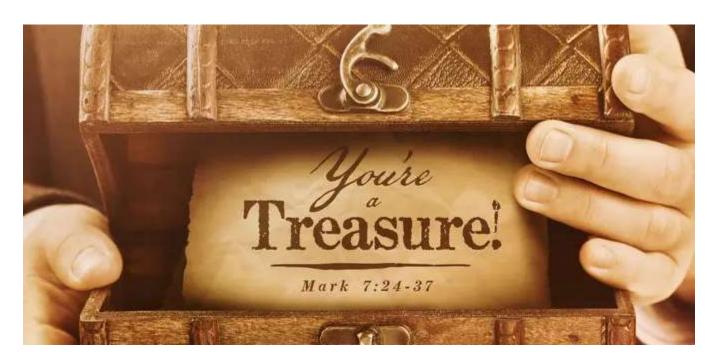
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September 8, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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,

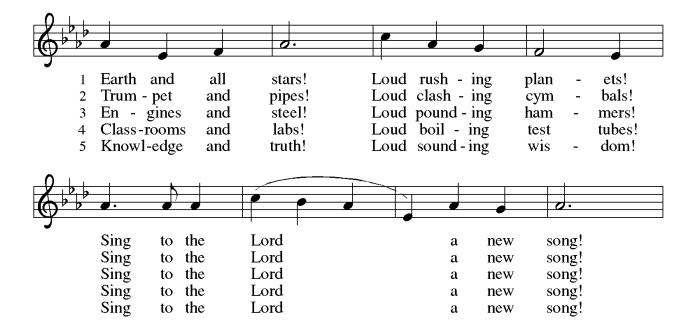
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In 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.

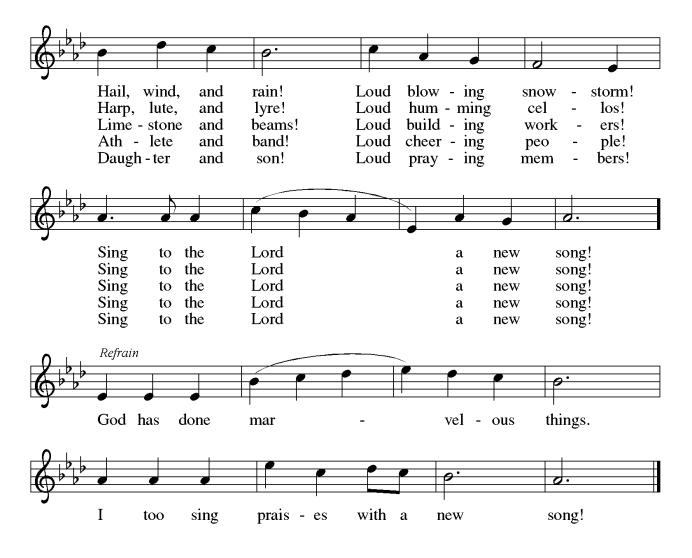
P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 731

Earth and All Stars!





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

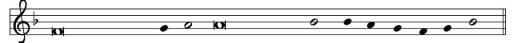
C: And also with you

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



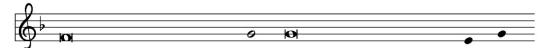
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



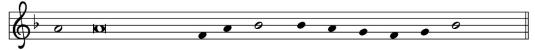


For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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.





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





Lord, have mer - cy.



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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



5



Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The sayings in the book of Proverbs impart the collective wisdom of centuries. Speaking of wealth and poverty, these particular verses teach that those who are blessed by God should honor the poor, for they are within God's special care.

- L: A reading from the 22nd chapter of Proverbs.
 - ¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
 - ²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
 - ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
 - ⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
 - ²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
 ²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.
- L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 15

- L: 1Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C: 2 will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- L: 3Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- C: 4When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
- L: 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
- C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
- L: ¬who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C: *the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C: 10The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading - James 2:1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

L: A reading from the second chapter of James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ¹Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

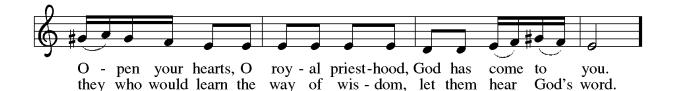
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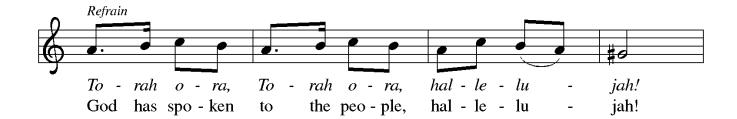
Hymn of the Day: ELW 519

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

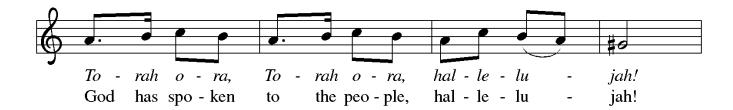


- 1 O pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;











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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.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships (local partners may be named). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict (especially) and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with 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.

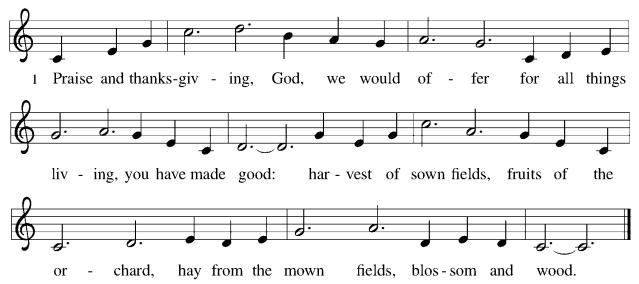
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: RW 237 When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

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.

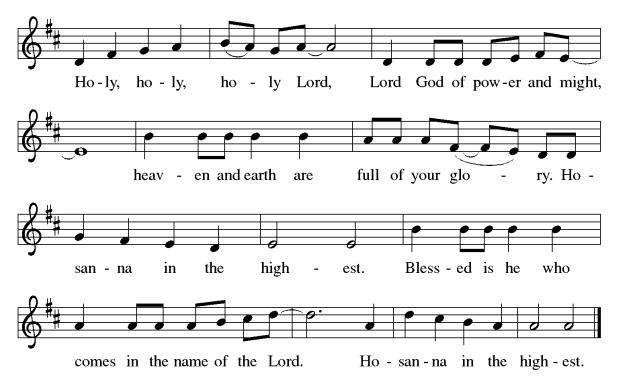
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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.

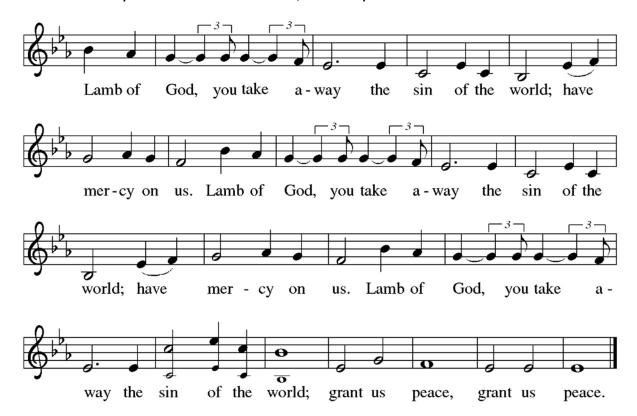
C: Amen.

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

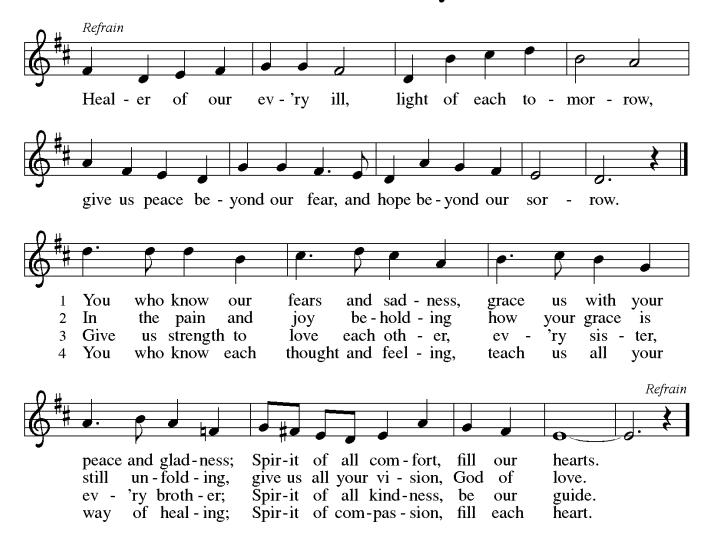
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



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

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 612

Healer of Our Every Ill



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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 \pm bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: WOV 886

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise,
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>					
September	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
9	Joanne Ziegenfuss				
10			Ben F. Naska,		
			Annabel Williams		
12	Bob Fox, Barb Naska				
14	Dot Peterman,	Karen & Hans Rilling (61)			
	Bonnie Pyne DePortillo				

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES				
Sunday, September 8	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.		
16 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship		
	1:00 PM	God's Work, Our hands - Meal packing at Little Zion, Telford.		
Tuesday, September 10	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Care-A-Lot Preschool First day Church Council meeting		
Wednesday, September 11	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours		
Thursday, September 12	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 13	9:30 - 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Guardians for God WELCA		
Saturday, September 14	2:00 PM	Installation of Bishop-Elect Bryan Penman @ Episcopal Cathedral, Phila		
	UPCOMING A	CTIVITIES		
Sunday, September 15	9:15 AM	Communion Worship		
17 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM After 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		
Sunday, September 22	9:15 AM	Communion Worship		
18 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM 5:00 - 7:30 PM	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		



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; 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; Baree 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.

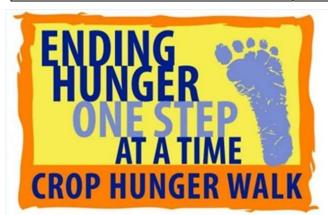
For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; 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

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





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

We are *five* weeks away from the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Please see Ken Anderson for more details and to sign up to be a Walker or to sponsor a Walker. Please use the CR code on the right, the link below or call Ken at 610-349-4391 to sign up and donate.



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