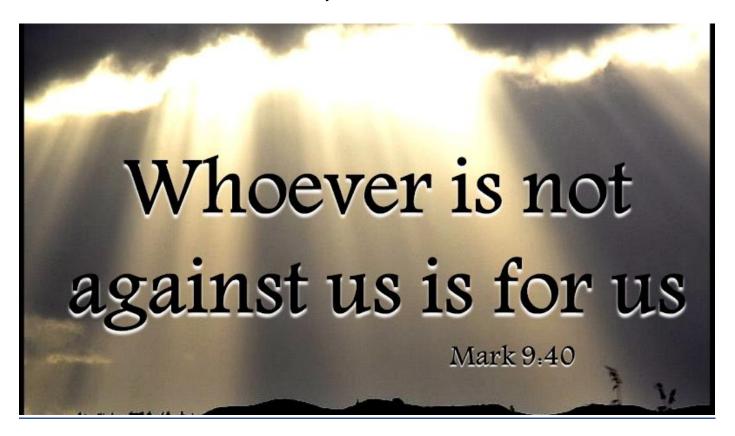
# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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# September 29, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

You can find the live stream at the following location:

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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: ELW 864**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880 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

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



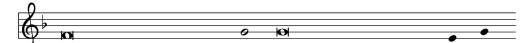
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



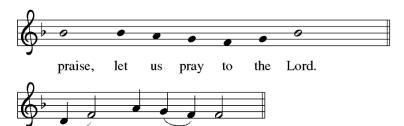
God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord,



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





## **Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading - Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

## L: A reading from the 11th chapter of Numbers

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of

Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14**

- L: <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C: 8The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- L: <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- C: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- L: <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C: 12Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- L: <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading - James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

L: A reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of James.

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is

brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**



## The Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

## Hymn of the Day: ELW 787

# On Eagle's Wings

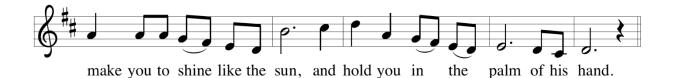


You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



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Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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## **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And hold you, hold you in the

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.

palm

of his hand.

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 people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones (other caregivers or individuals may be named). Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

## C: Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. 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.

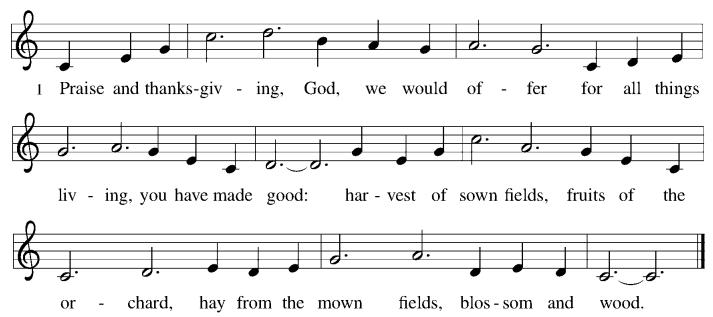
## C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: RW 213 Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

# Praise and Thanksgiving



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.

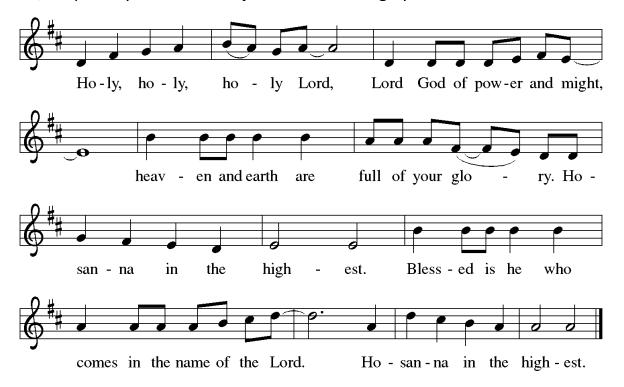
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

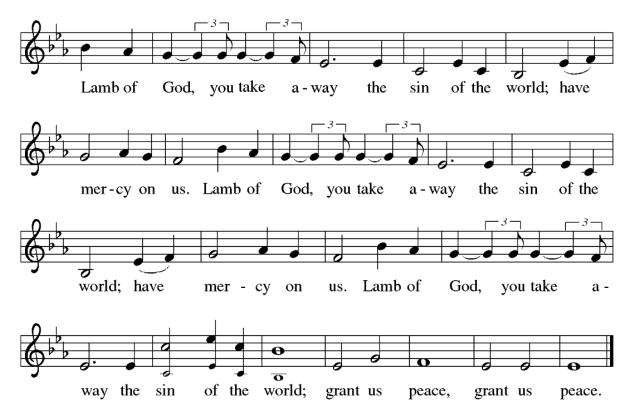
#### C: Amen.

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.



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

#### **SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 668**

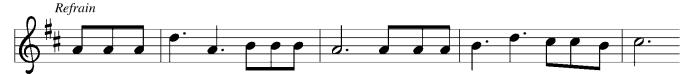
## **Blessed Assurance**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

## **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.

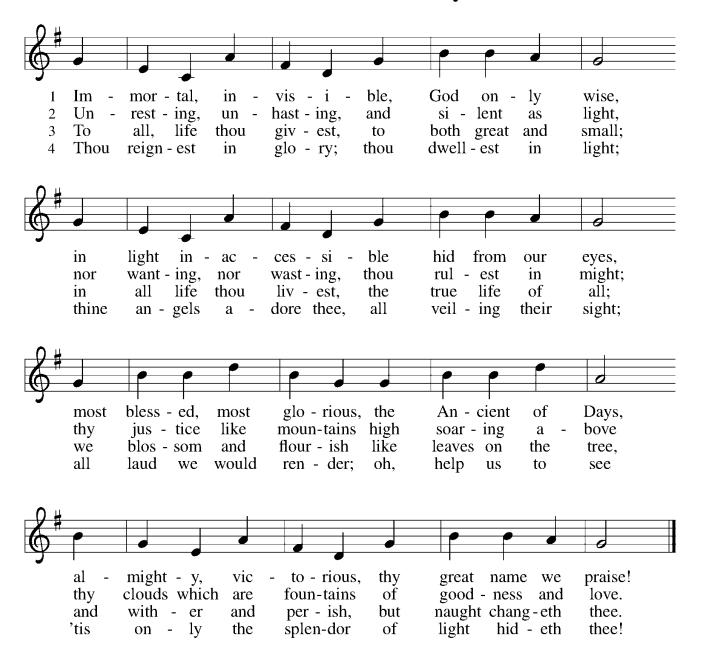
#### **Announcements**

#### **BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace, Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude:

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September BIRTHDAYS			ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS
30			ANTOLOGIA		Barbara Altemus
October					
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr, Scott Lehr, Jeremy Roney				Barbara Naska
2	Justin Apgar				
5	Connor Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (92)				
		THIS	S WEEK'S ACTIVIT	<u> TIES</u>	
<b>Sunday, September 29</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM		Communion Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shirley Guider	
Wednesday, October 2		10:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Thursday, October 3		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Friday, October 4		9:30 AM- 10:30 AM		Guardians for God	
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Sunday, October 6 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		9:15 AM 10:00 AM		Adult Sunday school in the library.  Communion Worship  Guest Preacher: Rev. David Lutcher	
Tuesday, October 8		7:00 PM		Monthly Council Meeting	
Wednesday, October 9		10:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Thursday, October 10		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 11		9:30 AM- 10:30 AM 11:00 AM		Guardians for God WELCA @ Church	
Sunday, October 13 21 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost		9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 5:00PM-7:30PM		Adult Sunday school in the library.  Non- Communion Worship  Guest Speaker: Scott Gaun  Confirmation Class @ St. Peters  Riegelsville	
Tuesday, October 15		1:00PM		Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office	
Wednesday, October 16		10:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Thursday, October 17		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 18		9:30 - 10:30 AM		Guardians for God	
Saturday, October 19		5:00 PM-7:00 PM 5:00 PM		Messy Church @ Durham Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville	



### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

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

#### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James &

family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; 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; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

#### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

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

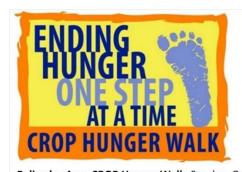
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The September Outreach envelope collection will go to Lutheran Disaster Services

## **Worship Assistants**

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

CROP Hunger Walk this year. With two weeks to go, our congregation has one Walker participating. Wont you join us? To sign up to be a Walker, see Ken. If you can't walk, please sponsor a Walker.





Palisades Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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