10th Sunday After Pentecost



Boyce Park, Silver Beaver Pavilion August 17, 2025 • 10:30 am

Gathering Music

Selections from the following will be sung while the people gather as time allows.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, praising thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill Giv - er of us with the light of day. chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us in thee. to re joice teach us how to love each oth - er, lift to the di-vine! us joy

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

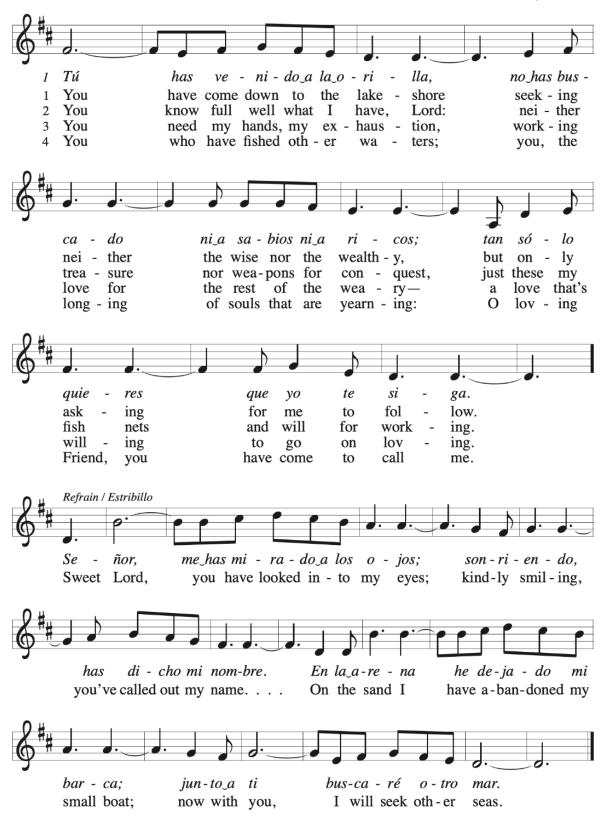
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812/813)



The graphic words of "Faith of our Fathers" (ELW 812/813) echo the violent realities named in our second reading today. The original text was written by the Roman Catholic Frederick Faber, who hoped that his hymns would encourage his fellow Catholics in the face of the prejudice they experienced in Anglican Britain. The patriarchal words from the nineteenth century (ELW 812) were amended in 1981 by Joseph Alfred (ELW 813). The newer text allows us to praise the "daring faith" of our mothers and remember siblings of faith experiencing oppression today. Hymns 812 and 813 exemplify the continuous process undertaken by Christians to edit their hymn texts.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore / *Tú has venido a la orilla* (ELW 817)



- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro no espadas; tan sólo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares; ansia eterna de almas que esperan. Amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936-1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom (ACS 1064)



- 1 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, sound-ing God's de light ed laugh,
- 2 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, wo ven in to har mo ny.
- 3 Earth is full of wit and wis dom: pen guin, pla ty pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe. Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee. cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho-rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice. live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make. born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 82

The refrain is introduced by the leader and then repeated by all.



The psalm is read responsively by verse. The refrain is repeated as indicated.

- ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- ⁴ rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked. Refrain

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

- ⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. *Refrain*

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

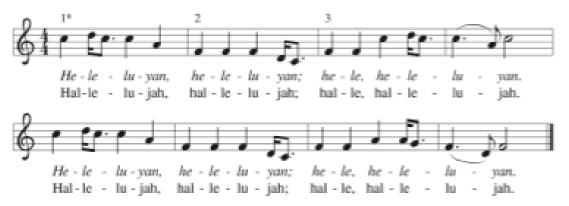
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Helleluyan (ELW 171)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



May be sung in canon.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Message

Homily



Hymn of the Day: Christ is the Life (ACS 927 – alternate tune: Kingsfold)



Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

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Crafted in 1989, "Christ is the life" is one of the earliest texts by prolific Lutheran hymnwriter Susan Palo Cherwien. She was reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* and was affected by Bonhoeffer's statement that "when Christ calls a person, he bids that person come and die." Also drawing from Romans 6:3-9 and 14:8, the text embodies the essential form of the spiritual journey: from life, to letting go, to transformation, to new life. The third verse echoes the image of fire found in today's first reading and Gospel.

Creed

This simplified musical version of the creed is often sung at Camp Lutherlyn!

Refrain:

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, Truly I believe it, truly I believe it. I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, Truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

- 1. I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator. *Refrain*
- 2. I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people Savior of the people, Savior of the people, I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. *Refrain*
- 3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit
 Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit,
 And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
 Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.

 Refrain

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Piano Offertory

Presentation Song: Alleluia! Gracias, Señor!

The assembly stands to sing.

Allelu-, allelu-, alleluia Gracias Señor!

Allelu-, allelu-, alleluia

Gracias Señor

Gracias Señor, alleluia Gracias Señor, alleluia Gracias Señor!

Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.

The presiding minister leads Holy, Holy, Holy. The assembly echoes each line.



The presiding minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

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, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The assembly responds: Amen.

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.

Communion

The following songs are sung during communion.

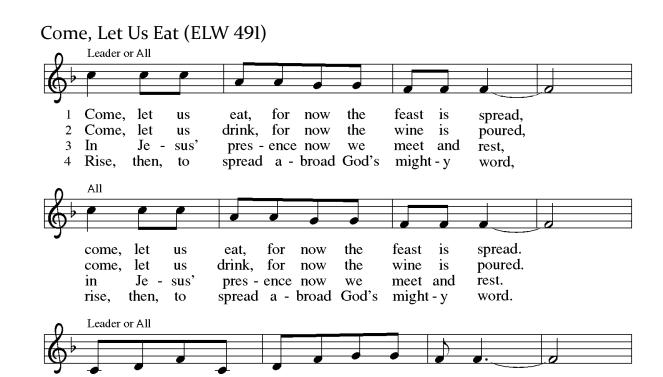
Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)



Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt. Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Once all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

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Prayer after Communion

Our Lord's bod - y

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We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Response: Amen.

Sending Hymn: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth / Enviado soy de Dios (ELW 538)



Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

Dismissal

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in the peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Clergy: Rev. Linda Theophilus, Emmanuel, Eastmont

Rev. Dona Van Eck Trinity, Verona

Rev. Robert Schaefer Good Shepherd, Monroeville

Rev. Richard Neumann Zion, Penn Hills

Assisting Minister Sue Clydesdale

Musician Andrew Sabol

Ushers Tony Lamorte, Mike Patchen, Ray Rall

Altar Guild Pat Hauser, Bill Hauser

Tech Ministers Tom Felmley

Offering Count Tony Lamorte, Cindy Pierce

The Sanctuary candle is given today at Zion in memory of Edward & Elizabeth Betker, parents of Ed Betker from Jean Betker.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

Zion Book Club: We will meet on **Monday, August 18**th at 1:00pm in our air conditioned Gerhard Lounge to discuss the book, "Rust" by Eliese Celeste Goldbach. Everyone welcome!

ALL WOMEN – Come to a women's Bible study on **Tuesday**, **August 26**th **at Zion**. This Bible study was prepared by the Rev. Dr. Brooke Petersen and is offered through GATHER Magazine on the topic "Where Two or More are Gathered: Flourishing in Relationships." Your conveners are Helen Williams, Board Member of WELCA in the SWPA Synod, and Rev. Linda Theophilus, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We will meet from 1:00-2:30 pm in an air-conditioned room at Zion Lutheran Church (the Gerhard Lounge). For information, please call Pastor Linda at 412-824-4525.

PICNIC WITH SWIMMING AT CAMP AGAPE SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025, from 11 AM UNTIL 4 PM

We'll gather at the Pavilion at 11 am for songs and prayer. The cookout begins at noon; Emmanuel will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The afternoon is for you to explore what Camp Agape offers: swim in the pool starting at 1:30 pm, play in the playground, hike or stroll the many paths, or simply sit and relax.

Contact Pastor Linda Theophilus to RSVP <u>revtheophilus@live.com</u> 412-401-5742 or the Emmanujel office 412-824-4525 .

Camp Agape is located at 72 Agape Road, Hickory, PA 15340. Hope you can join us!

Sharing Talents – Building Faith Community – Everyone is invited to share their golf putting talents, for better or for worse, but all in fun! On **Sunday**, **August 24**th following worship at Zion, please gather in the hallway off the Gathering Space for a miniature golf "putt off." Putters and golf balls will be provided or you can bring your own. If you are new to golf, help and instructions will be available. Prizes will be awarded for some contests. So don't just "putter" around home; putt with a purpose. Stay after church and enjoy the fun and fellowship and refreshments. There just might be a golf professional in the making!

Blessing of the Backpacks at Zion: We will be blessing all school bags during our worship service next Sunday, August 24. This includes all students, teachers, school support staff, bus drivers, etc., bring your school bags to have them blessed for the new school year!

Bishop Stoller Installation Service

Saturday, October 18: 1 PM
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church
517 Sangree Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237

By the grace of Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at a celebration of the rite of installation for Pastor Melissa Stoller into the ministry of Synod Bishop.

