

October 5, 2025  
10:15 AM  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion  
Preacher: The Rev. Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop

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

PRELUDE Fugue in G Major - 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**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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 848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ WORD +

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

READING: II Timothy 1:1-14

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff of each system. The music is in a simple, melodic style, suitable for a church service.

## GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

*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 MESSAGE

### SERMON

The Rev. Paula Lebo,  
Assistant to the Bishop, SEPA Synod

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

### 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition will end with the words:*

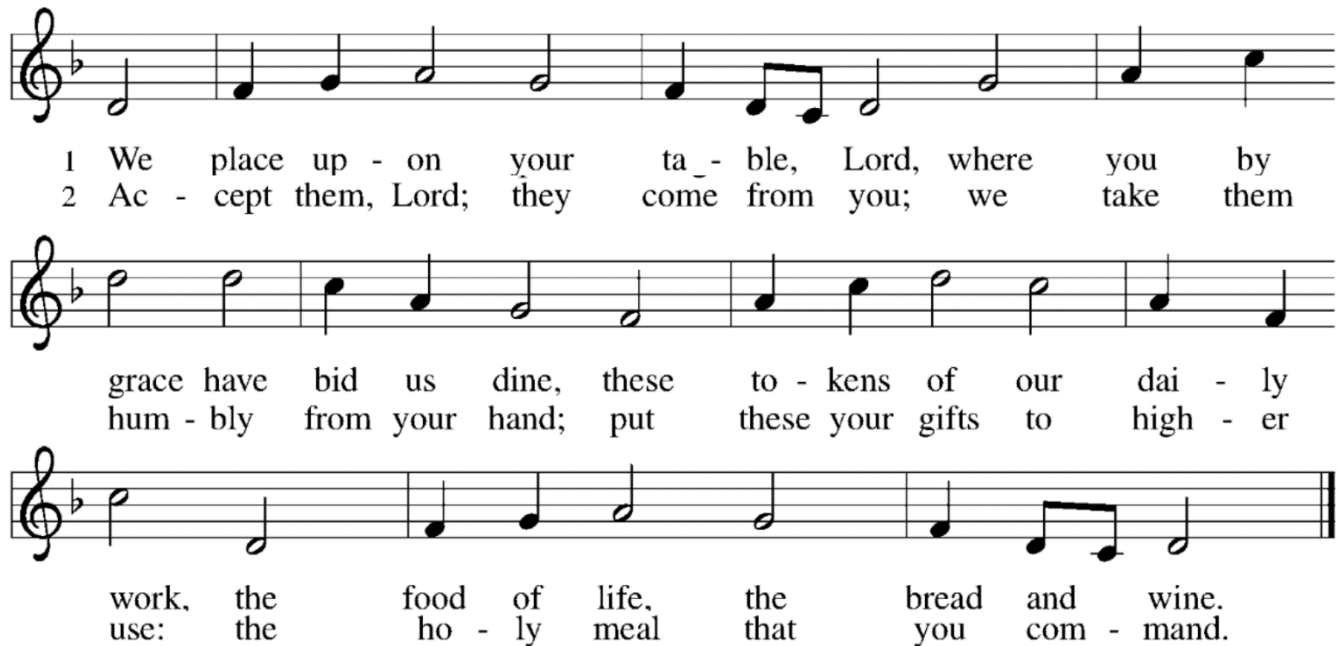
God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING      Come Down, O Love Divine - setting by Howard Helvey

OFFERTORY    ELW 467    We Place upon Your Table, Lord



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses of text aligned with the notes.

1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
2 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

## 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

## TABLE BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary, (after an old English Dance) - Gordon Young

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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, Fred Swavely, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender and Michael Toth.

### Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 6	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal
Wednesday, October 8	7pm First and Second Year Confirmation
Sunday, October 12	8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 2pm Concert with Robert Mouland *Fall Newsletter Deadline*

**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.

**St. John's and Friedens Soup and Study Mondays from 5:30-7pm** in St. John's Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a simple soup supper and then discuss the book, *Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivation Compassion* by Jill Duffield

**Harvest Home is Sunday, October 19th.** Bring in Thanksgiving Basket or Fall's most needed items for The Open Link. Items include: canned chick, soup, stews, corn fruit, pumpkin, ravioli, spaghetti0o's, turkey gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes; boxed cereals, mashed potatoes, stuffing, baking mixes, rice & pasta sides; also needed, pb, applesauce, shampoo & conditioner. Your help is greatly appreciated and \$20 or \$25 gift cards are also helpful from Weis, Redner's or Walmart.

**Pennsburg Code Blue Shelter Open House, October 26th at 2-4pm.** Directly after the Open House, at 4:15pm, there will be a training session. The address is 775 Main St., Pennsburg 18901.



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

Oct 15 – St. Mark's, Pennsburg

Nov 19 – St. John's, Sumneytown

Dec 17 – New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Jan 21 – Friedens UCC, Sumneytown

**All are welcome!**

## 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*



## Save the Date! ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR FALL FLING TRUCK OR TREAT

Hayrides, food, craft, trunk or treating!

**ALL FREE, All are Welcome!**  
For more details visit  
[www.stjsumneytown.org](http://www.stjsumneytown.org)



**Oct 19  
2-4 pm**

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GREEN LANE**

Canned food  
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Open Link  
welcomed!

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