

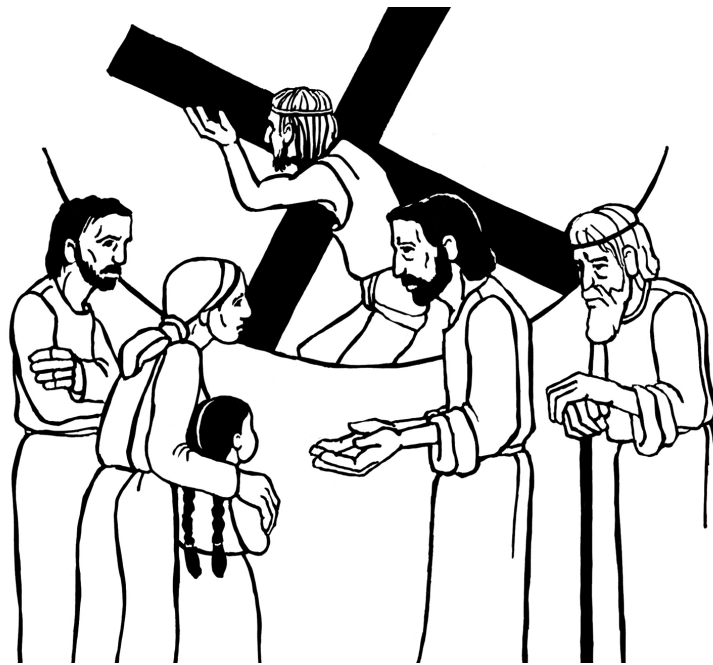
Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

Worship Service

Indoor /Outdoor Worship Service (You can sit in your car outside church
and tune in on the Radio Station at FM 88.3)



*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped
by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day:
Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and
forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's
grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in
this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in
God as our own.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

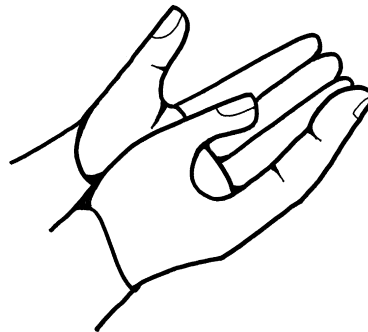
God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven +and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Gathering Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW # 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



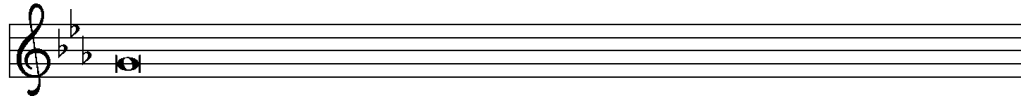
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together.

All: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

+WORD+

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that [|] do not wither; everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. R**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our

fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Tonnesen



Hymn of the Day: “*Around You, O Lord Jesus*” *ELW# 468*



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!”
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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Apostles’ Creed

P: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

All 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

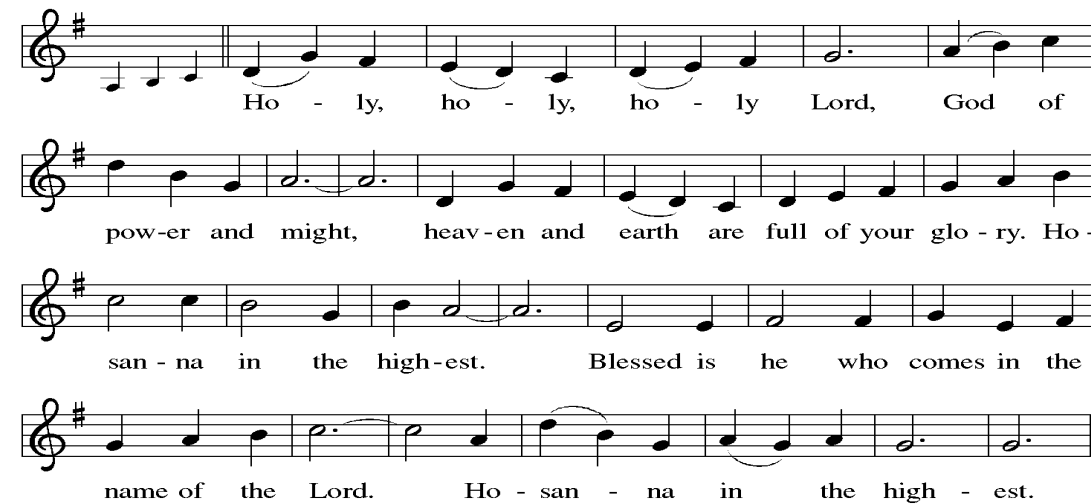


Proper Preface:

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:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

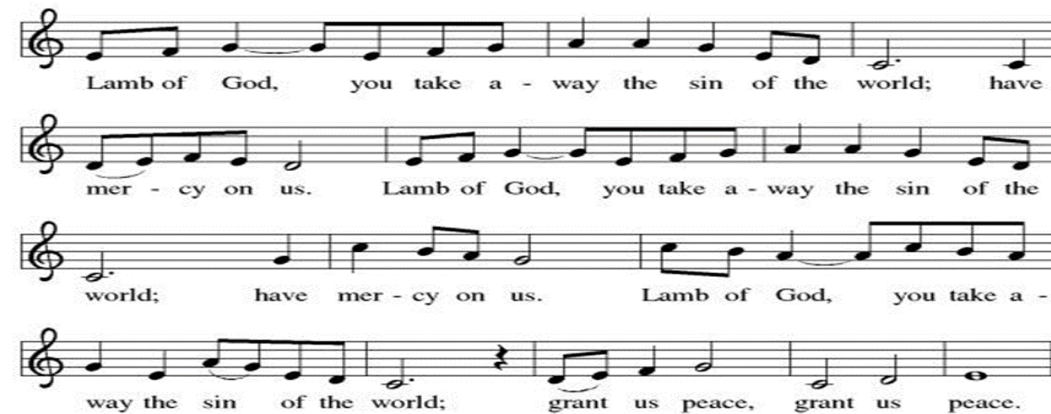
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come. Be filled with light and life.

Please be seated-

Lamb of God



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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, +one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

ELW # 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,

2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.

3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,

4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.

Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.

he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.

that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,

Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:

Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;

we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.

all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.

then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.

in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.

Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.

Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to everyone and we are thankful to have you with us in worship. You are invited to sign the attendance book located at the end of each pew, a helpful way to communicate with the congregation, pastor and church office.

Altar Flowers (September 4) are giving to the Glory of God and in memory of Joann Lewis by Mary Brown.

Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. There are many dates available.

All Information for the Sunday bulletin needs to be in by **Tuesday Noon**.

To prepare for Next Sunday (September 11), 14th Sunday after Pentecost: Exod. 32:7-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-14; Luke 15:1-10.

Attendance: 8/28/2022: Outdoor/Indoor Worship Service: Lutheridge

ALTAR GUILD SIGN-UP SHEET is available in the Narthex. Please sign-up for the remaining months in the year. Thank You!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers: Members of Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Visit our Web Site: <http://www.philadelphialutheran.org>

Email: church@philadelphialutheran.org

Church Ph. & Fax: 704-922-5334

Pastor: Pastor Shea Berbaum Cell: 336-633-9770 (In case of an emergency, or if you need a Pastor) Email: shea.berbaum@gmail.com **"Do you know someone who would benefit from a conversation or a visit with the Pastor? Please let Pastor Shea or the church office know! Pastor Shea can be reached at 336-633-9770."**

Parish/Financial Secretary: Lisa Rubow Music: Amy Lewis

Lector: Reading of First/Second Lessons/Psalm: Brad Jarrett

Parish Mail:

Altar Guild: Mary Brown, Lesa Schafer



WE PRAY...

*Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage you to include them in your *Prayer Life* during the coming week. Please contact the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for *Intercessory Prayer*. In our ongoing prayers: Faye Cloninger, Mary Jo Friday, Cindy Friday, David Luoto, Frances Lineberger, Cloteen Rogers, Steve Cloninger, John Jarrett/Janice Jarrett, Clay Pasour, Ed Friday, Ginger Cloninger, Danny and Rhonda Adams, Rhonda Love, Ellen Adams, Dixie Shives, Ricky Schertz, Frank Parker, Healing from the COVID-19 Virus*

Nursing home, Assisted Living or Rehabilitation Facilities:

Frances Lineberger: Room 17a Courtland Terrace, 2300 Aberdeen Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054, Phone Number: 704-671-6820

Evelyn Watts : 904 2ND ST NE APT 113, Hickory NC, 28601-3871

Carole Jean Lineberger: Brian Center of Lincolnton Room #407-A 515 South Generals Blvd. Lincolnton, NC 28092

Betty Smith: Stanley Total Living Center, 514 Old Mt Holly Road, Stanley NC 28164

Dian Newton: 2418 Glenridge Dr, Gastonia, NC 28054-1130 Number 704-879-7023

Howard Pasour: 1067031 – AVERY MITCHELL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION P.O. Box 247 Phoenix MD 21131

If you wish to add/or remove names to the prayer list, please call the church office (704-922-5334)

Please note...Envelopes are available in the Narthex to give a donation for the Kentucky Flood Victims.



Sunday, September 4, 2022 “13th Sunday after Pentecost”

11:00am Indoor/ Outdoor Communion
Worship Service: Pastor Phil Tonnesen

Monday, September 5, 2022 “Labor Day”

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

11:00am WELCA will resume. Meeting at the church.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

5:00pm **Choir practice**
6:30pm Pastor Shea’s bible study on Zoom.

Sunday, September 11 , 2022 “14th Sunday after Pentecost”

11:00am Indoor/Outdoor....
Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Sunday, October 23, 2022 OctoberFest/Homecoming. Covered Dish after church Service.

You’re Invited ,
HOMECOMING @ Holy Communion Lutheran Church,

Sunday, September 25, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

BBQ lunch following the service.

Kindly RSVP if you will be joining us for lunch so we can plan according. Please email: office@hclcdallas.org or call the church office @ 704 922 5375.



THE GENERAL BUDG-

	ET BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
8-28-2022	\$ 2,793.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,793.34
Year to date	\$97,766.90	\$ 70,972.00	\$ (26,494.90)

For the year 2022, as of 8-28-2022

\$ 775.00	Building Fund
\$ 47.00	Long Range Building Fund
\$ 344.00	Dallas Christian Ministries
\$ 500.00	Lutheran World Relief
\$ 150.00	Kentucky Flood Victims
\$ 850.00	Area Lutheran Foundation
\$2,666.00	Total

Memorials: During the past week, the following memorials were given to the Glory of God and in support of:

Philadelphia Lutheran Church:

In memory of Brenda Punch by James and Juanita Caudill

Kentucky Flood Victims:

In memory of Gary Weant by Linda Weant.

To the Glory of God by Laura Lewis.

Building Fund:

In memory of Urbie West and in honor of Pat West by John and Vivian Friday.

Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Hours: Tuesday and Thursday...9:00am-1:00pm. Donations (Just food at the present time) can be brought to the ministry on Monday and Wednesday mornings 11:00am –2:00pm. And most Friday mornings. No clothing donations. Check out their new website: www.dallaschristianministry.com. You can also find them on Facebook (Dallas Christian Ministry) - Every Wednesday they post “Wish List Wednesday” with items needed. Thanks for your continued support for this ministry!

Welcome

We would like to extend a special welcome to Phil Tonnesen. We appreciated him filling while Pastor Shea is away. A 1993 graduate of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, the Rev. Philip T. Tonnesen has been serving on the Bishop's Staff since 1997. Prior to this call he served in a team ministry at Cross and Crown in Matthews. Responsibilities on the synod staff include: Call Process, Conflict Management, and Coordination of Conference Deans. In addition, he serves as the Bishop's liaison for the following ministries: Global Mission, Campus Ministry, and First Call Theological Education.

Philip and wife, Debbie, met while attending Lenoir-Rhyne College and have been married for 34 years. They are blessed with three wonderful children, Julie, Greg and Katie. Together, they enjoy traveling, boating and fishing.

