



**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN**

*"...where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."*

**Rev. Cliffert Herring, Interim Pastor**

**July 21, 2024 ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Service ~ 9:00 AM      Adult Sunday School ~ 10:15**

*(Please turn off your cell phone .)*

*We Gather Again and Seek God's Presence*

**Prayer of Preparation**

*Jesus, our Savior, you were taken into the heavens and yet, through your Holy Spirit, your presence continues to be with us. Receive our lives and our prayers for the world that everything and everyone might be brought into your glory. We pray in your holy name. Amen.*

**Greeting/Announcements/Joys, Concerns & Prayer Updates**

**Prelude**      *"With All My Heart I Want to Love You, Lord"*

by Babbie Mason

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Centering Hymn**      *"We Have Come Into His House"*      #224

*(All who are able, please stand.)*

**Call To Worship**

**P:** This is the day our God is making.

**All: Let us rejoice.**

**P:** This is the time when God is present.

**All: Let us be open.**

**P:** This is the moment when forgiveness flows and life is renewed.

**All: Let us pray:**

**God of Grace, as you sent Jesus to live with us, speaking words of healing and grace, we ask that His Spirit may dwell with us today as we worship. Help us to hear His words and know his healing touch for we pray in His Holy Name. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

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## *We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness*

### **Call to Confession and Confession of Sin**

P: As Christians, we try to follow Christ. As humans, we have not always been faithful to our beliefs. Let us approach the God and Parent of Christ, confessing our faults and sin.

**ALL: You created us in your image, O God, but our sin alienates us from you. In shame, we try to hide from you rather than rest in the assurance that we are hidden in Christ. Forgive us for the damage we do against you and against one another. Raise us from the paralysis of guilt to the freedom of a transforming relationship with you and with others that we might be clothed with your righteousness. Amen.**

*(A time for silent reflection.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, the old has passed away; the new has come. From this moment on, live joyously as God's forgiven people!

### **Song of Praise** *(sung)*

*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

P. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C. And, also with you.**

P. Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

### **Children's Time**

*We Listen for God's Word to Us*

**The Reading of Scripture**

The Epistle Reading

The Gospel Lesson

*Ephesians 2: 11-22*

*Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56*

*(The Epistle Lesson and The Gospel are printed on the back of the bulletin.)*

*(After the Gospel is announced, all who are able stand and sing:)*



**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel is read,)*



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**Hymn**

*“I heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

*(printed on the last page of the bulletin)*

**The Sermon ~ Jesus, the Rock Star**

**Affirmation of Faith** *(in unison)*

*The Apostle's Creed*

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

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

**The Offertory**

*“Near to the Heart of God”*

by Cleland B. McAfee & Roger House

*(All who are able, please stand.)*

**The Offertory Response**                    *“The Doxology”*                    (Hymnal, #815)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)*

In gratitude and in faith, we share these our gifts with you, Eternal God. Empower them to strengthen your church, to share love with those who have been forgotten, and to heal those who are sick. For we dedicate these gifts to You. Amen.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(in unison)*

*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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*  
*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*  
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Prayer for Call Committee** *(in unison)*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look upon this congregation with grace. Guide the minds of our Search Committee members, *Pauline, Jill, Samantha, Susan, Travis, Frank and Mike* as they discern which of your servants will be our next pastor. Please grant that we might receive a faithful shepherd who will care for us and continue to equip us for ministry in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

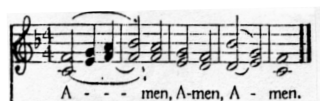
*(All who are able, please stand.)*

**Closing Hymn**

*“Lord, Speak to Me”*

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**The Benediction with Three-fold “Amen”**



## Extinguishing of Candles/Silent Meditation

**Choral Blessing** *(sung)*

*(Tune: "Morning Has Broken")*

*New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;  
Now the world calls us to spread that love.  
God's peace go with you, may it sustain you,  
And bring us together to praise God again.*

**Postlude**

*"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"*

By Denny Cagle & based on Colossians 3:15



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God.

*"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth."* Psalm 108:5

**LECTOR:** *Frank Rosso.*

**SOUND SYSTEM:** *Blaine Seip.*

**JULY BIRTHDAY LIST:** *Beverley Knoebel (7/14).*

### IMPORTANT CONGREGATION INFORMATION

Following this morning's worship service, we ask everyone to be seated for a congregational meeting where we will vote on whether we should purchase an Allen Electronic Organ to replace our pipe organ at the cost of \$71,005.00. The Church Board has recommended this action and we are asking the congregation to support it.

Next Sunday our worship service will be held at West Penn Park to celebrate the completion of this year's Bible School. We encourage everyone to join us at this 10:00 AM service.



**Thank you for your abundant donations for the children's baggies. However ~ we are in need of crackers, gold fish, etc. The children thank you for their enjoyment and contentment!**

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

### **Today, Sunday, July 21:**

9:00 AM Worship Service

Congregational vote on the church organ

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Church Board

### **Monday ~ Friday, July 22-26:**

6:00-8:00 Bible School

### **Next Sunday, July 28:**

10:00 AM VBS Closing Program at West Penn Park

Sign-up sheet is posted on the table in the church parlor

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday, September 6th from 4:00-8:00pm

Saturday, September 7th

from 12:00-7:00pm

Food, Games, Basket Raffle, Book Sale, Vendors, Entertainment

More Information to follow



## **WASP Basket Raffle for the Fall Festival**

We are looking for basket raffle donations, baskets and/or gift cards with at least a \$20 value. Baskets should be wrapped, if possible and both baskets & gift cards can be dropped at the church during church hours or on any Sunday morning.

We are also accepting Bingo prizes, and these do not have to be wrapped and can be placed in the choir room. You can contact Lori Hoppes at 610-393-0901.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Elaine will not be in the office beginning July 30th due to surgery and recovery. Her daughter, Anne Scott, will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays in her absence. Her office hours will vary on those days.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES  
AT HOME AND ABROAD**



**Deployed to Israel:**

**Tyler Resch**

**Deployed to Japan:**

**John McGuire**

**Deployed to Africa:**

**Jonathan Liggitt**

**Michelle Liggitt**



**Active Duty,  
Not Deployed:**

**Mark Habel**

**Dustin Hoppes**

**LeRoy E. Kromer II**

**Timothy Kromer**

**Ezekiel Kuneck**

**Sean Kurtz**

**Antonio Lorenzo**

**Dominic Lorenzo**

**Amanda Miller**

**Austin Resch**

**Alexis Scott**

**Trevor Schilling**

**Andy Snyder**

**Ryan Snyder**

**Chad Wehr**

**Mark West**

**Scott West**

**Michael Zeigenfuss**

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON OUR VISITATION LIST**

**Gracedale Nursing Home: Lynn Gerber**

**Mahoning Convalescent Home: Dorothy Miller, Leonard Miller**

**Maple Shade Meadows: Edith Coombe, Hazel Arner**

**Scenic View: Olga Faust**

**The Palmerton: Barbara Kershner**

**St. Luke's Miner's Coaldale ~ 5th Floor: Althea Zehner**

**At Home:**

**Buddy Arner**

**Velma Schaeffer**

**Robert Coombe Larry Miller**

**Doris Wolfe**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

**Michael, Kay, Mikayla, Leilani, & Michael Killar in Thailand  
Maude, Valera, Zarina, Alexander, & Nicolas Motovilov in the  
Czech Republic**

**Say a Prayer for:**

Loved Ones of  
Herman Snyder  
Loved Ones of  
Henry Long  
Lo Ann Algard  
Caroline Lantz  
Richard Knadler  
Kent Miller  
Ron Hinderliter  
Ky Faust  
Brad Steigerwalt  
Rose Hinkle  
Theresa Derher  
Hollie Fox  
Ann Mimn  
Andrew Kane  
Robbie Trainer  
Nadine  
Sonia Finnegan  
Donald Moyer  
Charlotte Miller  
Bruce Miller  
Gary Steigerwalt  
Sharon Horning  
Charlotte Solt  
Paulette Rex  
Mike Canty  
Pat Conner  
Hazel Arner  
Anne Scott  
Bonnie Miller  
Kenneth Breiner  
Paul David  
Dan Myers

Rita Yarmell  
Dr. Harry Berger  
Rose Marek  
Tim Phillips  
Cassie Wolfe  
Evor "Butch" Williams  
Erlin Moyer  
Teresa Fowler  
Gregory Slivka  
Mary Lou McGowan  
Rev. James Seifert  
Rev. Russell & Corrine  
Heintzelman  
Kathy Hoppel  
Mark Wolfe  
Shawn Phillips  
Leonard Miller  
Connie Heckman  
Gail Thon  
Patrick Pulanco  
Bob Goerner  
Rev. Russ Campbell  
Chester Jones  
Dan McMullen  
Loretta Beers  
David Schoch  
Erin Coombe  
Karen Lenhart  
Billy James  
Laurie Black  
Darryl Moyer  
Betty Breiner  
Sherry Seip  
Maggie Wehr  
Nancy Domanski

Melinda Frey  
Linda Agosti  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolf  
Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Zayden Mabey  
John Kowlewski  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Gino Lorady  
Kim & Dave Carson  
Louise Billman  
Tony Masor  
Sherry Walz  
Darlene Kunkel  
Erla Biasi  
Carolyn Kunkle  
Jillian Datchko  
Donna Roderick  
Jaden Leiby  
Justin Klotz  
Gene McCormik  
William Shirar  
Amy Meixsall  
Jackson Delebar  
Austin Klein  
Melissa Drake  
Lorna Hart  
Carson Barron  
Nancy Barkus



**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact  
Rev. Herring, Chris Miller or the church office.**



**July 14, 2024**

**Attendance: 71**

**Plate Offering: \$ \$152.00**

**Total Current Offering: \$ 1,804.50**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 213.00**

**Year-to-date Fuel: \$ 715.00**

**Year-to-date Elevator: \$ 405.00**

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**Benevolence:**

**Total YTD: \$ 5,301.50**

**2024 combined benevolence goal is \$10,000.00**

**St. Peter's Church, West Penn**

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**Denise Moyer, Board President ~ 484-695-1887**

**Lori Hoppes, Vice President ~ 610-393-0901**

**For visitations/emergencies, please contact**

**Rev. Glenn Rarick at (570) 621-8025.**

**Contact Denise Moyer, Board President for general concerns at 484-695-1887.**

**Contact for our TLC Committee for Your Special Needs:**

**Please call Sue Conner at (570) 778-5367, or text her at [jrotc@ptd.net](mailto:jrotc@ptd.net).**

**Sexton: Lou Ann Algard**

**Financial Secretary: Jacqueline McCandless Church Office: Elaine Koons**

**Church Office Phone: (570) 386-4388**

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday 10:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM**

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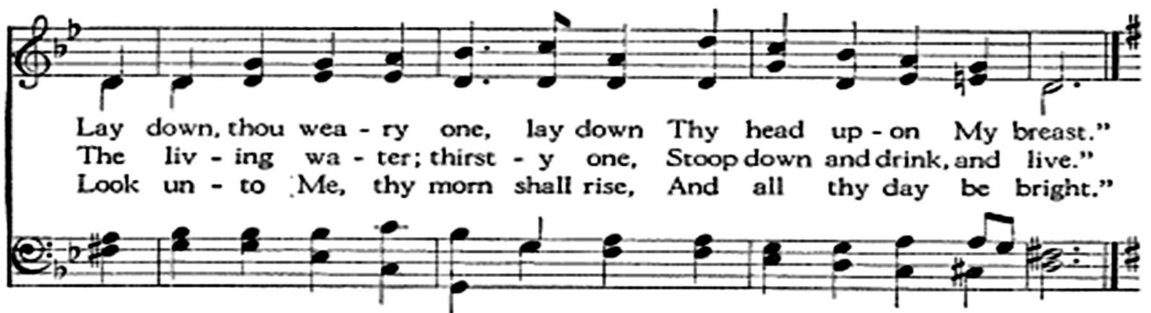
Rev. Glenn Rarick will be serving as our visitation/emergency minister. If you would like a visit or are going to the hospital, please let him know at 570-621-8025.

# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

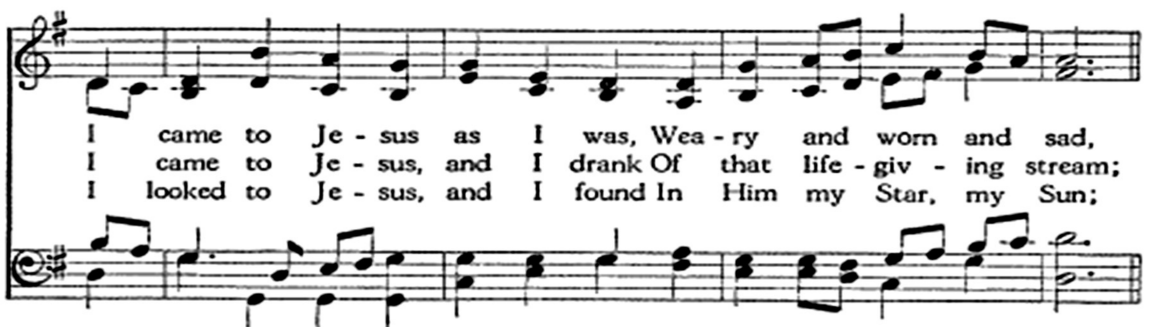
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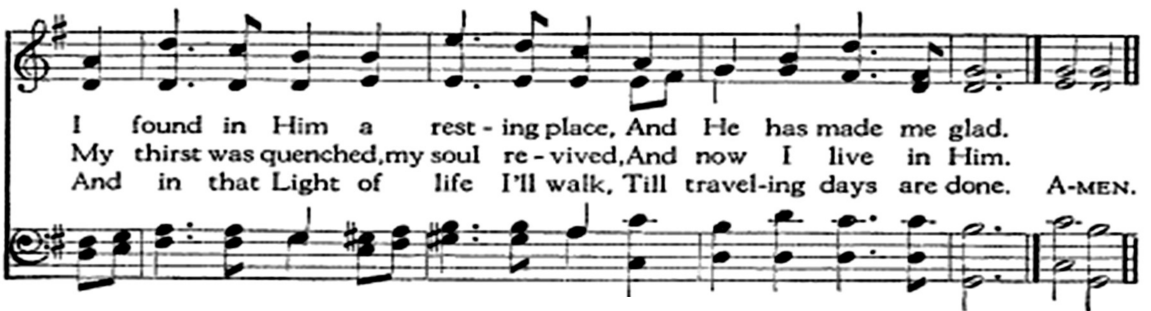
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold I free - ly give  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am his dark world's Light;



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink, and live."  
Look un - to Me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, Wea - ry and worn and sad,  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that Light of life I'll walk, Till travel - ing days are done. A - MEN.