

**Service of Holy Communion**  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 18, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Liturgical Improvisation on "Creator Alme Siderum" - George Oldroyd  
 Variations on "Canonbury" - Cheryl Albrecht

# WELCOME

## GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned.  
In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us  
away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.  
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

*The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.*

**GATHERING HYMN** "Rise Up, O Saints of God" Red Book #669

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## GLORY TO GOD *stanzas 1 and 3*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING      **Jeremiah 8:18--9:1**

*Jeremiah's primary task as God's prophet was to announce the terrible destruction that awaited the people of Judah and Jerusalem because of their sin. In this passage, a grief-stricken Jeremiah anguishes over the sadness of that message and weeps for his people.*

<sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

<sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?")

<sup>20</sup>"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

<sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

<sup>9:1</sup>O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 113:1-8**      *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

**<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

**<sup>6</sup>but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**<sup>8</sup>enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

## **SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

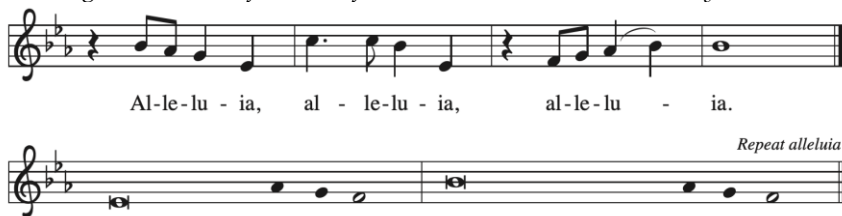
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All sing the alleluia before and after the verse, which is chanted by the cantor.*



Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos-<sup>l</sup> pel of Christ;\* strive side by side for the faith<sup>l</sup> of the gospel (Phil. 1:27)

## GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in

dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## SERMON

*The congregation may stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      “By Gracious Power”      Red Book #626

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*The congregation may kneel or sit.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Give us joyful and creative people to teach the faith, and make us into people who are willing constantly to learn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to honor the dignity of every human being. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain ministries that meet people's needs in the moment; we especially pray for our community dinner ministry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you have blessed this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Source of hope and joy, we lift up to you the joys and concerns we bring before you this day....*(pause)*... Help us commit all our cares and celebrations to your hands. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes:*

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### CHOIR ANTHEMS

“I Am Praying for You”

- Ira D. Sankey

(text from *1 Timothy* 2:3-4)

“Holy Father, Great Creator”

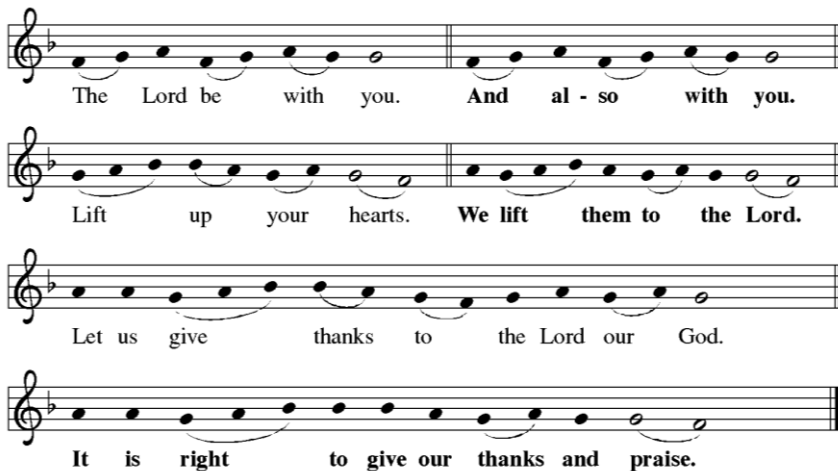
- Henry T. Smart, 1867

(text from *1 Timothy* 2:5-6)

### OFFERING PRAYER

*led by the assisting minister*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

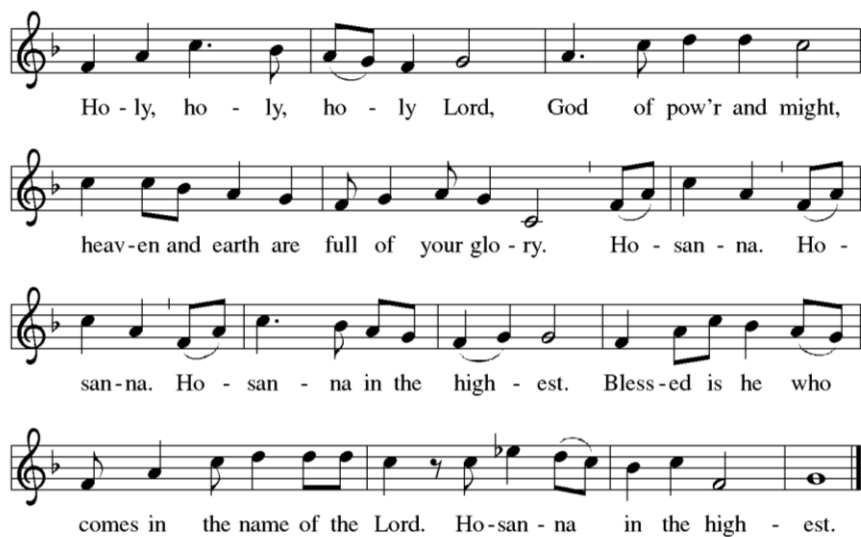
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





*Response:* **The earth is full of your glory.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

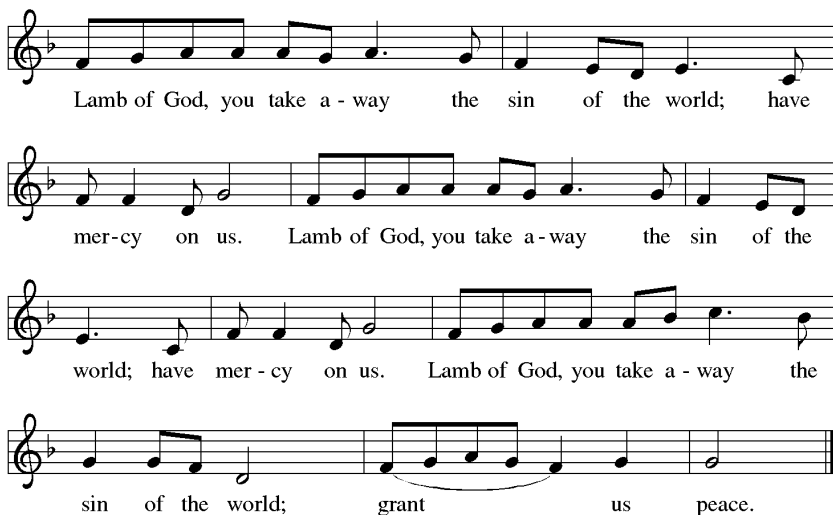
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## LAMB OF GOD



## SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.*

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Red Book #471

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

*During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.*

**SENDING HYMN**      “Son of God, Eternal Savior”      Red Book #655

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      “Trumpet Voluntary”      - Robin Dinda

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	<b>Presiding Minister</b>
Lois Trimbur	<b>Assisting Minister</b>
Jeanne Graff	<b>Reader</b>
Lois Trimbur	<b>Crucifer</b>
Claudia van Driel	<b>Acolyte</b>
Signe Mitchell	<b>Organist</b>
Harry Cunningham	<b>Sr. Choir Director</b>
Sue Morrow	<b>AV Assisting Minister</b>
Joan Giese	<b>PowerPoint Assisting Minister</b>
Roxanne Glagola	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Stan Graff, Dan Morrow, Christiaan van Driel, Andrew and Amelia O'Rourke	<b>Ushers</b>
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	<b>Counters</b>

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and with deep appreciation and thanksgiving for the ministry of Pastor Kimberly van Driel.*

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.  
Thank you to our hosts, Bill and Judy Vilcheck.*

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH**

Mon., 9/19	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 9/21	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Zoom book group (online)
Thurs., 9/22	10:30 AM	Bible Study

	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 9/23		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 9/24	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun. 9/25	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

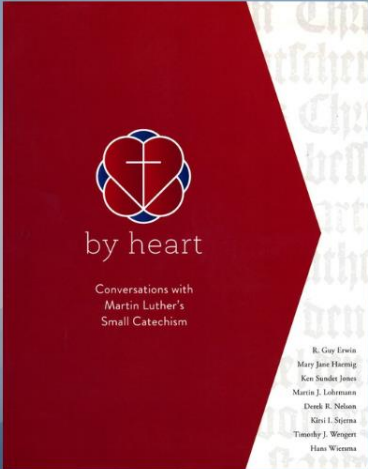
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Do you have joys and concerns** you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshippers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

**Join us for Daily Discipleship Bible study at 9 a.m.** We'll look at the gospel reading in the Sunday worship service and the invitation to daily discipleship in it. If you wish to join by Zoom, please use the link for our worship service and join the gathering by 9 a.m. We will conclude our study by 9:40 a.m. in preparation for worship!

**Reminder:** Submissions for the October Newsletter are due to Caitlyn in the church office by Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Singers are invited to sing Handel's *Messiah*** with the MUSIC CLUB CHORUS of NEW CASTLE on **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** (our **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary performance**) at **3 PM** at the HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4154<sup>th</sup> St., in Ellwood City, PA. Rehearsals begin on **Sept. 19 at 7 PM** in Fellowship Hall, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Falls & Jefferson Sts. (A lighted parking lot is available). Score copies can be bought at the rehearsals. Kathy Miller, organist, Larry Baumgartner, pianist, & Andrew Erb, trumpeter, will accompany along with others. Liturgical dance students from the CROSSROADS DANCE ACADEMY near Slippery Rock will also take part in the performance. Harry Cunningham is director. First-time participants & high school choristers are especially welcome.



Join Us for a  
Wednesday Evening  
Book Group on Zoom  
beginning September  
14th at 7:00 p.m.

We will read *By Heart:  
Conversations with  
Martin Luther's  
Small Catechism.*

Books are available for purchase on Amazon  
or you can contact the church office at  
(724) 283-2378 to order your copy.

*The Zoom book study will meet using the same link that we use for  
Sunday morning Zoom worship.*

### PRAYERS

Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; family of Ray Sawyer; Ramona Schmidt; Sandy Lefebvre; continued healing for Graham Cannon; family of LTC. Jeffrey E. Cunningham; Pat Mould & family; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Stephanie (Stevie) Andrew & husband; victims and community of Highland Park, Ill.; continued healing for Baby Mac; family of John Rudzki (Jack Rudzki's father); Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; family of Ed Shields; the families and community of Uvalde; Tom Walker; Holly Schubert; Jeff Cunningham; family of Mary Ellen Shanor; continued healing for John Negley; family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Kassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; Tad Sellers; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

*Jeremiah buys a field*

**Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16**

You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust. (Ps. 91:2)

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?*

**Luke 16:19-31**

*Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man*

## **ZOOM MEETING INFO**

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

Meeting ID: 956 305 5281

Password: 408299

To join via telephone, dial: +1 301 715 8592

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