

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”* Hymn #655

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

C: Lord, have mercy.
C: Christ, have mercy.
C: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.
R: Christ, have mercy.
R: Lord, have mercy.

***GLORY TO GOD**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26: 1-8 *(sung responsively)*

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;*

I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

Test me, O | LORD, and try me;*

examine my heart | and my mind.

For your love is be- | fore my eyes;*

I have walked faith- | fully with you.

I have not sat | with the worthless,*

nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

I have hated the company of | evildoers;*

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,*

that I may go in procession | round your altar,

singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving*

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell*

and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

L: A reading from Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

C: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymn #815

***NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven**

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;**

Our heads are raised.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: By self-denial we take up the cross each day, walking in the footsteps of our Master. Let us pray for others, and so cast off the selfishness which keeps us apart from God.

A brief silence.

A: For our Presiding Bishop and all Bishops who carry the cross of pastoral care and responsibility, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells - Emily, Jordan, Gabe, Jacob, Mary, and Anna, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women & men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Crist, Sam, James, Blake, Keegan, Michael and Chris, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For leaders in government and industry who use greed and power to dominate, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For dry souls thirsting for God, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially - Mim, Ed, Al, Angie, Alfred, Doug, Nancy, Keira, Kevin, Lincoln, Lisa, Iva, Lucas, Larry, Gen, Bev and Jack, our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*), let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the dead who desired to enter your eternal kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive the prayers of a pilgrim people, seeking to discover your will, by walking in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn #491

***OFFERING PRAYER**

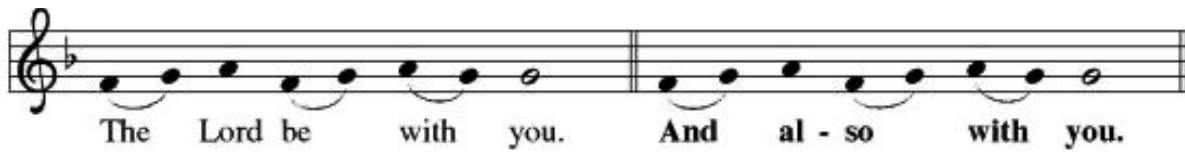
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing and accomplish within us your promise of grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

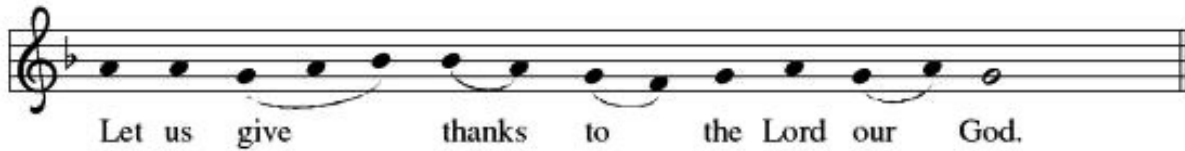
***DIALOGUE**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious res - ur - rection o - pened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from east to west
a perfect offering may be made
to the glory of your name.
And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit.
that they may become the body and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

C: Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and ready to greet him when he comes again,
we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church,
and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.
Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood,
may be filled with his Holy Spirit,
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.
May he make us an everlasting gift to you
and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary the virgin Mother of God;
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth;
your servant Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop,
James our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.
Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters,
especially *Sarah, David, Kendra, Harry, Anna Mae, Michael, Edgar, Frieda, Michael*,
and all who have left this world in your friendship.
We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory,
through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



*LORD'S PRAYER

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**R: 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.**

*PEACE

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Hymn #767

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Hymn #810

Please stand at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Hymn #681

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Lisa Lugovich
Acolyte	Douglass Howard
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Janice Mills
Altar Guild	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Diana Budd
Acolyte	
Communion Assistant	Dick Wenner
Greeters/Ushers	Joe & Diana Budd
Organist	Janice Mills
Altar Guild	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*July 31, 2023*)

2023 Approved Budget \$272,500

Income: \$147,309.72	Love of Family Contributions: \$45
Expenses: \$147,264.03	Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$3,182.90
	Capital Improvement Contributions: \$13,875
	Abiding Memorial Fund: \$1,425

This month’s special offering will go to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response. Envelopes are in the Narthex.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Karlene Jaggan in honor of Ryan's birthday.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Sarah Fogelsonger, David Kirkpatrick, Kendra Kramer, Harry Mader, Anna Mae Metzger, Michael A. Nickle, Edgar Plouse, Sr., Frieda Terry, and Michael Yancheff.*

The Jane Helmers (*Pastor Helmers' late wife*) Memorial Mass will be September 9th at Noon at Shells. A sign up sheet for those planning to attend is in the Narthex. We are also looking for donations of potato salad, macaroni salad, vegetable try, soup, chips and pretzels, Iced Tea and cider.

Race Track Project: The Adult Sunday School class will be collecting soap and lip gloss for the months of August and September. We will be collecting combs and tissues for the month of October. Thank you all for you kind support of this cause.

The Girl Scouts are continuing their sneaker collection for the next few months. We are collecting any size or condition of sneakers. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you, Anna and Nora.

Club Scout Recruitment Day - September 23 from 9-11am

Lower Dauphin band is having a designer bag bingo on September 24th at the Hummelstown Fire Company. Tickets can be purchased through the band Facebook page or at www.ticketstrip.com/LDBandPurseBingo

We are again collecting items for our teachers classrooms. Tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, EXPO markers, pencils, pens, crayons and markers are always needed. We appreciate your help is supporting the important people is our children's lives.

Welcome Back Brunch will be held on October 1 after Worship. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for items to bring.

This week at Shells:

September 3 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5 - Central PA Food Bank

September 5 at 7pm - Worship, Music, and Altar Meeting

September 9 from 9am-12:30pm - Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza @ LVC

September 9 at Noon - Memorial Mass for Jane Helmers

September 9 at 4pm - Picnic at St. John

September 10 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of Backpacks/School Supplies

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

10:45am Adult Forum - Church in Bangladesh

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 9, 2023 at 4pm - Church Picnic at St. John.

September 10, 2023 - Blessing of the Backpacks with Sunday School and Confirmation classes resuming in the Education Building at 9am. The Adult Forum will resume at 10:45am in the Social Hall with a missionary presentation on the Church in Bangladesh.

September 11, 2023 - Grief Support resumes at 2pm at Shells and Bible Study resumes at 6:30pm at Shells.

September 14 from 7-8:15pm - Senior Choir rehearsals resume.

September 29 at 7pm - Feast of St. Michael and All Angels at Shells, blessing of First Responders.

October 1, 2023 we will have our first *Children in Worship* and a Welcome Back Brunch.

October 4, 2023 at 6:60pm - St. Francis Pet Blessing at Shells Pavilion.

October 7, 2023 we will be taking a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington DC for the National Acolyte Festival. Everyone is welcome to attend.

October 14, 2023 at 4pm - Chalk Art at St. John

October 29 from 3-6pm - Fall Festival @ Shells

We are still in need of children/youth to sign up to serve as acolytes for Sunday and weekday liturgies as well as lectors, prayers/intercessors, and greeters/ushers on Children in Worship Sundays (First Sunday of the Month). Please check your calendars and sign up ASAP! Here is the direct link to the page for you to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea5a82da6f8c70-church#/> If you would prefer to have the Church Office schedule your child/youth as we have in the past, please reach out and we can continue that practice using this format.

SHELLS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed."

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