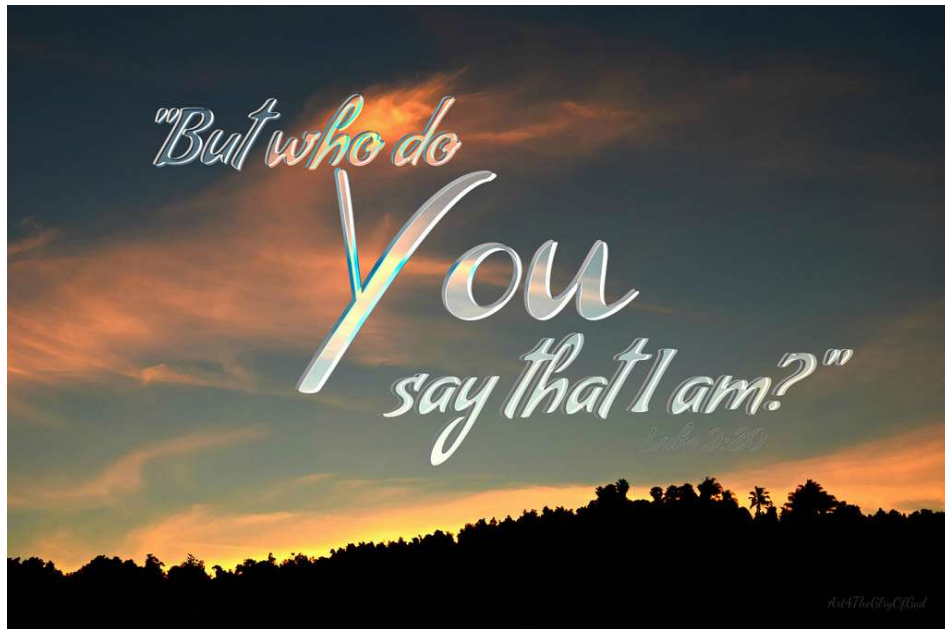


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September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME BACK CARE-A-LOT FAMILIES

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: WOV 767

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit-tle flow'r that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv-er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow-ing col-ors, God made their ti-ny wings,
the sun-set, and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-'ry one.
how great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



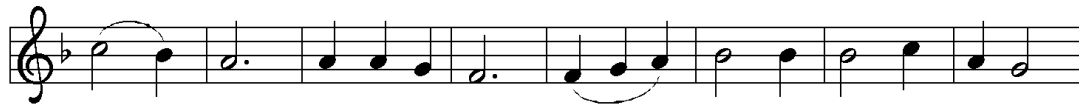
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading -Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

L: A reading from the 50th chapter of Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

L: A reading from the third chapter of James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of

reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for

the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: WOV 722

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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Apostle's Creed

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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (especially). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God..

C: Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead (especially), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem : RW 188 The Trees of the Field

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

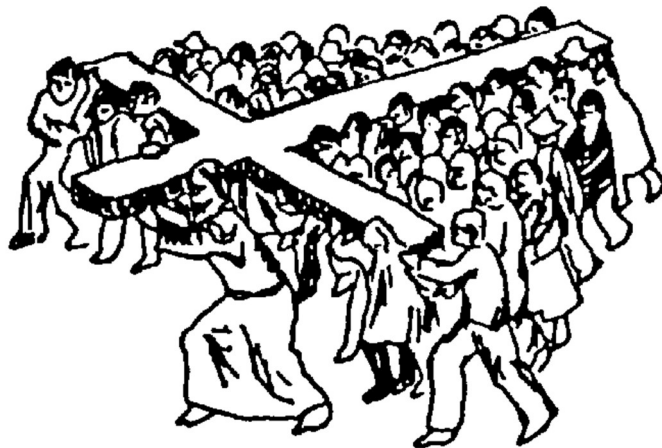
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: WOV 673

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
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 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, you are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

ANNOUNCEMENTS			
September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
17			Hunter Aquino
20			Michael Altemus
21		Nancy & Frank Moskella (50)	Makenzie Naska
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, September 15 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship	Communion Worship Care-A-Lot Welcome service WELCA sponsored Cell Phone training	
Wednesday, September 18	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours	
Thursday, September 19	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, September 20	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God	
Saturday, September 21	5:00 - 7:00 PM 5:00 PM	Messy Church @ Durham Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville	
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES			
Sunday, September 22 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 - 7:30 PM	Communion Worship Harvest Home Sunday Confirmation Class	
Monday, September 23 - October 17		Pastor's vacation	
Wednesday, September 25	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours (no Pastor)	
Thursday, September 26	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office hours (no Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Sunday, September 29 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shirley Guider	
Tuesday, October 1	7:00 PM	Monthly Council Meeting	
Wednesday, October 2	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Thursday, October 3	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 4	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God	
Sunday, October 6 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. David Lutcher	



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Norma Fox; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Barea Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally;

Letitia McCrea; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Melody Jordan; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

The September Outreach envelope collection will go to Lutheran Disaster Services

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
Organist / Choir Director	Carolyn Williams
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson & Scott Gaun
Greeter(s)	Wagner Family
Acolyte	Tucker Wagner
Lector	Karen Beerer
Head / Communion Usher	
Council Communion / Counting Team	Bea von Watzdorf & Kat Wagner
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz

CROP Hunger Walk— What are you doing Sunday, October 13th? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at St. Peter's in Riegelsville Registration starts at 1:00pm and the Walk starts at 1:30pm. See Ken Anderson for more information and to get your Walker envelope.

Please use the CR code on the right, the link below or call Ken at 610-349-4391 to Sign up and donate..



Palisades Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
St Peter's Lutheran Church 720 Edgewood Rd. Riegelsville, PA

The route will go south on the Delaware canal to Trauger's Farm and back.
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/riegelsvillepa>

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/evangelical-lutheran-church-of-durham>



MESSY CHURCH

COME JOIN US
FOR MEANINGFUL FUN,
MINISTRY AND A MEAL

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

Saturday Sept. 21

5-7pm

821 Durham Rd

Durham, PA 18039



ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!

This is a FREE EVENT! Meet us at church on Saturday September 21 to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages. This week's meal will be provided by Church council, games and service projects planned by Christian Education Committee. We hope to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience the love of God in the open arms of our church family!

Save the date for more Messy Church! -Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21