



## The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022      Worship at 9:30 a.m.  
Gathering

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. God is with us – the Kingdom is ours.*

*Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you!*



### WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PRELUDE:** time for prayer and preparation.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God,  
**Blessed be God forever, Amen.**

Called by the Holy Spirit and seeking God's abundant grace,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and,  
for his sake forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW #400, GOD OF TEMPEST



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

### 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.**

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence.* Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Word

**THE FIRST LESSON** is from Genesis, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Genesis 15:1-6)

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to

him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence* +

**PSALM 33:12-22** is read responsively by verse.

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

**Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING** is from Hebrews, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

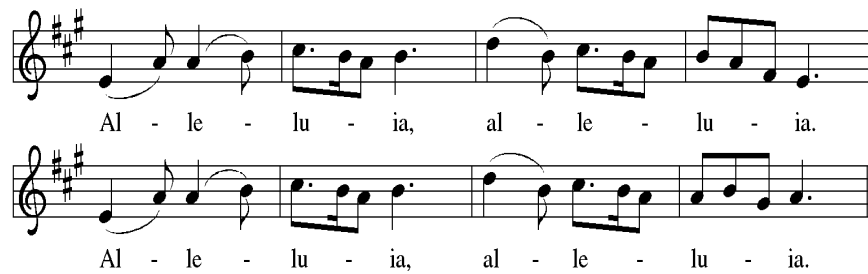
<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

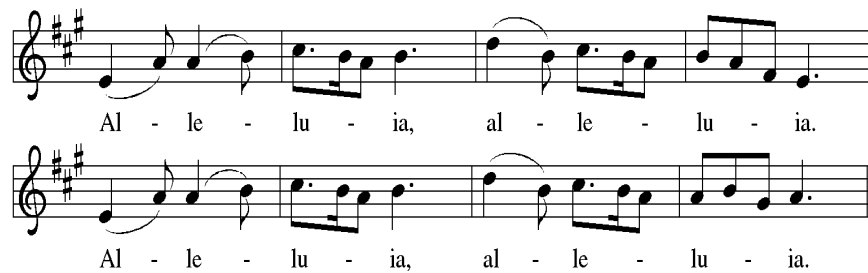
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174



### THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!** (Luke 12:32-34)



## TEACHING THE WORD / SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #764, Have No Fear Little Flock

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| <p>1 <b>Have no fear, little flock;<br/>have no fear, little flock,<br/>for the Father has chosen<br/>to give you the kingdom;<br/>have no fear, little flock!</b></p> <p>3 <b>Praise the Lord high above;<br/>praise the Lord high above,<br/>for he stoops down to heal you,<br/>uplift and restore you;<br/>praise the Lord high above!</b></p> | <p>2 <b>Have good cheer, little flock;<br/>have good cheer, little flock,<br/>for the Father will keep you<br/>in his love forever;<br/>have good cheer, little flock!</b></p> <p>4 <b>Thankful hearts raise to God;<br/>thankful hearts raise to God,<br/>for he stays close beside you,<br/>in all things works with you;<br/>thankful hearts raise to God!</b></p> |
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Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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## Meal

### THE PRAYERS

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

*We join our hearts in prayer for one another, those in need, and all of God’s creation.*

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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

*Please share the peace with a wave, a hand placed over your heart, or in any non-contact way of your preference.*

**OFFERTORY / ANTHEM** *We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In-House the offering plate is set by the baptismal font. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org) or using the QR code.*



*The Table is prepared.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Christ, our Bread of life:

**you have set this table before us, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Nourish us with these gifts, and strengthen us to be  
signs of your loving presence for the world. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God,  
holy, almighty and merciful...

*Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:*

...in the words our Savior 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.**

**AGNUS DEI**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We share in the Lord's Body and Blood. Pastor will ask us to take up our communion cup and invite us to commune using these or similar words:*

My brothers and sisters, come to the Table, for all is ready!  
**We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

This is the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you!  
 Take and eat, take and drink!

*As the altar is cleared and the chalice vested, the Nunc Dimittis is sung,  
 followed by silence for prayer and reflection.*

**ELW #201, THE NUNC DIMITTIS (NOW LORD)**



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has



been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion



which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,  
 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning,  
 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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

**Amen.**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. *a brief silence*

**We give you thanks, almighty God,  
 that you have refreshed us**

**through the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,**

**in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Mission & Ministry Announcements*

**Sending**

**THE BENEDICTION**

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
 bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN, ELW #652, BUILT ON A ROCK**



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP** can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to our website ([www.christpipersville.org](http://www.christpipersville.org)).

**THE AUGUST WEB SITE** is sponsored by the Szymanowski's in honor of Pastor Caron and Family for their leadership and support of our congregation.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by the Szymanowski's in honor of the Christ Lutheran Ensemble Musicians.

**WE WELCOME** Louise Gerdemann as our pianist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The prayer list is printed in today's announcements, the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP & PICNIC** will be held in the parish hall this morning. Please stay and join us for lunch following worship.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** meets for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final session this morning in the Sunday School area. Check the Sunday School bulletin board at the top of the stairs for pictures from sessions 1 and 2.

**FELLOWSHIP PERIOD** has resumed and hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS** are needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Equipment is provided or you may bring your own. See Paul Gruver with any questions.

**HAROLD AND SUSIE MYERS EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS** will be presented next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> during worship. Recipients are asked to attend if possible.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. There are sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**UPDATES FOR YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** Jane Reinard (Stephen Jr. & Blake), 1244 Reed Lane, Kintnersville, PA 18930. Also, Bill & Carolyn Michener, 3250 State Rd, Apt. 483, Sellersville, PA 18960 and phone 267-895-5396.

## The Week of August 7<sup>th</sup> at a Glance

- Sun. 8/07 The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
Picnic Church in the Parish Hall; Vacation Bible School  
Happy Birthday, Pastor Caron!
- Wed. 8/10 7:00PM Ensemble
- Thur. 8/11 8:30AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study
- Fri. 8/12 Office Closed – Pastor’s Day Off
- Sun. 8/14 The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
Presentation of Scholarships  
Happy Birthday, Karen Tempelmann!

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

*In August 2022, let us pray for...*

Joseph Apgar (AF), Tait Blethen (AF), Nancy Bohner (St,P), Pr. Caron & Family (Pr/C), Florence Cook (NH), Cory Cox (AF), Bishop Patricia Davenport (Pr/C), Jackie Gardner and family (P,St,H), Pr. Ginny Goodwin (Pr/C), Cody Harmon (AF), Ron Haskell (H,R), Mary Hurley (Pr/C,H,R), Katherine (H,St,P,Hope), Tom Macri (AF), Jennifer Marko (H,R,St), Corrine Monesmith (HB), Glenn Monesmith (H,R), Ramona (H,R), Thomas Shiiba (AF), Bev Swope (H,R), Rich Weidner (AF), and Zachary (St,Hope,Happiness).

*Awaiting the birth of a baby:*  
Thomas & Stacey (Hanisak) Shiiba

Those who mourn:  
The family and friends of Jerry Longwell, Wanda Stover, Edith Goodwin, Randy Bechtold (esp. parents Henry and Susan), Roy Shull and Leo Spadaccino.

**AF: Armed Forces, H: Healing, P: Peace/Patience,  
R: Recovery, St: Strength, M: Mourning, W: Wisdom  
T: Thanksgiving, NH: Nursing Home,  
HB: Home Bound, Pr/C: Pastors/Church Professionals**

*Please consider visiting, writing or calling these people who need the support of this faith community. If you know of others for whom you would like the congregation to pray, please notify the church office, 215-766-8730. Let us pray also for anyone besides the ones listed above, who may have some special need or desire.*

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

