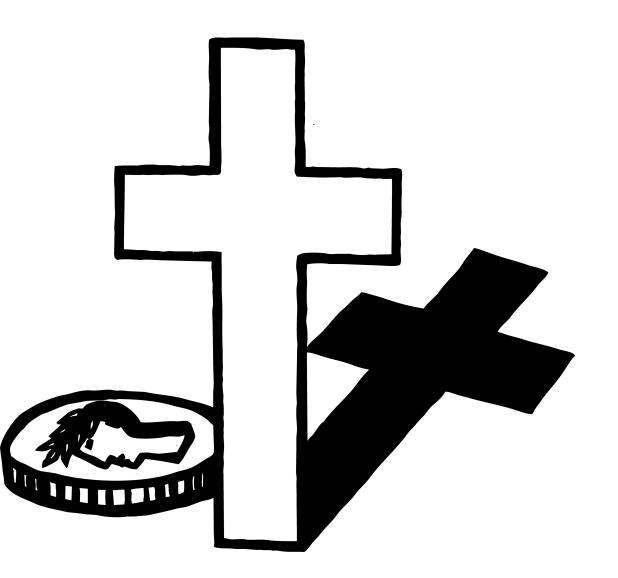
Philadelphia Lutheran Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Worship Service 11:30am



Prelude

Welcome to everyone and we are thankful to have you with us in worship today.

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **C: Amen.**

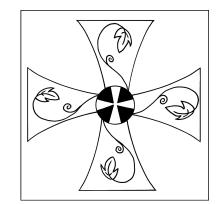
P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

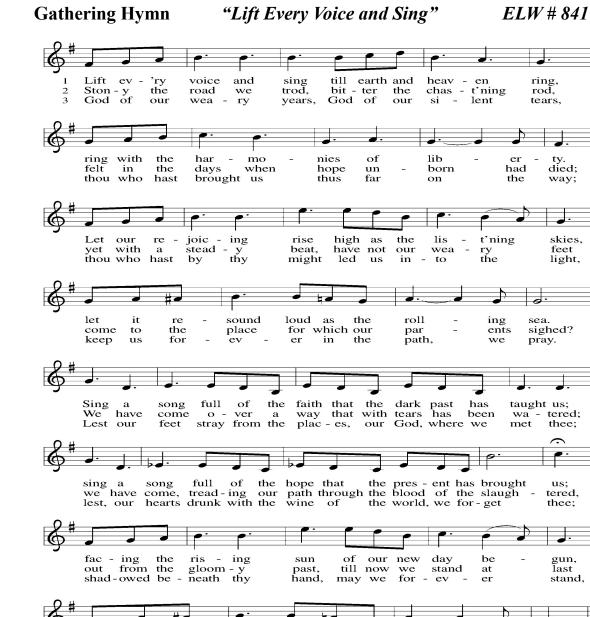
P: Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are Overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P; Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.





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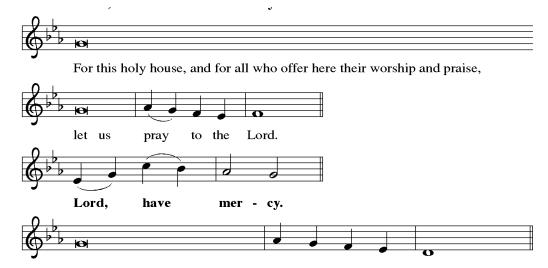
Greeting:

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

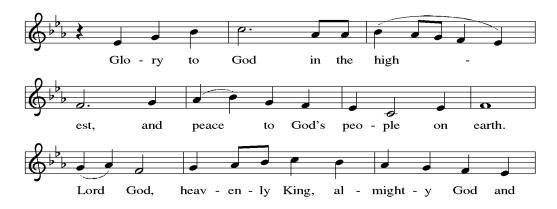


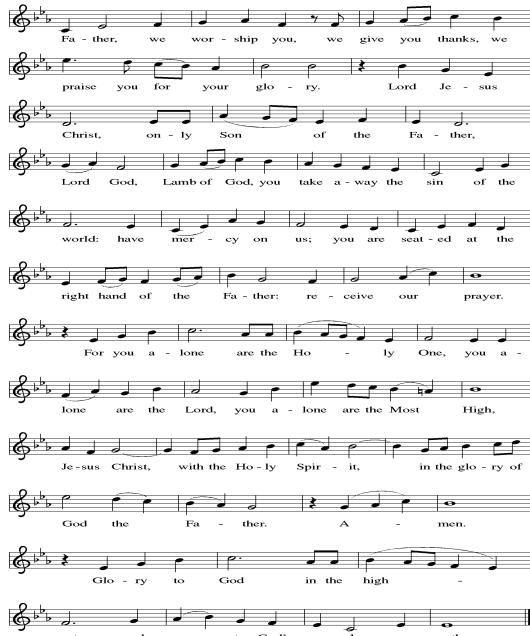


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Hymn of Praise





est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together.

C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+WORD+

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the [|] people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let [|] the earth shake.

²The LORD, ¹great in Zion, is high a-¹ bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome; God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es-¹ tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous-¹ ness in Jacob. R

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be-¹ fore God's footstool; God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your ¹ name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil-¹lar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ¹ evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's [|] holy hill; for the LORD our God is the [|] Holy One. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities. ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

P: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter



ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

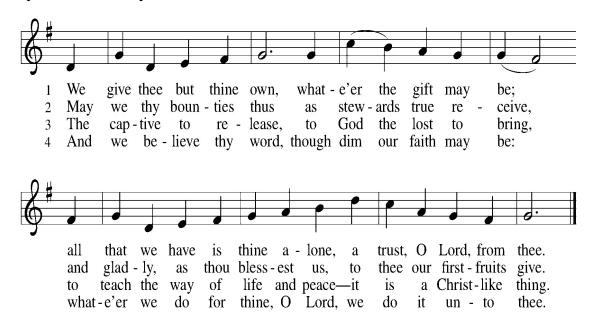
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the LordC: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Shea Berbaum



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants (*especially*). Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering (*especially*). Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you alwaysC: And also with you.

Offering



Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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Canticle of Thanksgiving "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW# 886 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise, 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease, 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive; glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of the his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve. 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, 6 To God all glory, praise, and love O fallen human race! be now and ever giv'n Look and be saved through faith alone, by saints below and saints above, be justified by grace! the church in earth and heav'n. Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Адмон, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872 Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

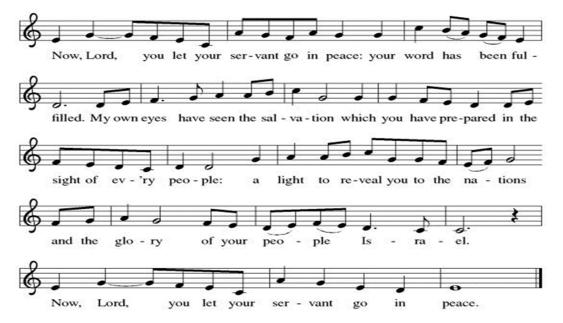
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

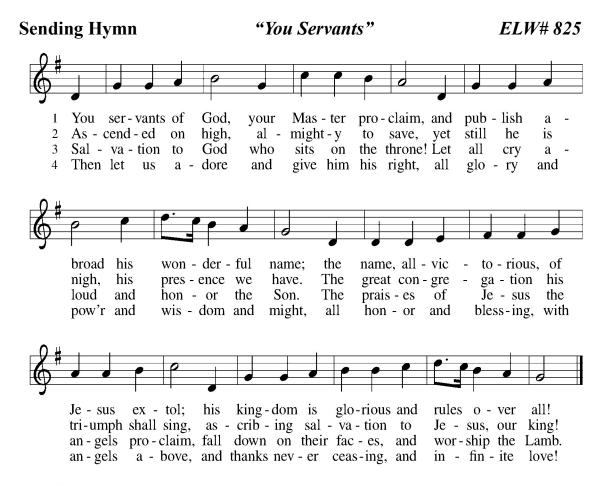
Lord's Prayer:

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.



Blessing

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers (October 22, 2023) are given to the Glory of God.

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet for reading Sunday scriptures available in the Narthex.

Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. There are many dates available. Altar Flowers for 2023.....Please note...There will be an increase in the flowers this year. Cost: \$47.00 for both flowers. One flower will be \$23.50. Gaston Floral Garden.

All Information for the Sunday bulletin needs to be in by Tuesday Noon),

To prepare for Next Sunday (October 29), Reformation Sunday, Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

Attendance: 10/15/2023: Outdoor/Indoor Worship Service: 18

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 Parish Mail: Amy Lewis Council Rep., October: Lewis Friday Altar Guild October: Mary Brown Lector October: Allison Adams Council Rep., November: Aaron Adams Altar Guild November: Lector November:



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: Ed Friday, Dian Newton, Faye Cloninger, Mary Jo Friday, Cindy Friday, David Luoto, Frances Lineberger, Cloteen Rogers, Steve Cloninger, Janice Jarrett, Ginger Cloninger, Danny and Rhonda Adams, Greg Teague, Rhonda Love, Ellen Adams, Ricky Schertz, Frank Parker, Julie Pettus, Bishop Tim Smith.

Nursing home, Assisted Living or Rehabilitation Facilities:

Frances Lineberger: TerraBella Cramer Mountain, 500 Cramer Mountain Road, Cramerton, NC 28032, Phone Number: 704-823-4105
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If you wish to add/or remove names to the prayer list, please call the church office (704-922-5334



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!



Sunday, October 22, 2023 "21st Sunday after Pentecost"

10:45-11:15am Connection Time

11:30am Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

2:00pm Bible Study at Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 26, 2023

7:00 In person/Zoom Bible Study at Holy Communion following the meal. See Pastor Shea for more information.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:00 - 6:00pm Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 2023 "Reformation Sunday"

10:45-11:15am Connection Time

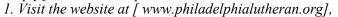
11:00am Joint Worship Service at Holy Communion Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00am Fall Conference Gathering at St. Paul's (See Bulletin Board)

Introduction of Online Giving:

Philadelphia is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation. consistency for our congregation. To get started simply follow these steps:



2. Click on the [online giving] button, then

3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!





THE GENERAL BUDGET

BUDGETRECEIVEDSTATUS10-15-2023\$ 2,888.00\$1,415.56\$ (1,473.44)Year to date\$121,296.00\$98,453.22\$(22,842.78)

For the year 2023, as of 10-15-2023

- \$1,025.00 Building Fund
- \$125.00 Dallas Christian Ministry
- \$ 40.00 Vacation Bible School
- \$ 55.00 Long Range Building Fund
- \$ 40.00 Worship/Music
- \$300.00 Pipe Organ Fund
- \$ 215.00 Hoyle Scholarship
- \$2,000.00 Landscaping
- \$775.00 Area Lutheran Foundation
- \$4,575.00 **Total**

Memorials: During the past week, the following memorials were given to the Glory of God and in support of:
Building Fund:
In honor of Nancy Pasour and Janice Jarrett by John and Vivian Friday.
Long Range Building Fund:
To the Glory of God by David Luoto.
Organ Fund:

In memory of Clay Pasour by Mike and Amy Lewis.



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Trunk or Treat! On Saturday, October 28 from 4:00pm—6:00p. Please come and decorage your trunk and have a game too! (If you can't think of a game see Linda Friday or Kelly Hepler they can help you out)