

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 19, 2025



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Kristi Leonhard, Donald Netzley, Dave Haldeman, Carl Mohler Jr., Mike Leed, Elaine Haldeman, Patty Gehman, Ed Wentzel, Shirley Sweigart, Skip Hutchinson, Clair Miller, Jane Goshert (Home Hospice), Jay Stoltzfus (with family in Florida), Beverly Sweigart, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, Sam Soto, Roy Latshaw, Amanda Benton, Marty Leed & Family, Fay Weitzel, Vivian Gehr, Jay Weaver, Barb Moyer, Betty Cordes and Judy Meckley.

Artman Lutheran Home, Ambler: Sally Wealand

Ephrata Manor: Dorothy Hutchinson, Vesta Reber, Shirl Tobias, Pauline Sawyer, Joan Wentzel, Ella Felker and Bob Weaver

Ephrata Hospital: Pat McQuate

Lancaster General Hospital: Dave Wilhide & Doug Cody

Encompass Rehab, Reading: Jeff Moyer

Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine

Neffsville Rehab & Nursing: Pauline Martin

Maple Farms: Janet Hirneisen

Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Jason Harting, Nancy Bolotine, Pastor Dennis Trout, Pastor Dave Miller, Wes Soto, Pastor Mark Fischer, Californian's impacted by the fires, Bea Hassler, Mike Tangert, Paul Sweigart, Kelly Root, Mark Wojcicki, Dick Mountford, Jim Stewart, Andi Wealand Webber, Alyssa Schmeck, Vincent Fortunato, Karen Leonhard, John Duing, Sue Kreitz, Brian Aufer, Janet Hirneisen, Dennis Betz, Dale Firestone, Mary Royer, Quentin Ellis, Mary Sanger, Larry Weachter, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Brian Fetter, Pastor Karen Larson, Brian Kerns, Mary Lou Crum, Althea Hillegas, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Mary Morton, Robyn Redcay, Corrina Bender, Margaret Weller, Bud Bender, and Cynthia Peters.

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Chris Miller, Richard Keller, Susie Wentzel, Matt Thorn, Nicholas Bolotine,

John Hutchinson, Reverend Judy McKee, Ethel Leed, Grace Wentz, Don Craven,

Maribel Sanchez, Alex Becklin, Faye Pannebecker, Maggie Bollinger, Cindy Novak,

Dot Demming, Harriet Stoltzfus, Mick Smyer, Shanan Shortuse, Ray Vargo,

Lavern Gehman, Patricia Kieffer, Tom Craven, Bill Nodeen, Michelle Simpson,

Sam Heiser, Hunter Bristow, Clair High, Tom Dittoe, Donald Hain and Clara Ingram.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able
Ahava is playing this morning

Welcome / Announcements

Congregation is invited to sing

Preludes: *"Here I am To Worship"*

-Tim Hughes

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes
let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life
spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Hymn #671 *“Shine Jesus Shine”*

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine Fill this land With the Father's glory Blaze Spirit
blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow river flow Flood the nations With
grace and mercy Send forth Your word Lord And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING HYMN: #677** *“This Little Light of Mine”*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

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

C: Amen

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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

C: Amen

***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.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, 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

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

† GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 62:1-5

Lay Reader (Britany Hartlove): A reading from Isaiah the 62nd chapter. *The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

PSALM 36:5-10



We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches | to the heavens,
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your
justice like | the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O Lord. R**

⁷How priceless is your | love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

⁹For with you is the | well of life,
and in your light | we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,
and your favor to those who are | true of heart. R**

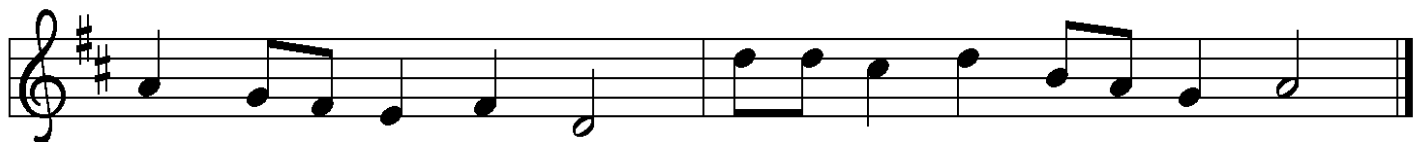
CHILDRENS SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



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

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.



Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE: "The Wedding Guest"

-Pastor Tim Craven

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*When A Star Is Shining*”

-Bob Moore

***THE 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

† Prayers of Intercession †

*P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (*especially*). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*OFFERING HYMN: "Christ Be Our Light"

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

*OFFERING PRAYER

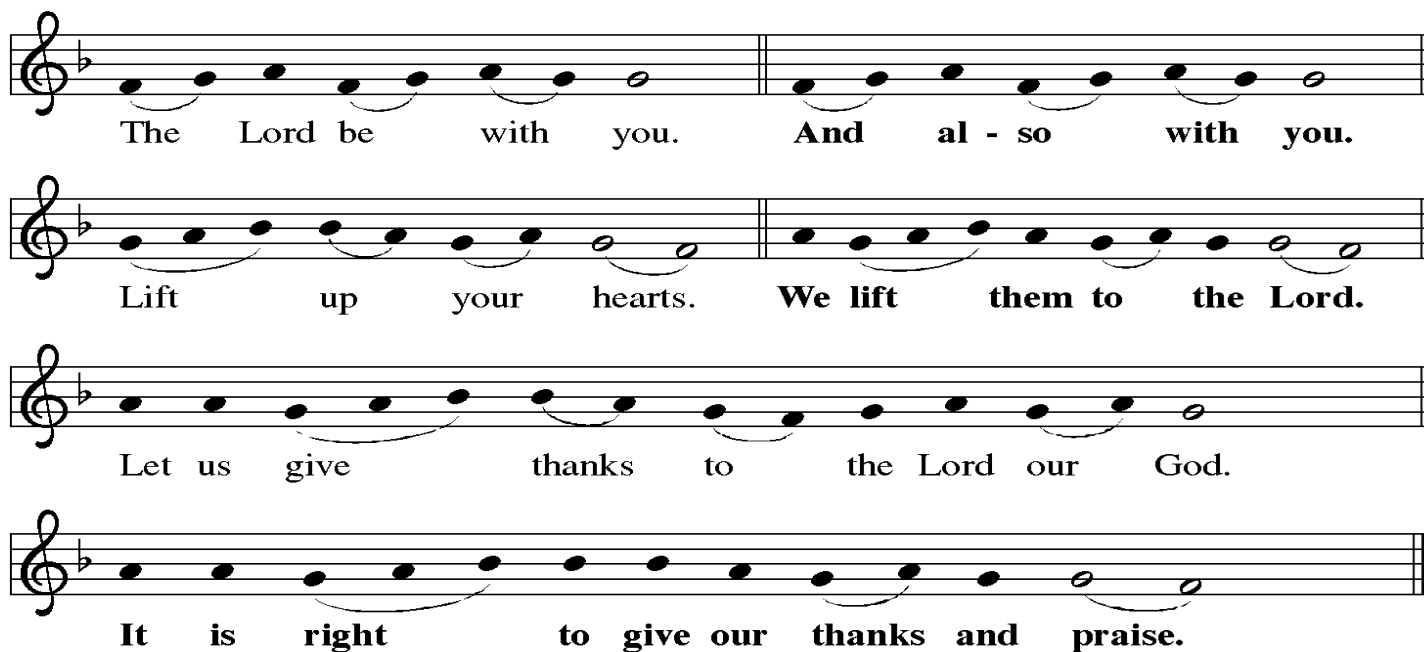
P: Merciful Father,

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

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

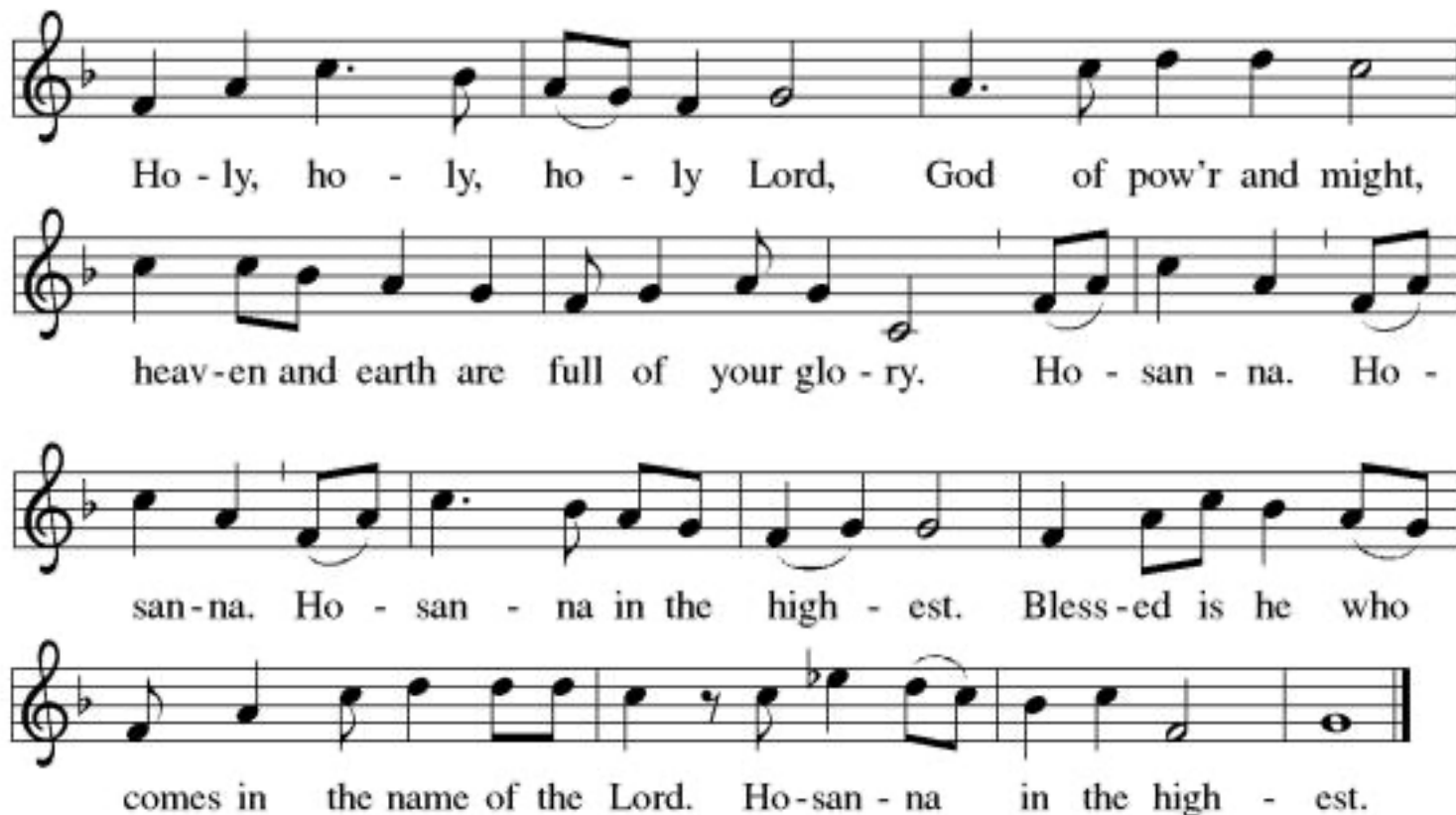


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*THE SANCTUS



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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and 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.

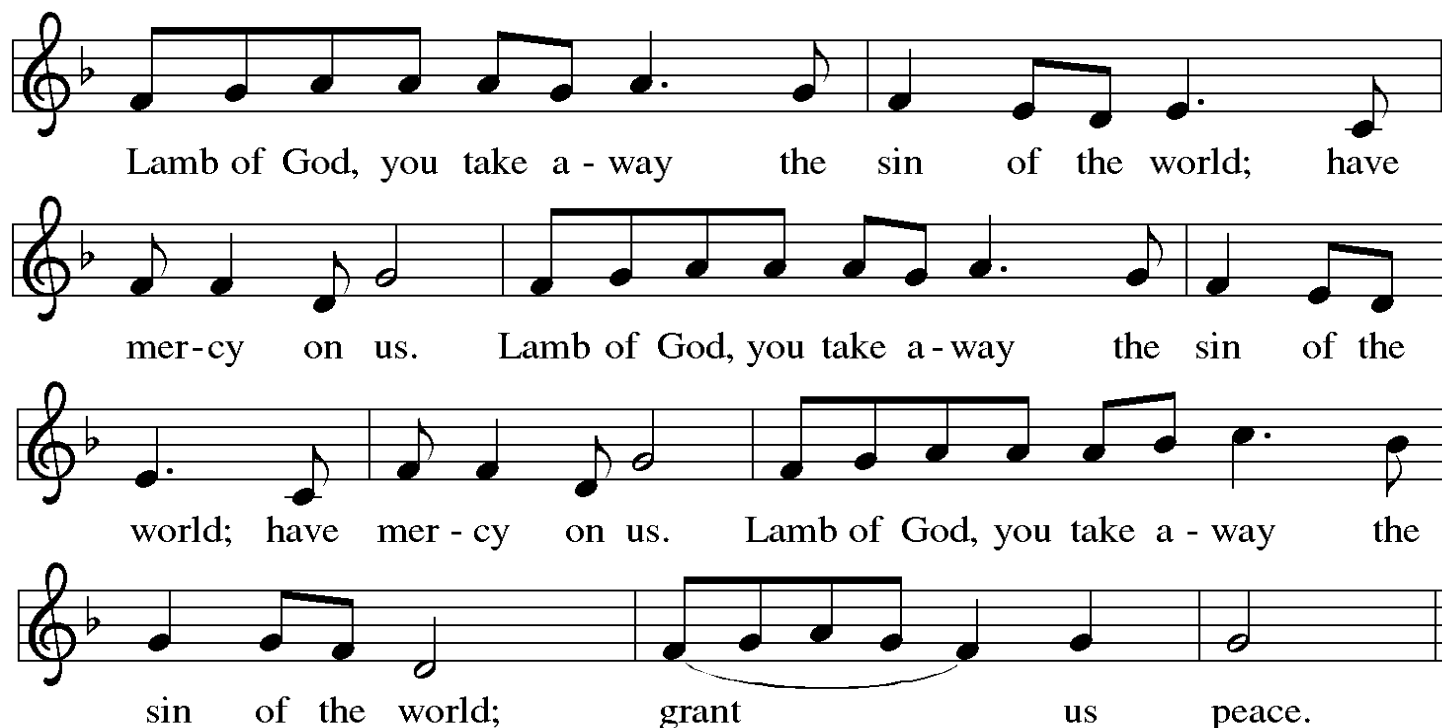
*TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI



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.

We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them. Pick Up an Empty Cup. A Grape Juice Option and Gluten Free Communion Wafers Provided. If You Cannot Come To the Chancel, Communion Will Be Taken To You. Please Notify An Usher.

Those in the Parking Lot Partake of Communion at this time.

During Communion

Hymn # 522: *“As We Gather at Your Table”*

Hymn #476: *“Thee We Adore, O Savior”*

Hymn #488: *“Soul Adorn Yourself in Gladness”*

Hymn #616: *“Jesus Remember Me”*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Canticle: Hymn #210: “Blessed Be God”**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation,
The spirit of mercy.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)

***SENDING HYMN #715: “Christ Be Our Light”**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Britany Hartlove

Communion Assistant: Lisa Reed

Psalmist: Pastor Tim

Videographer: Troy Adair

Soundboard: Joe Brubaker

Ushers: Mike Haller and Nancy Eberly

| Weekly Receipts Report as of 01/16/2023 | |
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| Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot) | 72/1 |
| Online Attendance | 121 |
| General Receipts | \$2,554.00 |

Please use our QR code to donate via PayPal.



The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are dedicated to the Glory of God by Nancy Eberly in Memory of Her Grandfather George John Schoch.



CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY MORNING
 AT 8:15AM OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.
 JANUARY 26 FEBRUARY 2 & 16

Announcements

Weather Statement:

In case of bad weather on a Sunday, after 7:30 AM check the church phone answering machine 717-336-8800 or Mellingers Facebook page if we have Service.



The 2025 Bulletin / Flower chart is hanging at the entrance doors on the Gockley Road side.

Dedications will be worded as follows:

The Altar Flowers and Bulletins are dedicated to the Glory of God by _____ in Honor/Memory of.

The suggested amount for sponsorship is \$20.00

For the Goat Fund; please fill out your donation then put it in a "Goat" envelope or make sure you write "Goat Fund" on your donation if you are using another envelope.



Synod Assembly 2025

Mellingers is looking for representatives to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly. This meeting will be held on June 5-7 at St Matthew Lutheran Church in York.

We would like to have one male and one female from the congregation to attend. A new Bishop is being elected this year. Contact Pastor Tim or the Church office if you would like to be a representative.



**Our Scout Sunday Service
will be held on February 2nd**



The scouts will be hosting their Spaghetti Supper in our
Social Hall on Saturday March 8th
Stop in to enjoy a nice dinner and support the boys.

The meal will include:

Spaghetti and meatballs, salad bar, a roll, beverages
and a dessert.

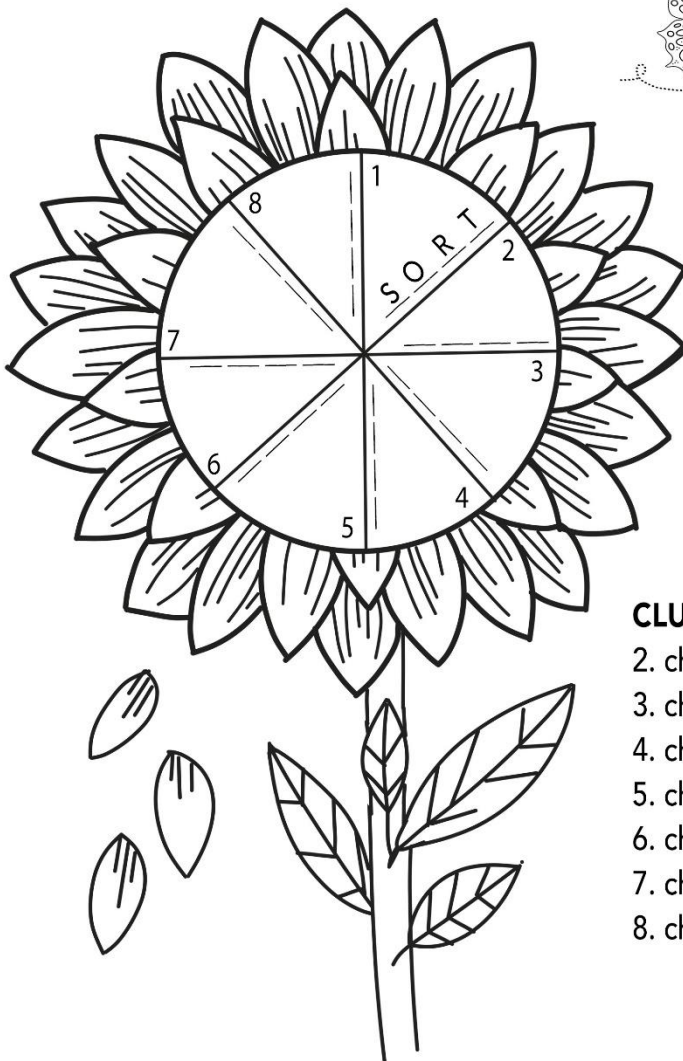
Adults: \$15 Children 5-11: \$8 Children under 5: Free
Pre-sale tickets are available or get your tickets at the door.



THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word.
Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).



SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

NO~~/~~WEGBEKLIBEVGEITIYS
 TUHRCOUJGHRTHOEGPRAH
 CEIOFXOUKRLHORCDJSESP
 USGTHWATYWEOARBESPAVLED
 RJUCSTQASHTHBEYFAROE



" _____

_____." Acts 15:11, NIV

