Hall. This event features good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, local vendors and craft dealers, 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, September 25	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 27	6:30 PM	Men of St. Paul's
Wednesday, September 28	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, September 30	9:00 AM	STiC Walk in Landingville
Saturday, October 1	9 AM - 2 PM	Annual Bazaar in Reidler Hall
	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, October 2	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	4:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals at Albright's Woods Pavilion

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
DONATIONS REQUESTED**

Please bring your pets to the Albright's Woods Pavilion on Sunday, October 2, at 4 p.m. for a pet blessing and a celebration of St. Francis! This event is open to the community. All friendly, leashed, or crated animals are welcome to attend this fun, lively, outdoor event! (We suggest you arrive 10 minutes early.)

Donations for Red Creek Wildlife Center and both of Schuylkill County's animal shelters will be received during this event. Suggested donations include:

For Red Creek Wildlife Center: Bleach (any brand), Dawn Dishwashing Liquid, Simple Green Cleaner, Trash bags (large & kitchen size), Window Cleaner (vinegar-based type only), Paper Towels, Unscented Facial Tissues, Gallon Size Ziploc bags, Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D), Heavy Duty Extension Cords, Heating Pads, 2 Quart Pitchers, Light Bulbs 40 – 100W, and Fluorescent Bulbs.

For Ruth Steinert Memorial & Hillside SPCAs: Canned dog & cat food, Dog & cat treats, Cat litter, Cleaning supplies, Old blankets, towels, sheets, New or used collars & leashes, Food bowls, and Newspapers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness!!!

GATHERING HYMN "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines, which are a refrain.

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 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 in Ashland on October 15th.

ADULT FORUM

If you would like to join our Adult Forum, please contact the church office or Barbara Lafko (570-366-1208) or bjlafko@yahoo.com so we can provide you the materials for our group discussions. Any questions, please contact Barbara Lafko.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

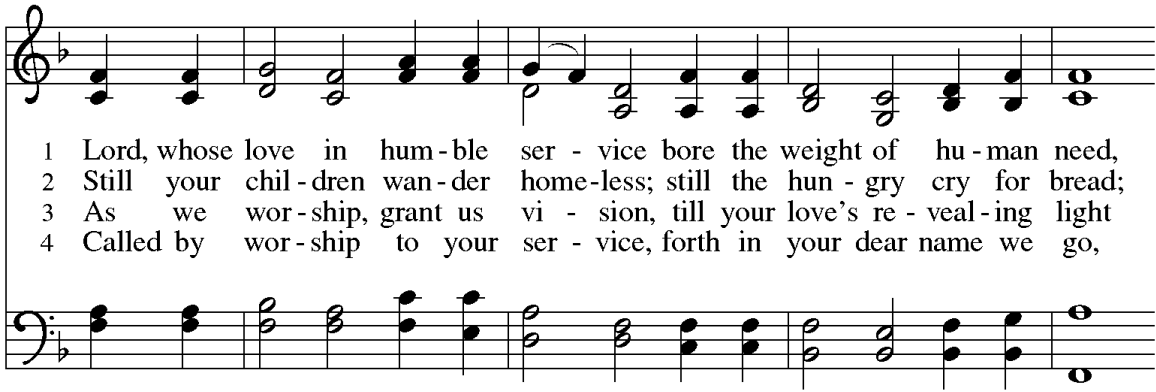
her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

HARVEST HOME

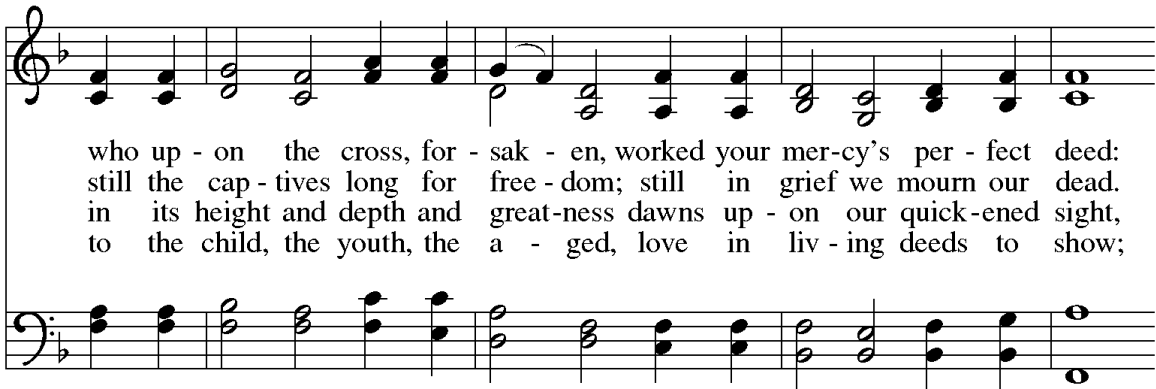
Harvest Home is an annual event which allows our congregation to help the many families who rely on our Food Pantry. This year “Harvest Home” will be held the weekend of October 8 & 9.

Please bring your non-perishable food items to the church beginning on October 1 & 2. We will use food item donations to set up our display in the chancel and then donate them to our local food pantry. A large box will be placed in the narthex for donations. Thank you for your generosity!

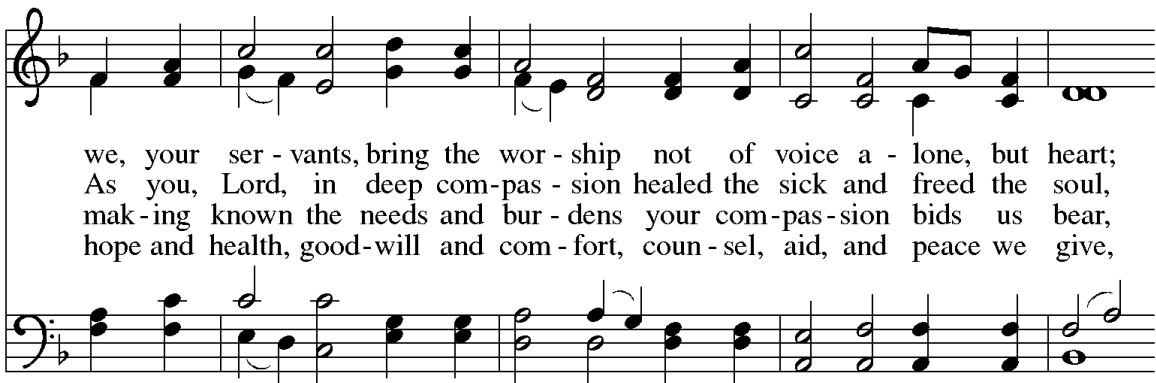
COMMUNION HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



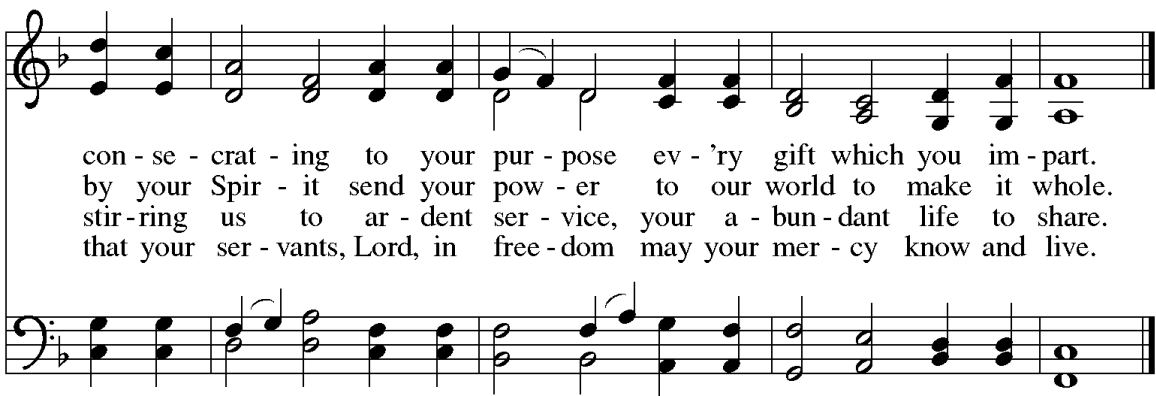
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



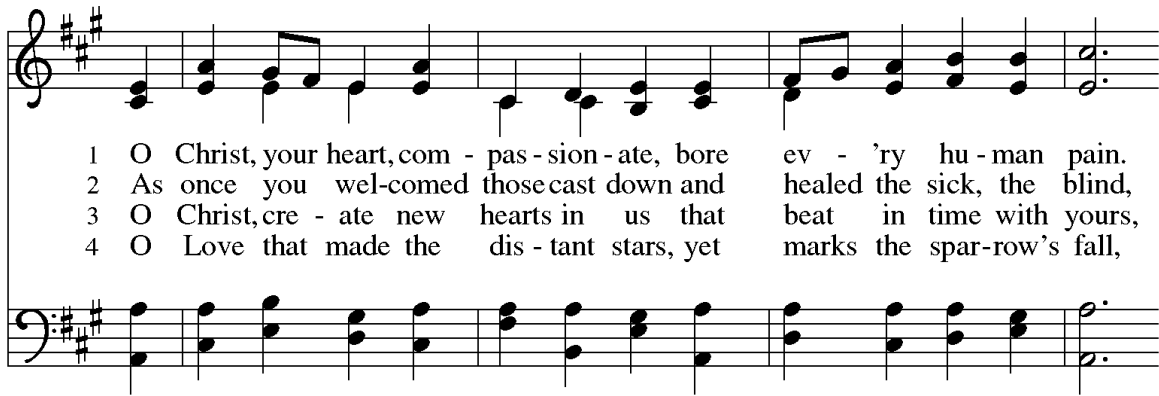
we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



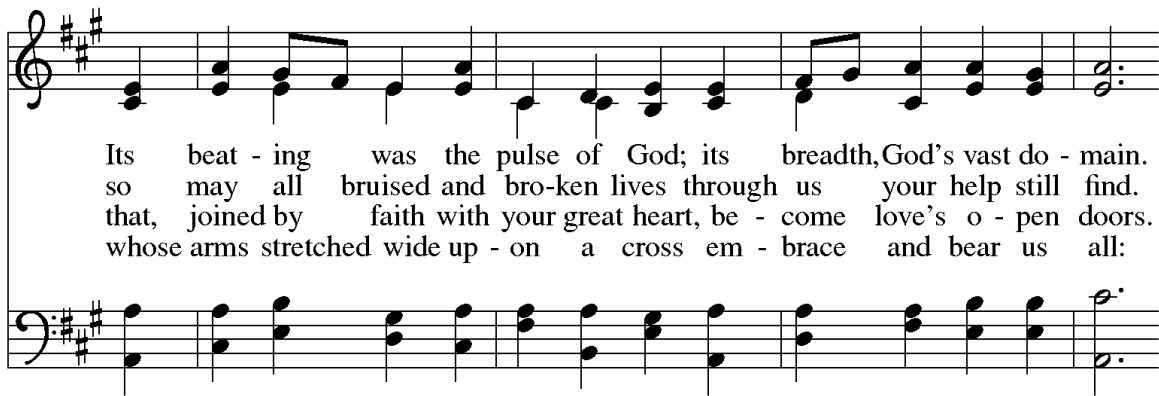
con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

SENDING HYMN

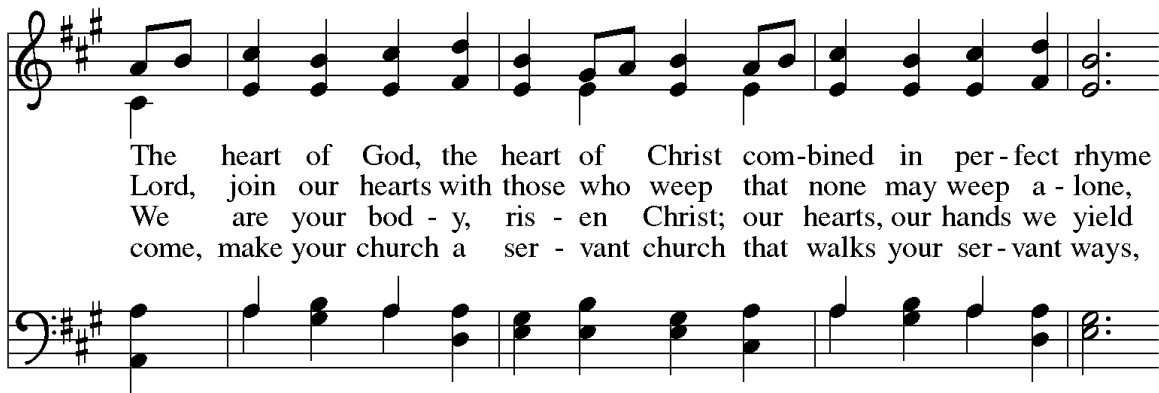
“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”



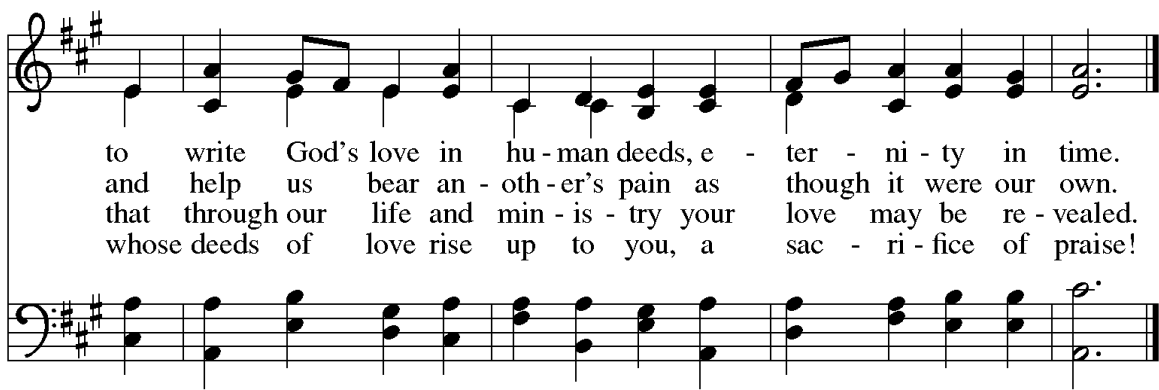
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!