

August 10, 2025
9:30 AM
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism

Paragraph for bulletin cover:

As we enter this third part of the “Dear Children of God” series, do not lose the verve and vitality that flows between the lines in the letter to the Hebrews. The letter can feel quite academic, especially since many academics over millennia have unpacked it bit by bit by bit, trying to understand the mysteries of the faith that the letter explores. Yet underneath the dense prose is a passion for the gospel, a need to plumb the depths of our faith, not to hold it and contain, but to revel and wonder at the profound work of grace and divine love that saves us into union with God and, by extension, in loving community with one another.

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying - J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love

We begin our worship in the name of
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God's salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God's love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God's desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.

By faith, we follow God's call as we journey toward a better country.

By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.

By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God's already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now. Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW 853 When Morning Gilds the Skies

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 823 Praise the Lord! O Heavens



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet
us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope
Amen

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

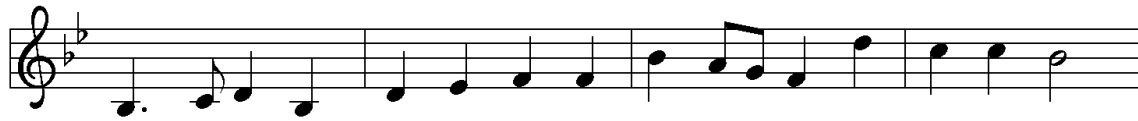
READING: Hebrews 11:3, 8-16

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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BAPTISM HYMN ELW 454 Remember and Rejoice

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Morning has Broken - arr. Woods
Janet Aldinger, harp

OFFERTORY ELW 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful and Gracious God, you have called us to be a people of hope, to trust in what we cannot see. As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our resources but also our faith -- faith that you are at work in our giving, building a future of justice, mercy, and love. Bless these offerings, that they may be signs of our longing for your kingdom and our trust in your promises. May our generosity inspire others to live with courage and conviction, seeking that better country you have prepared for us. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Children of God, by faith,
God has brought us this far.
Go now in the blessing of the God
who goes before you and behind you,
surrounding you on all sides with grace
as we journey toward a better country
in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Holy God, We Praise Your Name - Wilbur Held

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Today we are celebrating the baptism of Lelia Jane Ramil. She is the daughter of David and Allison (Davis) Ramil. Her sponsors are Matthew Davis and Sarah Toback.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Jill Iris, Ed Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Joe Tursi, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Linda Lysoby, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Sonny Carson and Katie Knowles.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, August 11	7:30pm Council meeting August hoagie orders are due
Tuesday, August 12	5:30pm Friedens cemetery repairs
Sunday, August 17	9:30am Worship

Order your hoagie by Monday, August 11th. Sign up outside PB's office or contact Elaine Keller at elainekeller@comcast.net or 215-262-5366. Pick up your hoagie on Thursday, August 21 between 5-6pm.

Blessing of the New School Year Sunday, August 24 – 9:30 AM

As we prepare for a new school year to start, we will take time during worship to bless not only our students but also all those who work within the school system – teachers, aides, administrators, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, etc.

Younger students are welcome to bring their backpacks for the blessing!

Bring your Grandparent to Church Sunday, September 7 – 9:30 AM

September 7 is Grandparents day – so bring your grandparents (or grandparents can bring their grandchildren) to church! After worship, enjoy some special fellowship time with refreshments and an easy craft activity. All are welcome!

Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday, September 14th

Sunday school starts at 9 AM followed by worship at 10:15 AM

Picture your Cross On Sunday, September 14th we will be celebrating Holy Cross Sunday and we plan to run a slide show with pictures of crosses that are meaningful to you. Please take a photo of that cross and send it to the church office no later than Monday, September 8th to be included.

Outdoor Worship at New Goshenhoppen Park on Sunday, August 31st at 10:30 AM. Bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share at the picnic that follows the join worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. This is also the hair color reveal following the Stop Hunger Challenge.

The Bishop is Coming! Save the date and join us for worship

Sunday, September 21st at 10:15 AM Worship will be followed by a catered luncheon – come on out and get to know our new SEPA Synod Bishop, the Rev. Bryan Penman



Care to Change!

As of this week, St. John's has collected

\$559

towards the challenge amount of

\$3000

We have until Sunday, August 24 to meet the challenge and insure that Pastor Becky has to dye her hair!

Donations can be dropped off at church or made electronically through the church website, www.stjsumneytown.org.

CHOW DOWN SUMNEYTOWN...

IT'S FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY!

JOIN US FOR FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, LOCALLY-
MADE BEVERAGES, SWEET TREATS, LAWN
GAMES, AND COMMUNITY!



FOOD BY FRY'S SCRATCH KITCHEN
SWEET TREATS BY KRESHA'S KREATIONS
DRINKS PROVIDED BY
PERKIOMEN VALLEY BREWERY & SALFORD STATION SPIRITS
LIVE MUSIC BY STEPHEN KURTZ

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3104 MAIN STREET, GREEN LANE, PA 18084

AUGUST 20
5-8PM

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Upper Perkiomen Valley invite you!*

END OF SUMMER

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Sunday, August 31
Worship at 10:30 AM

Worship and picnic will be held,
weather permitting,
at New Goshenhoppen Park,
618 3rd Street, East Greenville



Bring lawn chairs and a side dish
or dessert to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks
will be provided.



An indoor worship service will be held at 9 AM
at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg
and will be available online as well.

