

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 23, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" C. Curtis

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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
[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!
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.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity, and make us love as you command, that we may obtain what you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM JEREMIAH

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,

act, O LORD, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many,

and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,

like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,

like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,

and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,

they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this. (Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-7 (Read responsively)

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶**As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

A READING FROM SECOND TIMOTHY

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

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.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

(Luke 18:9-14)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just As I Am”
[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

In gratitude and humility, let us join in prayer on behalf of all God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people to strive for reconciliation and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, comfort your people filled with fear, anger, anxiety, or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick, ill, or injured, especially to everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, one ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, we give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(The Pastor concludes): With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (8 a.m.) "Children of the Heavenly Father" R. Lau

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) "Psalm 139"* A. Pote

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.

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.

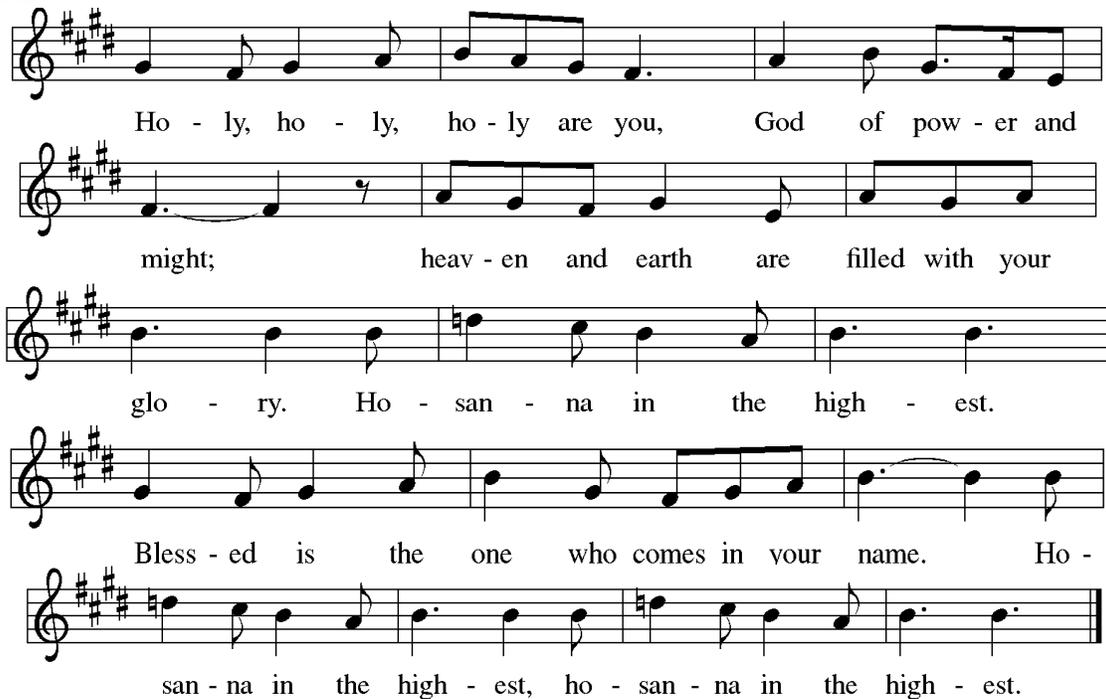
We lift them to the Lord.

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 directly from the chalice. 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. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews.

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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” [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. ☩ A - men

SENDING HYMN “Before You, Lord, We Bow” [See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

D. Eliot

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Introduction to the Day: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God’s forgiveness. Keep the faith. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of my beautiful, sweet, caring mother, Sue. Thanks for being my #1 fan and my co-pilot on the way orchestra concerts!
Love, Juli

Bulletins are presented in memory of Pearl Seigfreid by her daughter.

***Psalm 139** is presented in honor of Duke Schenck’s 50th birthday by Kurt and Julianne Schenck. (1993)

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“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children ages 1 to 10 years old will continue every second Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us on Sunday, November 13, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. You can also call/text/email me with questions or to volunteer.

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WE REMEMBER AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER!

The Evangelism committee would like to send cards, signed by our church family, to the home bound and military and college students away from home. The cards will be located on the small table with the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) as you enter or leave the church.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (10/23/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Karen Travor; LECTOR: Pat Kunkel

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko, Beth Post, and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/30/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Sue Schenck

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Madelyn Knecht

ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko, Beth Post, and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

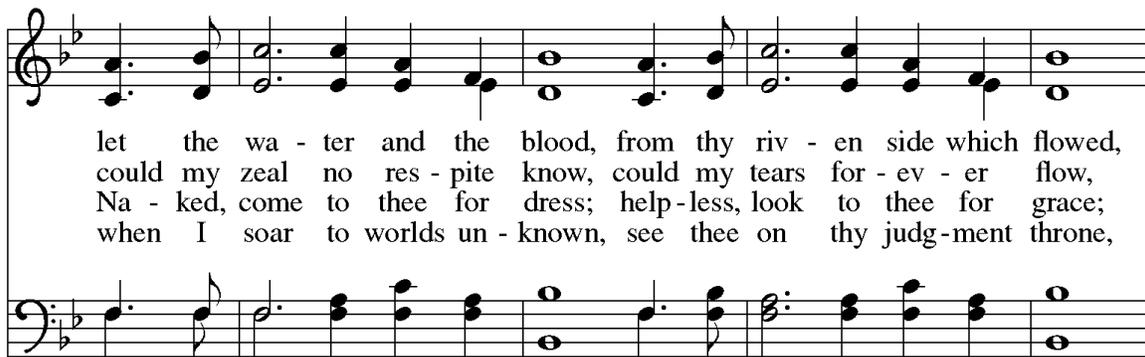
THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 23	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, October 24	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
Wednesday, October 26	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, October 28	9:00 AM	STiC Walk in Auburn
Saturday, October 29	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, October 30		REFORMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

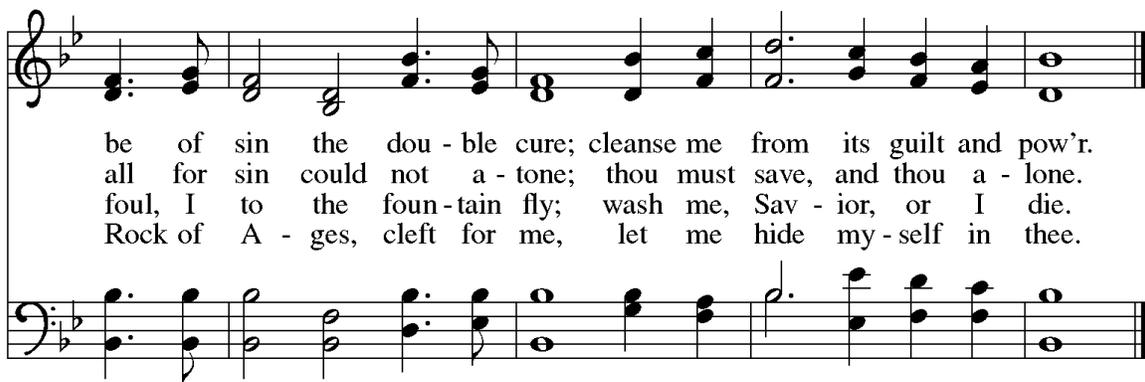
GATHERING HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

CHILI & SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will sell homemade chili and soup on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m., on the square in downtown Orwigsburg. Soup is \$7/quart or 3 quarts for \$20 and chili is \$8/quart or 2 quarts for \$15. Many homemade baked goods will also be available to purchase. Thank you for your support!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Just As I Am”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Just As I Am". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

REFORMATION SUNDAY ORGAN CONCERT

Jerusalem Lutheran Church located at 252 Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven will host an organ concert on Sunday, October 30th at 3 p.m. featuring the music of American composer, Paul Manz. The featured organists include Mark O'Hearn, Dr. Robert Horton, and Audrey Christ. This concert is free to the public. Come and delight in the wonderful music! All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!”

You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

SENDING HYMN

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from

rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less

bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

HAWK MOUNTAIN EVENT

Join our Synod's "Green Team" TODAY at Hawk Mountain for:

- a free "Raptors up Close" presentation in the Amphitheater at 2 p.m.
- a free "Trapping and Tracking" presentation at Laurelwood Niche (up the trail, but wheelchair/walker/stroller accessible) at 2:30 p.m.
- trail fees will be paid for the first 25 synod attendees, and discounted (20%) for all
- Personnel will be at the South Lookout until 4 p.m. to answer questions
- the trails, accessible Native Plant Garden, and Bookstore will all be available

More details are available at www.hawkmountain.org, contact Pastor Paul Metzloff at pwmetzloff@gmail.com, or see Sue Reier, our synod's "Green Team" member.