

September 14, 2025  
10:15 AM  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
SS Kick-Off

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

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE    Pastorale - David Schack

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship,  
we celebrate you, Creator of all good things.

**God of wonder, we come together as a community of faith.**

We worship you, Savior and Redeemer.

**God of love, we come together as a community of faith.**

We feel your presence, Spirit of truth and knowledge.

**God of wisdom, we come together as a community of faith.**

**Bless our time together as we worship together in faith and thanksgiving.**

OPENING HYMN    ELW 676    Lord, Speak To Us, That We May Speak

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**

A LITANY OF COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

*Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18-20, NRSV)*

As disciples of Jesus Christ embarking on a new program year of learning and growing in faith,  
we commit ourselves to model discipleship.

**We affirm our belief that teaching and learning enhances our journey of faith and our walk with Christ.**

We believe that teaching and learning is based on the work of God revealed through scripture  
and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We affirm our belief that disciples are made and strengthened by making the scriptures prominent in our preparation and sharing with others.**

We believe that as participants in the faith forming ministry of the church we are responsible for creating an atmosphere of healing and wholeness, nurture and support for each individual.

**We also believe that we are not on this journey alone. With the Holy Spirit's help we will commit to helping create an atmosphere in which faith journeys are freely shared and inquiry is freely encouraged.**

We believe that through prayer in its many forms we give evidence that each person is known and heard by God. We pray for ourselves, each other, our church and our world.

**We commit to model discipleship through an active prayer life, both here in this place and in our lives beyond this place.**

We believe that all members are a vital part of the life of this church. Participation in its ministries beyond the classroom not only model discipleship through example but is also important for our growth through the community of faith.

**We covenant to support each other, to pray for each other, and to stand together as a community of faith.**

Let us pray: O God of wisdom, you have called us to faith in Christ. May we engage in opportunities to grow in faith in this new program year. May we seek ways to live out our faith that others might grow through our example. Pour out your Holy Spirit on all who seek to follow you and serve you. Empower us all to be willing disciples who engage in a life of faith that seeks to study, pray, worship, serve, witness and encourage one another. May the kingdom of God be known in and through us. We ask this in the name of the Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

+ WORD +

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

READING: I Timothy 1:12-17

*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 15:1-10

*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.**

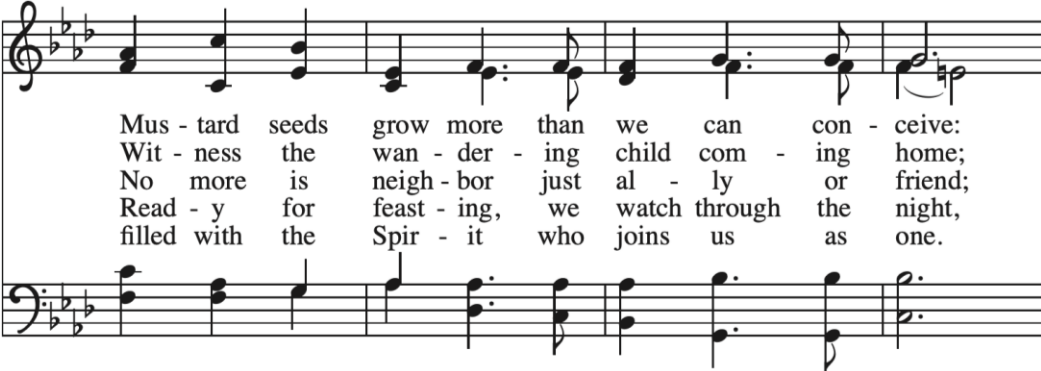
CHILDREN'S SERMON/BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1047 What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

Together with people of faith in all times and places, we profess our faith with the words of the creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

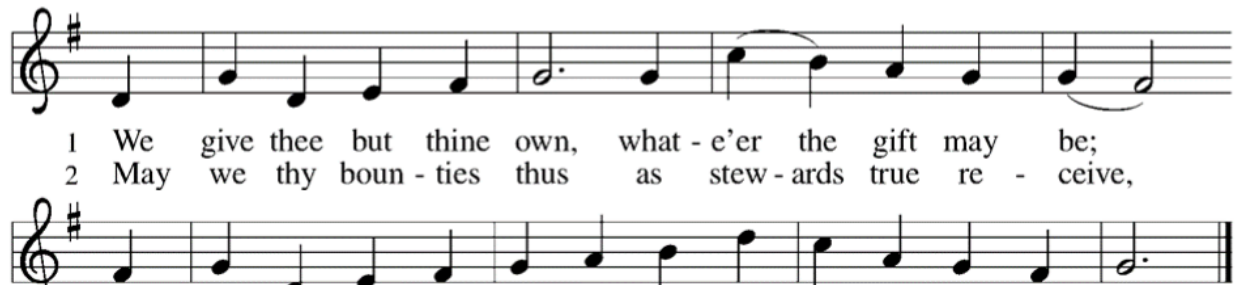
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.**

## OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING      Let there be Joy - Ruth Elaine Schram  
St. John's choir

## OFFERTORY



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

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition will end with the words:*  
God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**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

### BLESSING

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the faith!

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Marcia Celtica - Eric H. Thiman

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## PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Katie Knowles, Fred Swavely, Kevin Eagle, Marie Wolfe and Erik Ockenlaender.

## Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 15      6pm Girl Scouts  
7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal

Wednesday, September 17      6pm Girl Scout meeting  
6pm Taize Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hill  
7:30pm Third Year Confirmation

Thursday, September 18      10am Card Crew  
5pm Pick up Hoagies

Saturday, September 20      11am-4pm Green Lane 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 21 9am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship  
-following worship catered lunch with Bishop Penman

**The Bishop is Coming!** Join us for worship Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 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. If you plan to join us for lunch, Please RSVP online or sign up outside of Pastor Becky's office.

**Pick up your last hoagies of the year on Thursday, September 18th.**

**Join the Choir!** Choir is back! Join us on Thursdays at 7pm for rehearsal.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, September 19th from noon-5pm.**

Sign up today at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**We need your help!** Our A/V team needs more people. Please volunteer to help our worship services reach out those who are unable to attend in person. Please help.

**Card Crew - This Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** Card Crew is meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Join us for coffee and cake as we sign and address cards for our church family.

**Heavenly Helpers is in need of donations of gift cards to Lowes and Walmart or Visa gift cards in any denomination are being collected between this Sunday and October 19.** All gift cards will be used to purchase supplies, window AC units, doors and baby supplies for the family. Gift card donations can be dropped in the donation box outside PB's office.

This fall, the Reformed churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley will offer a more contemplative, mid-week worship opportunity

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Sept 17 – St. Paul's, Red Hill

Oct 15 – St. Mark's, Pennsburg

Nov 19 – St. John's, Sumneytown

Dec 17 – New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Jan 21 – Friedens UCC, Sumneytown







**Green Lane Celebrates 150 Years!**  
**Honoring the Past. Looking to the Future.**  
**Saturday, September 20th 11am -4pm**



**Save the Date!**  
**Sunday, October 19th**  
**Fall Fling and Trunk or Treat**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**FALL CONCERT SERIES**

St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main Street Green Lane, PA

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2:00 P.M.  
Robert Mouland  
"Well there's something you don't hear  
everyday!"

*Historical melodies and song on unusual instruments,  
including Baroque violin, c. 1760; Baroque flute, c. 1795,  
English guitar, c. 1760-70 and others*



## St. John's Online Photo Directory Coming Soon!

St. John's is launching an online member directory!

Each member/family will be able to create an account and add a photo.

Don't worry, if you don't have a photo, we will take your picture!

If you don't have access to a computer or a smartphone, we will add your photo!



**Photo Directory at  
Your Fingertips!**

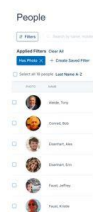
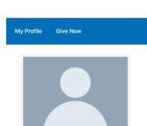
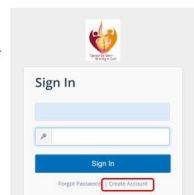
**Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!**



Get your picture taken any Sunday in September, there will be someone available to take individual and family pictures following worship!



**Open Your Account on St.  
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Use email on record at St. John's. If prompted for church name, we are "stjsumneytown."  
On any device, login at: <https://stjsumneytown.breezechms.com/login>

**Contact the office with any questions!**