

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Heavens Are Telling”
St. Paul's Handbell Choir

Haydn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
[See back of bulletin]

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 and lead us to new and abundant life.

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

Believe and trust in God. Take comfort in God's amazing grace.

Know that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

C – Congregation, I – Women, II – Men

I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

[Continues]



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of faithful surprises throughout the ages you have made known your love and power. Your word is light and truth. Let your face shine on us to restore us, that we may walk in your way seeking justice and doing good through Jesus Christ Our Savior and Lord **Amen**.

GREETINGS AND APPRECIATION

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

^{6:1}In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 113 (Read responsively)

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.

**He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.**

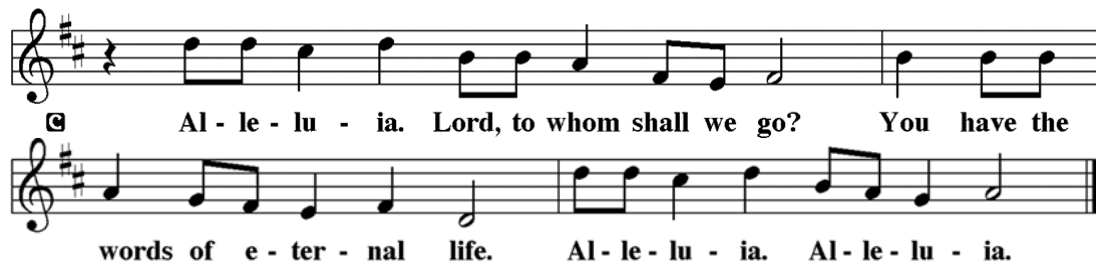
A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Chris Rothharpt,
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, PA

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
[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 power of 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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church in all matters of faith. Strengthen and support pastors, deacons, and bishops, especially Elizabeth and Christopher. Give your ministers patience and understanding, as they love and care for your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bring joy to the families of those who serve in your church. Bless Susan as she supports her husband and Michael as he assists his father in ministry. Help us to each be a blessing to one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought. Be with those affected by tornadoes and strong winds. Protect your creation and help us to be good stewards of that you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Give clarity and wisdom to world leaders. Open their hearts and minds to solutions which are just and lasting. Keep them from foolish words and destructive paths. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts to be generous to neighbors who are hungry. Bless feeding ministries and community food pantries. Teach us to share all that you have given us in abundance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Protect those who live amid war and violence. Comfort the suffering and bring healing to those who are sick, ill, or injured. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and for those whose suffering is known only to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember and give thanks for all the saints whose words and deeds reflected the love of Jesus Christ. Guide us to follow their example until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(The *pastor concludes*): Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING


ANTHEM

“We Are the Church”*

J. Martin

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”



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

Jesus, bread of life, you have set this table with your very self and called us to the Feast of Plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

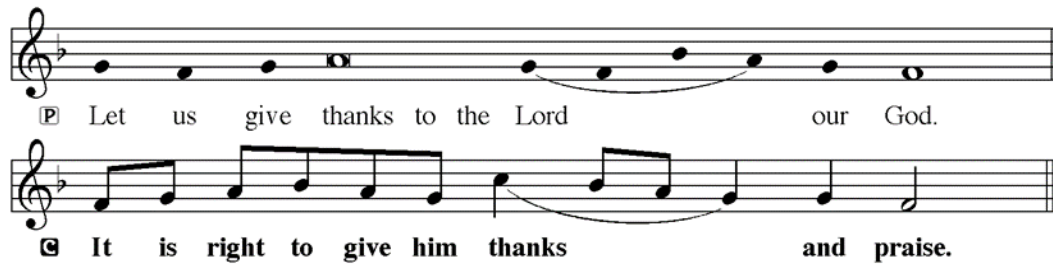
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



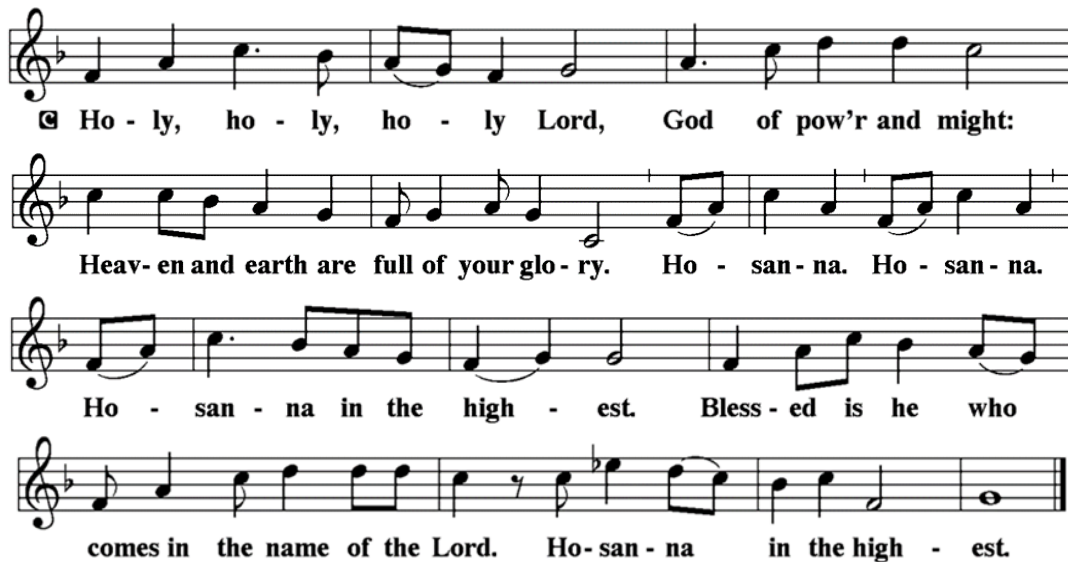
☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al - so with you.
☞ Lift up your hearts. ☞ We lift them to the Lord.

[Continues]



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, by whose word all things came into being,
whose power brings the dead to life,
and whose love amazes and astonishes your people.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Let us come.

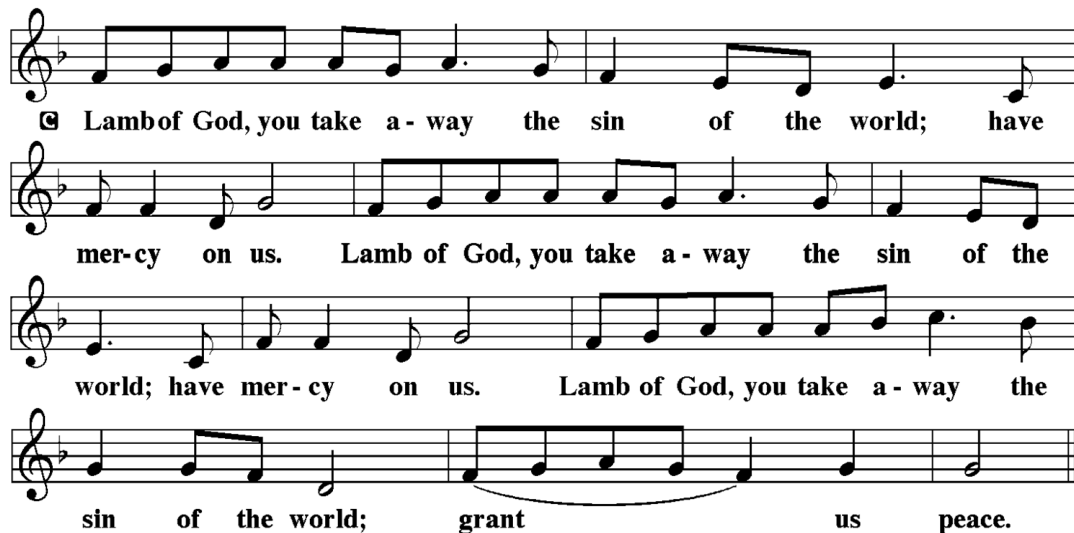
INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome 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.

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 should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament, and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

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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

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, especially for Pastor Petresky. We pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed.

Grant that we, with Pastor Petresky, may joyfully serve you all our days, and finally rejoice in your glory through Jesus Christ Our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION & THANKS

CHORAL BENEDICTON

“A Clare Benediction”

J. Rutter

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “I Will Go in the Strength of the Lord”

D. E. Wagner

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Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Gwen’s parents, Aubrey and Minnie Glover, and Gwen’s dear brother, Aubrey “Bubba” Glover II by Tom and Gwen Wehr and family.

Chancel flowers are presented in memory of my parents Kermit and Cathlene Krammes and siblings Jody, Kevin, and Kirsten.

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

Anthem* “We Are the Church” is presented in honor of my grandson, Sgt. Ryan T. Herb, who is serving our country in Afghanistan, by Gloria Dierwechter (2019).

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Sunday, October 20	30 th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION SERVICE
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion Reception in Reidler Hall after the service
Monday, October 21	6:00 PM Evangelism
Wednesday, October 23	7:00 PM Halloween Parade in Orwigsburg
Thursday, October 24	6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Friday, October 25	10:00 AM STiC Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, October 26	5:30 PM Worship
Sunday, October 27	REFORMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

OUR OFFERING PLATES

For this special service, our offering plates will be passed through the pews while the anthem is sung.

SERVING TODAY (10/20/24)

9:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Karen Travor and Deb Bolinsky

LECTOR: Deb O'Connor

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Pat Kunkle

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (10/27/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Madelyn Knecht; LECTOR: Jim Emerich

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

THANK YOU!

We thank the Reverend Chris Rothharpt, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville, PA, and Donald Boyer, the Treasurer of the Northeastern PA Synod for participating in today's service. We also thank Council President Greg Sklar and Council Member Doug Travor for their leadership in planning today's activities. Thanks also to Justin McClure, our Music Director and Organist, and our handbell and our chancel choirs for providing beautiful music for this special service. And thanks to everyone who was involved in preparing our reception today!

ALL SAINTS

The feast of All Saints will be observed during our worship on Saturday November 2, and Sunday, November 3. Let us remember and give thanks to God for the lives of the members of our congregation who have passed on since our last All Saints services. They include the late Nicole A. Just and Harry L. Detwiler.

If you know of any other members who should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Mike or our church office (570-366-2316), as soon as possible.

EVANGELISM: UPCOMING EVENTS

The Evangelism Committee will meet on Monday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. to fill candy bags to give out from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on Trick-or-Treat night, Monday, October 31. They will decorate a “float” (of sorts) for the Orwigsburg Halloween Parade set for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23. Please contact Connie Tetter (570-573-8943) for more information.

REMEMBRANCE TABLE

St. Paul’s will provide a “Remembrance Table” on Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3 to give thanks to God and honor our loved ones who have passed away. Please bring your framed photographs of family and friends to the church gathering room by 12 noon on Friday, November 1.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

Every Second Sunday through the month of May there will be refreshments and coffee from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Individuals, families, or groups can host by bringing simple finger foods and juice to share. All paper goods and coffee will be provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room. Please contact Jessica Swick with questions at 936-648-6809 or jessica@stpauls-orwigsburg.org.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our next Second Sunday School class will take place November 10! Children ages 1 through 6 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Young people aged 7 through 12 are invited to a youth group with Bible study and activities from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Parents are invited to stay and enjoy fellowship time with snacks and coffee while their children are in class.)

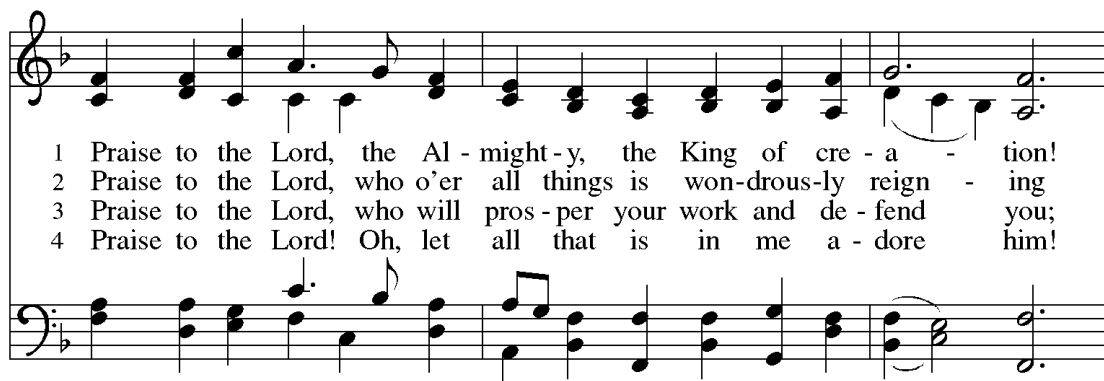
Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com.

SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!

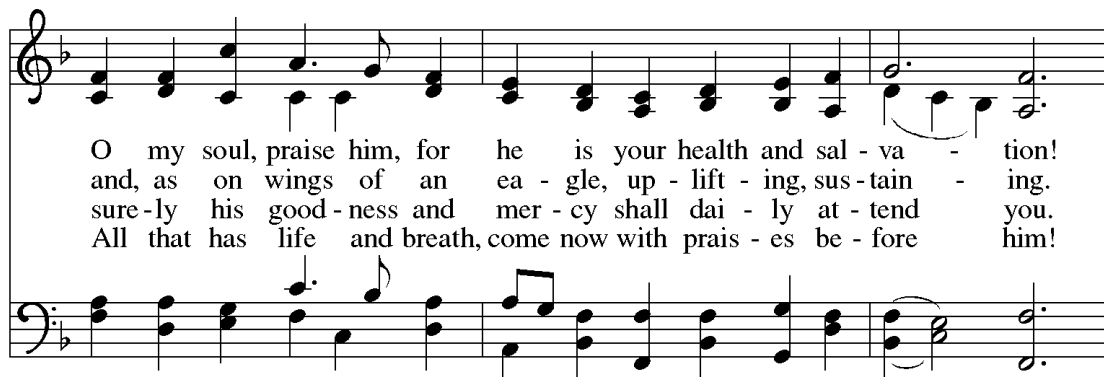
The Evangelism Committee would like to continue sending cards to lift the spirits of those members who cannot join us for worship, college students, and military personnel. Please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) or contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with new names and addresses as well as any changes of address.

GATHERING HYMN

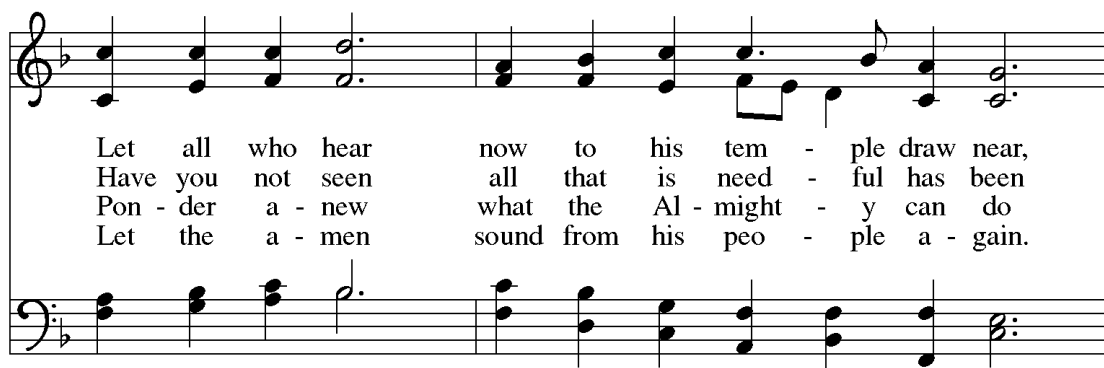
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



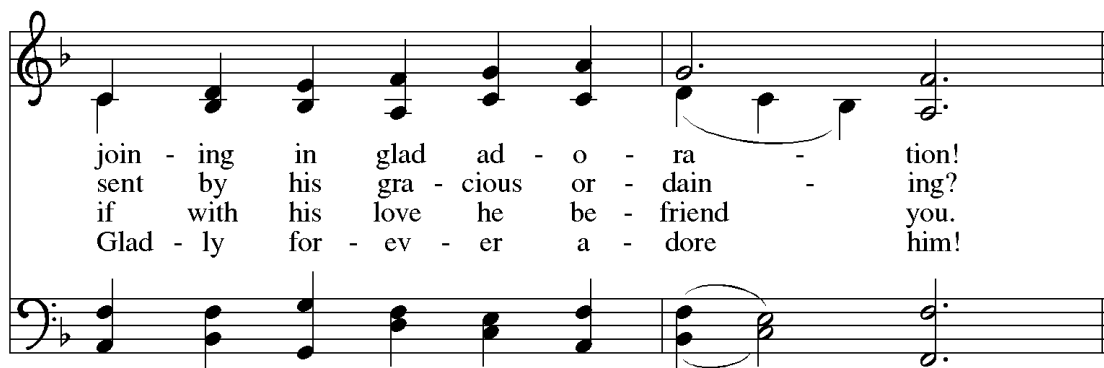
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

CHILI & SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili & Soup Sale on Saturday, November 2, beginning at 8:30 a.m. “on the square” in Orwigsburg. Come early for the best selection of chilis, tasty soups, and homemade baked goods.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”



Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

If you would like to donate to help the thousands whose homes and businesses were devastated by hurricanes and torrential flooding, you can do so through Lutheran Disaster Response. Please send your check to our congregation with a memo line which reads “LDR - Hurricane Response.” Please note that 100% of the money which you donate will go help those in need.

SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!