



Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:
C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire

forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

O, Christ Our Hope

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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

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

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



P: 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.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep God's Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, you long for the faithful to answer your invitation to come, work, welcome and celebrate in the community that is the foretaste of your Kingdom. Send the Spirit, that we will be stirred to respond to your call, leaving behind the priorities and perspectives of the social networks we were born into, to take up the evaluative point of view we have been baptized into, seeing all people and all situations with the eyes of Christ. Let the joy of being your people fill us this day as together we listen to your word, sing your praise and gather in the fellowship of your wedding banquet of bread and wine. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 25

The Prophet Isaiah spoke the Word of the Lord to God's people, saying . .

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. . . Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of the enemy like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On the holy mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread

over all nations; the Lord will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the Lord's people the Lord will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for the Lord, so that the Lord might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

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*The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom will I fear?*

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom will I be afraid?**

*When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh--*
**my adversaries and foes--
they will stumble and fall.**

*Though an army encamp against me,
my heart will not fear;*
**though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

*One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:*
**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

*For the Lord will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;*
**the Lord will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; the Lord will set me high on a rock.**

*Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,*
**and I will offer in the Lord's tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!*

**"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

St. Paul writes . . .

If there is *any* encouragement in Christ, *any* consolation from love, *any* fellowship in the Spirit, *any* compassion and sympathy, *then* make my joy complete by sharing the same evaluative point of view as Christ! Have the same love. Have the same evaluative point of view on doing nothing from selfish ambition or from conceit, but let your humility lead to the elevating of others above yourself so that you are not just selfishly thinking about yourself, but also thinking about each other. This was the kind of evaluative point of view that was in Christ and should now also be in you! Christ, who, existing in the form of God, considered it no treasure to be God's equal, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, appearing in human likeness. And so figured, being found as human, humbled himself, becoming obedient as far as death - and death on a cross! Therefore, God also highly exalted him and freely gave him the name that is above all names, so that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, heavenly, earthly and subterranean, and every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me - not only while I was with you but much more now in my absence - work through your own salvation with fear and trembling - for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and internal scheming so that you may be blameless and innocent - Children of God! - without blemish in the midst of a generation that is "crooked" and misinterpreting reality. In the midst of *them*, *you* will shine like stars!

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon & Verse

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Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 22

The Parable of the Unwelcomed Guest at the Wedding Feast

While Jesus was still in the Temple speaking with the Pharisees, the Chief Priests and the Elders of the people he told them another parable.

The Kingdom of the Heavens is like a man – a King – who does the wedding banquet of his son and he sends his slaves to ‘call those being invited into the wedding banquet,’ and they had no desire to come.

Again, the king sends other slaves saying, 'Tell those being invited: ‘Look, I have prepared my lunch – my oxen and my fat calves are slaughtered, and everything is ready! Come into the wedding banquet!’ But, being without care, they go away. On the one hand, one into his own field, but another to his emporium, but the rest, grabbing his slaves, insult them, and kill them. But the king is wrathful, and sending his troops, destroys those murderers, and set their city on fire.

Then the king says to his slaves, 'On the one hand, the wedding banquet is ready, but those being invited are not worthy. Go, then, into the through-ways and the ways and invite everyone you may find into the wedding banquet.'

And going out into the ways those slaves gather together everyone they find, both wicked and good, and fulfill the wedding banquet with guests seated at the tables.

But, the king entering to observe the guests sees a man not wearing wedding clothing and the king says to him, 'Friend, how did you enter this way without having wedding clothing?' But he is silenced!

Then the king says to the attendants, 'Binding him hand and foot, cast him into the outer darkness - there will be the Weeping and the Gnashing the Teeth.' For, many are called, but few are The Chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* **451**



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,

that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir-it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Apostles Creed

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.

Blessing of the Quilts & Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

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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 the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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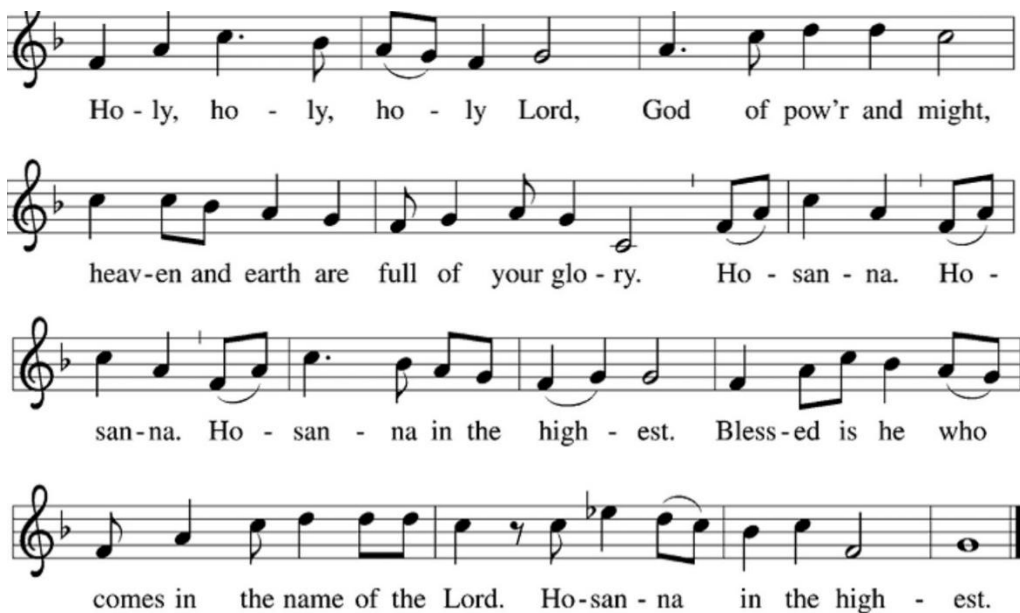
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P: It is indeed . . .



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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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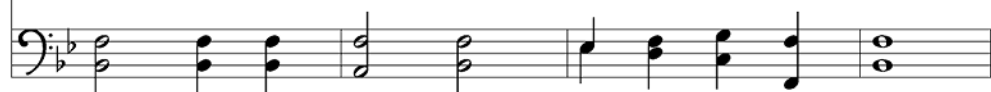
1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.



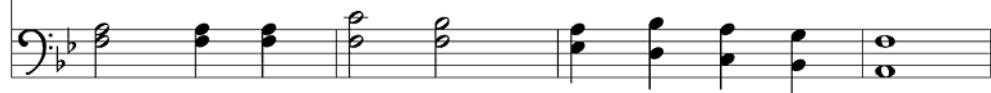
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies;
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

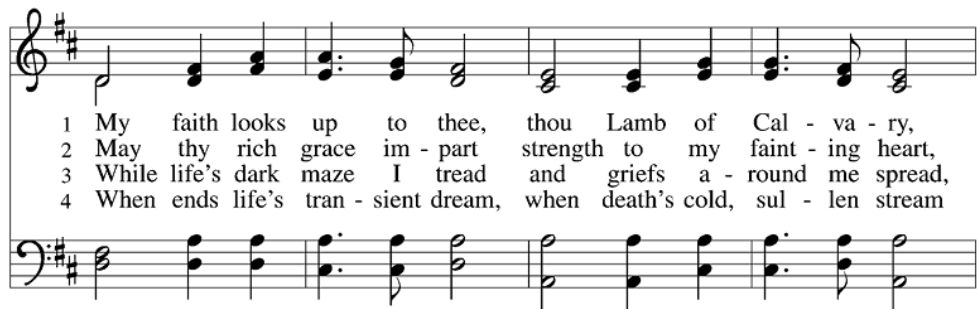


stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

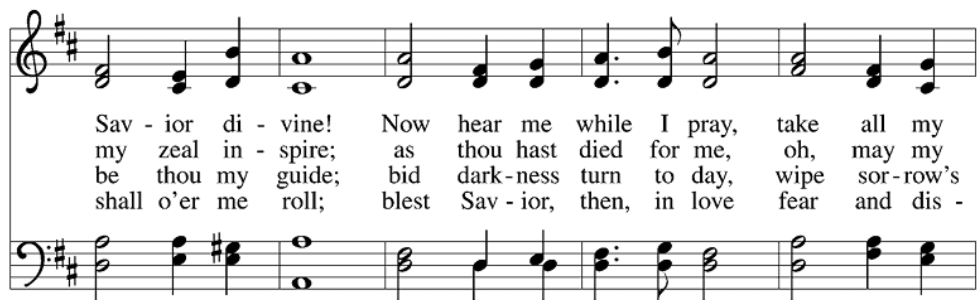


and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.





1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



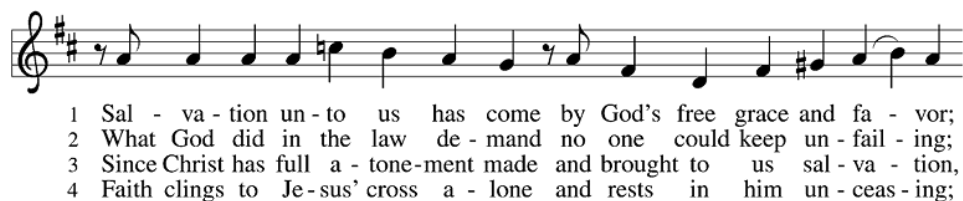
Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



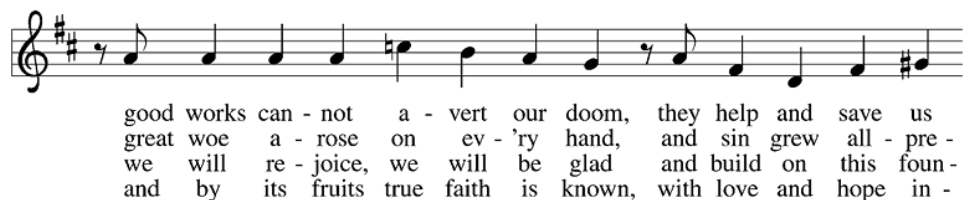
guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional *Salvation Unto Us Has Come* **590**



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
 3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
 great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

All blessing, honor, thanks and praise
to Father, Son and Spirit!
Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
all glory to your merit!
O mine God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name we hallow.

Your kingdom come, your will be done
in this world, as in heaven;
give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven,
as we forgive what others do;
in ev'ry sees us through;
from evil save us. Amen.

Postlude & Dismissal

Flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of Pastor Chris' Birthday.



Sunday, September 13

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the LWR Quilts

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Begins!

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

9:45 a.m. Personal Care Kit Assembly in the Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 14

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online only

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, September 17

LWR Truck pick-up date

Sunday, September 20

Last Day to Place Order for Memorial Bricks

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Class Meeting

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

John and Samantha de Graffenried Evans would like to extend an invitation to the members of Grace Lutheran Church to attend the baptism of Mary Anne Elizabeth Evans on Saturday September 26th at 12:00 pm. A casual luncheon will follow the baptism. The baptism will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Stoverstown), 4767 Lehman Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362.

Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend to Kathie de Graffenried at (845)216-2302 (phone or text).

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