

November 9, 2025

10:15 AM

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Supply pastor: The Rev. Robert Mitman

+ GATHERING +

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

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE Prelude on “Gettysburg” – tune by Randy Edelman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the LORD,

for God has worked miracles and has won the victory.

The LORD has shown the nations that God has the power to save and to bring justice.

God has been faithful in his love for Israel,

and the Lord’s saving power is seen everywhere on earth.

Tell everyone on this earth to sing songs in praise of the LORD.

Let us worship the LORD, who will judge with honesty and fairness.

HYMN ELW 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

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

READING: Job 19:23-27a

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing the Alleluia, the congregation will sing the Alleluia, the cantor will sing the verse and the congregation will respond with the Alleluia.



GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

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

Rev. Bob Mitman

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 628 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Creating God, Your Fingers Trace – setting by Ralph Johnson
St. John's choir

OFFERTORY ELW 691 Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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 love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Wachet auf – Paul Manz

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We welcome our supply pastor this morning, Rev. Robert Mitman.

For a Pennsylvania Dutch boy who started out in Pipersville, Bob has just celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. From the Pennridge schools (where he met Linda in ninth grade) to Muhlenberg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, the couple ended up back home where they would raise their

two children, Eric and Jennifer, and care for their parents toward the ends of their lives.

Linda has a nursing degree from Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. She has been a visiting nurse most of her career, which concluded as nursing coordinator for Community Home Services in Harleysville.

Bob cut his pastoral teeth on the beloved congregation of Grace Lutheran Church of Wyndmoor, a suburb of Chestnut Hill. God bless them! In 1980 the Mitmans moved to Kellers Church (St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Perkasio), where Bob was pastor until 2016. During that period the church and educational buildings were maintained and updated, and attendance rose to 300 per Sunday before the downturn that befell most mainline congregations (but fortunately not Church of the Holy Spirit!)

Bob's passions include worship leadership and singing, although a series of vocal fold surgeries have curtailed the singing. He bowls and golfs once a week. Linda enjoys cooking, gardening, and reading. Both follow their 5 grandchildren's activities from sports to concerts.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Nov 9	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal 7:30pm Council meeting
Saturday, Nov 15	6pm GSOF Concert
Sunday, Nov 16	*Advent Newsletter deadline* 8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship 2pm Rock Solid Concert

The Advent Newsletter is in production. If you have something that you would like included in this publication, please submit it to the church office by next Sunday.

Fall Concert Series continues on Sunday, November 16th at 2pm from a Contemporary Praise and Worship team called Rock Solid. Join us at St. John's for this concert and stay for light refreshments following.

The Great Songs of Faith choir will hold a concert at St. John's this Saturday, November 15th at 6pm.

Advent is coming... Readers are needed to lead a short litany, prayer and light the Advent candle during 10:15 worship services Nov 30 - Dec 21. Individuals, families, friends - any grouping of people can participate. Goto: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAxFD0-60204152-advent#/> to sign up and the reading will be sent to you Monday of the week you are reading.
Thank you for your help!

Join the A/V Team— Do you or someone you know have an interest in video or audio technology? We could use more help on the A/V team on Sunday mornings. No special skills are required, we will teach you everything you need to know. If you are interested in giving this part of our ministry a try, please contact Colleen Carlin (cocarlin@hotmail.com; 215-813-4776) or the church office (stj.stown@verizon.net or 215-234-4888). *Please consider joining the team.*

Advent Tree Gifts Once again this year, St. John's will partner with two organizations to provide Christmas gifts to our local community. On Nov 23, the Advent trees will go up with tags for residents from Pennsburg Manor. These gifts need to be returned to St. John's – *wrapped and with the tag attached* – by Sunday, December 14.

An online gift registry will go live on November 23 with gift suggestions for the Rev. Harvey Davis Family Fund through KenCrest. KenCrest is a social services agency that supports community development for people with intellectual or development disabilities as well as young children and is supported by the SEPA Synod. The gifts from the online registry need to be returned to St. John's – *unwrapped* – by Sunday, December 14.

We appreciate your generosity in helping residents of Pennsburg Manor and children served by KenCrest have a wonderful Christmas this year!

Thanksgiving Worship service and Dinner on Sunday, November 23rd starting at 4pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville. The dinner is free. Please RSVP by 11/16 to 215-679-2041.

Taize Worship Service, a mid-week contemplative service, will be held Wednesday, November 19th at 6pm here at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Advent Trees will be going up on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. Gift will be collected for residents at Pennsburg Manor and an online registry will be available for the Rev. Harvey Davis Family Fund through KenCrest.

Order a Wreaths Across America wreath for a veteran's headstone in Freiden's Cemetery. Join us for the placing ceremony on December 13th at 10AM. Goto: <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/175562> to place your order.

December 13th is the Christmas Bazaar and our celebrated Cookie Walk. If you are willing to bake some cookies, please pick up a form in the narthex or parlor or contact Kathy Drosey at kjdbeach@comcast.net or Sarah Toback sarahtoback@gmail.com with any questions.

Forms for Cookie Walk and Poinsettias are available in the narthex and in the parlor.
Can you help?

Sign up to assist with one of the three worship services on Christmas Eve. Goto:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-59605558-christmas?useFullSite=true#/>

Sign up to go Caroling following worship on December 14th. Goto:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-59605680-christmas?useFullSite=true#/>

Sign up to sponsor a Poinsettia or two for the Christmas Eve services. Pick up a form in the narthex or parlor or call the church office to order.