

“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”  
*Luke 12:15*



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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 31, 2022



### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Judy Mills

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Lector – Judy Mills

Ushers – Ken & Joan Hollinger

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Altar Guild – Barb Wisler

Sound Technician – Chaz Stroup

Offering Counters – Lee Mills

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Livestream – Ray Kneisley

Kris Brill

**July 24, 2022**  
**ATTENDANCE - 42**

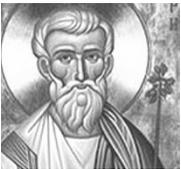
### **“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”**

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

### **TODAY'S COMMEMORATION**

Joseph of Arimathea



This Joseph, mentioned in all four Gospels, came from a small village called Arimathea in the hill country of Judea. He was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious council in Jerusalem. He was presumably wealthy, since he owned his own unused tomb in a garden not far from the site of Jesus' crucifixion (Mt 27:60).

Joseph, a man waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went to Pontius Pilate after the death of Jesus and asked for Jesus' body (Mk 15:43). Along with Nicodemus, Joseph removed the body and placed it in the tomb (John 19:39). Their public devotion contrasted greatly to the fearfulness of the disciples who had abandoned Jesus.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: 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, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C: Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

## For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



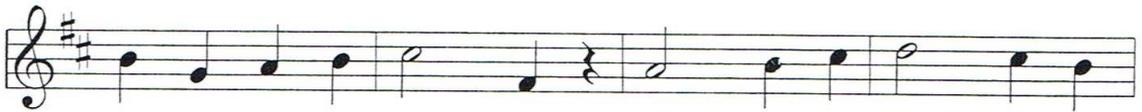
**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** 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. 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. 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. A-men

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

The First Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters of Ecclesiastes

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

## **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Colossians

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.*

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



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



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

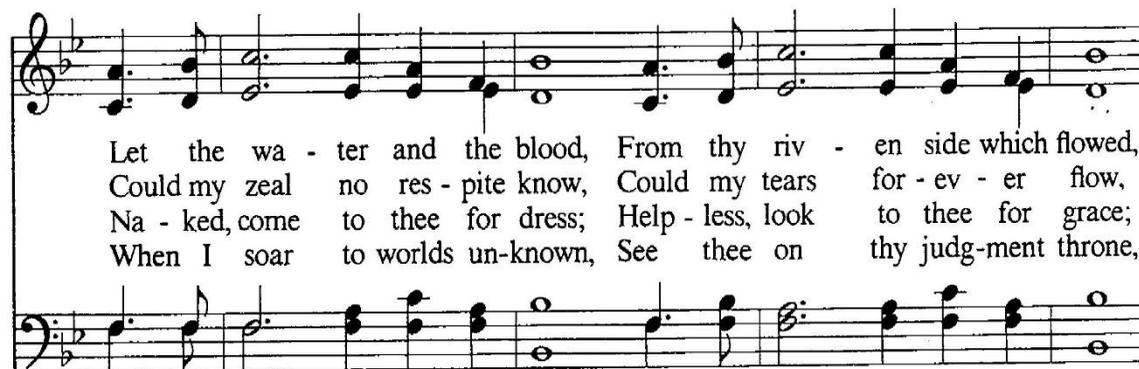
*The assembly stands (if able).*

HYMN OF THE DAY

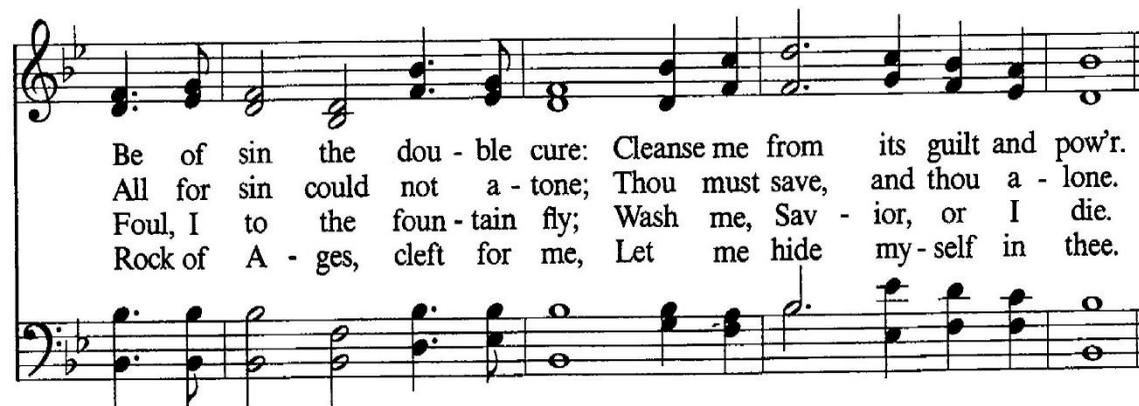
# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

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Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

**C:** 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 THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting  
in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.   **C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*Ps. 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; Cor. 5:7*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



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



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al-so with you.



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

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

*HOW WE COMMUNE:* When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

## BLESSING

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

C: Amen

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



☐ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

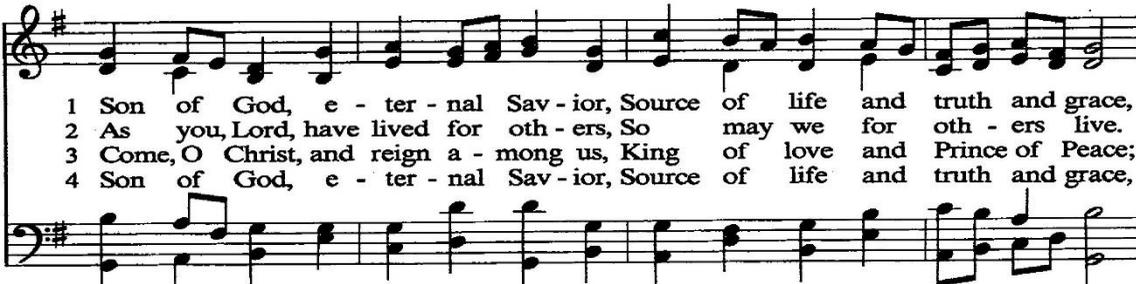
*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

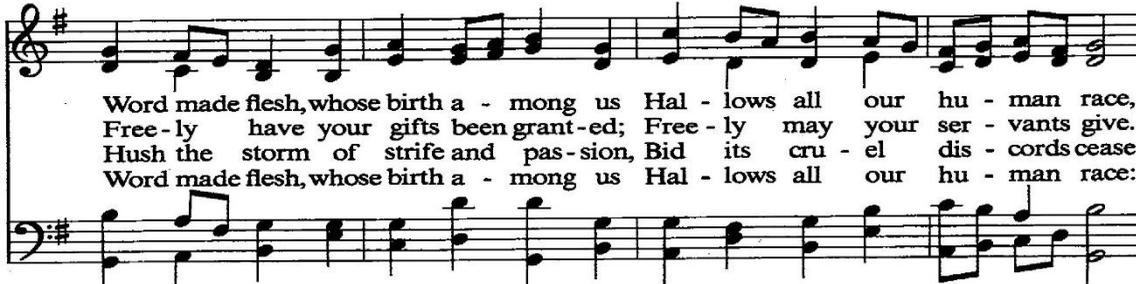
**C: Amen**

# SENDING HYMN

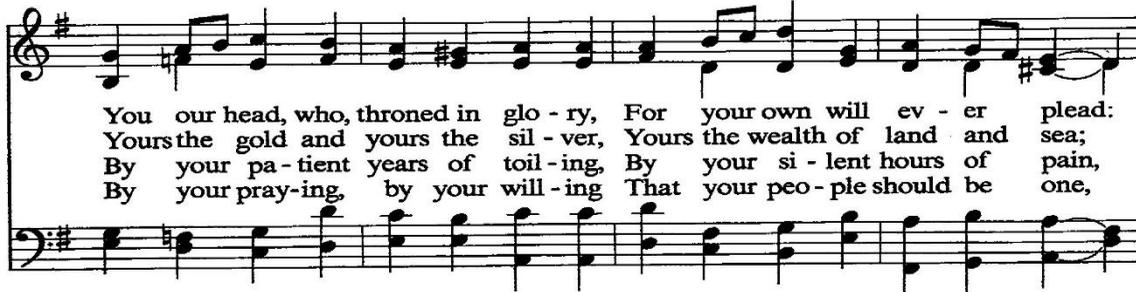
## Son of God, Eternal Savior



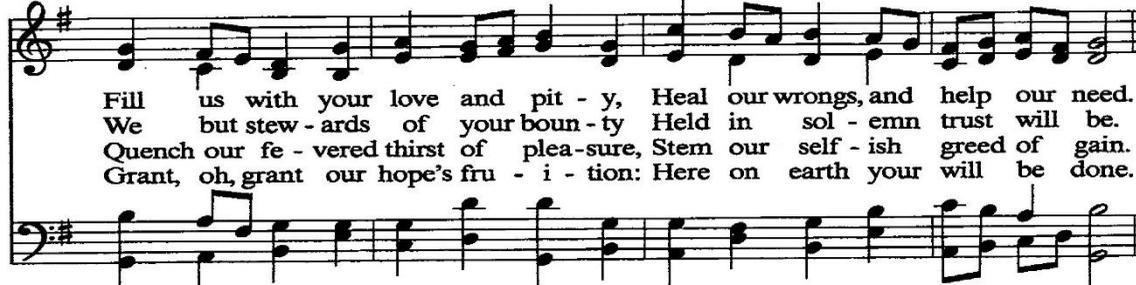
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race:



You our head, who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent hours of pain,  
By your pray - ing, by your will - ing That your peo - ple should be one,



Fill us with your love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
We but stew - ards of your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
Quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth your will be done.

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Tune: Dutch folk tune, 18th cent.

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

**Debbie Binder**

**Clair Crist**

**Donna Hiltebeitel**

**Pauline Houck**

**Elizabeth Larsen**

**Sonya LaGamba**

**Earl and Janet Harry**

Additional prayers

**Pastor Luke** – ongoing medical issues

**Denny Raup** – terminal cancer

**Florence Horst** – multiple hip fractures

**Karen Murr** – early stage breast cancer

**Rev. Phillip Gagnon** – B-cell lymphoma

**Mary Tabor-Rhodes** – chemotherapy

**Carrie Rodgers** – stomach cancer

**Patsy Kline** – stroke

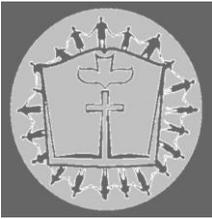
**Ruth Morehead** - stroke

***Additional names during today's worship:*** To include a person for Prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "print" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

***Become a Prayer Chain participant:*** Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills ([jmills.email@comcast.net](mailto:jmills.email@comcast.net)) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

***Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin:*** Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

## AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website ([www.reformation-nalc.org](http://www.reformation-nalc.org)) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto:pastor@reformation-nalc.org) or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



## STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

## HASHING OUT THE SERMON AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings. The discussion will be held in the Prayer/Choir room across from the Pastor's office.



## COFFEE TIME



Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!

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## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH



August Lunch Bunch is August 9. We will meet at fellowship hall at 10:00 and have lunch at Isaacs at 11:30. Sign up sheet or call Judi Reeder at 717 341 7821.

## PASTOR MARK ON VACATION

Pr. Mark is on vacation Aug 2-15. Please contact Deacon Arica at 978-689-5301 or aricademme@gmail.com in case of a pastoral emergency.

Pr. Jerry will be preaching and presiding on Aug 7th. He will preside on Aug 14th and Arica will preach that day.

## REFORMATION AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

### August Birthdays

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|------------------|-----------|
| Keith Ober       | August 2  |
| Ruth Ober        | August 3  |
| Melissa Cuff     | August 9  |
| Rodney Winkleman | August 11 |
| Joan Hollinger   | August 16 |
| Luke Seamon      | August 20 |
| Ken Hollinger    | August 22 |
| Claire Tito      | August 30 |
| Mark Wisler      | August 30 |



### August Anniversaries

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| Jeff and Joan Schaum    | August 27 |
| Luke and Silvija Seamon | August 30 |

Any additions or corrections, please let Rosemary Keller know.

## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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