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# St. Philip Lutheran Church

Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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+ GATHERING +

**PRELUDE:** *“Not Alone for Mighty Empire”*

[setting by Emma Lou Deimer]

*Not alone for mighty empire  
Stretching far o'er land and sea,  
Not alone for bounteous harvests,  
Do we praise you gratefully.  
Standing in the living present,  
Memory and hope between,  
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving  
Praise you most for things unseen.*

*Not for battleship and fortress,  
Not for conquests of the sword,  
But for conquests of the spirit  
We give thanks to you, O Lord;  
For the heritage of freedom,  
For the home, the church, the school,  
For the open door to justice  
In a land the people rule.*

*God of justice, save the people  
From the clash of race and creed;  
From the strife of class and faction,  
Make our nation free indeed.  
Keep its faith in simple justice  
Strong as when its life began,  
Till it find complete fruition  
By the guiding of your hand.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God, who is faithful and just, and who promises to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another fully and truly. In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in + Jesus Christ.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## GATHERING HYMN: ELW 715 – “Christ, Be Our Light”

*A favorite of Phil & Robin Wolfe and Teddy Janosick.*



1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,	man - y	the	



truth,	we	turn	to	you.	Make	us	your	own,
hope,	man - y	de -	spair.	Your	word	a -	lone	
wa - ter,	man - y	still	thirst.	Make	us	your	bread,	
warmth,	man - y	are	cold.	Make	us	your	build - ing,	
hearts that	yearn	to	be - long.	Let	us	be	ser - vants	



your	ho - ly	peo - ple,	light	for	the	world	to	see.
has	pow'r	to	save	us.	Make	us	your	liv - ing
bro - ken	for	oth - ers,	shared	un -	til	all	are	fed.
shel - ter - ing	oth - ers,	walls	made	of	liv - ing	stone.		
to	one	an - oth - er,	signs	of	your	king - dom	come.	

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## GREETING

I was glad when they said to me, **let us enter the house of the Lord.**

This is the day the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

### Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

### Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God. D.C.

### Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. D.C.

### Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. D.C.

## **SALUTATION**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**(10:30) Musical Offering:** *"This is My Song"*

*Barbara Boord, Robin Heuer, Jackie Orcutt, and Odella Madeja, quartet*

**+ WORD +**

## **LESSON: Psalm 30**

A reading from Psalm 30.

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. <sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. <sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. <sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" <sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, <sup>12</sup>so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>16</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

We sit.

**(10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SONG**

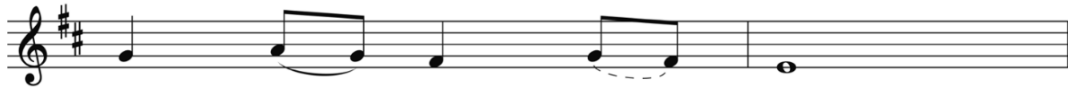
*Each Sunday immediately after the children’s message during the 10:30 worship service, younger children (~1<sup>st</sup> Grade and younger) are invited to Children’s Church in our Nursery where they will engage in our Bible lesson for the day in an age-appropriate way. If they are more comfortable staying with their parents, they are welcome. The children return from Children’s Church after the Prayers of Intercession.*

**(10:30) “Seek Ye First”**


*A favorite of Redding and Hampton Soderberg.*




1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,  
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find,  
but by ev - 'ry word  
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;  
that comes forth from the mouth of God;  
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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

## SERMON: “Walking Wet!”

*We thank Pastor Beth Neubauer for leading worship today while Pastor Lee is away.*

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 551 – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to blind pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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## APOSTLE'S 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 to the dead.\*  
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 INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*We sit. The assisting minister leads the prayers, each petition concluding:*

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

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*We stand.*

## PEACE

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

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.  
-Revelation 4:11

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. You can easily give to St. Philip through our website; please go to [www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com](http://www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com) and click "Give to St. Philip" or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!*



## OFFERING MUSIC

**(8:30)** *"This is My Song"*

*Barbara Boord, Robin Heuer, Jackie Orcutt, and Odella Madeja, quartet*

**(10:30)** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

[arr. By Garrett Breeze]

*Redding Soderberg, violin*

*A favorite of Elaine Lucatuorto and June Dohner.*

We stand as the offering song begins.

## OFFERING SONG

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written for a congregation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff returns to 6/8 time. The fourth staff continues in 6/8 time. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, gracious, and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence, which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

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 this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



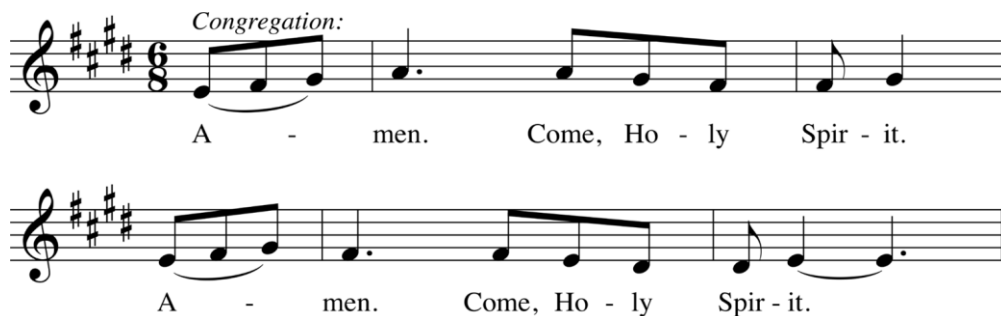
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Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry, "Amen, come Lord Jesus!"



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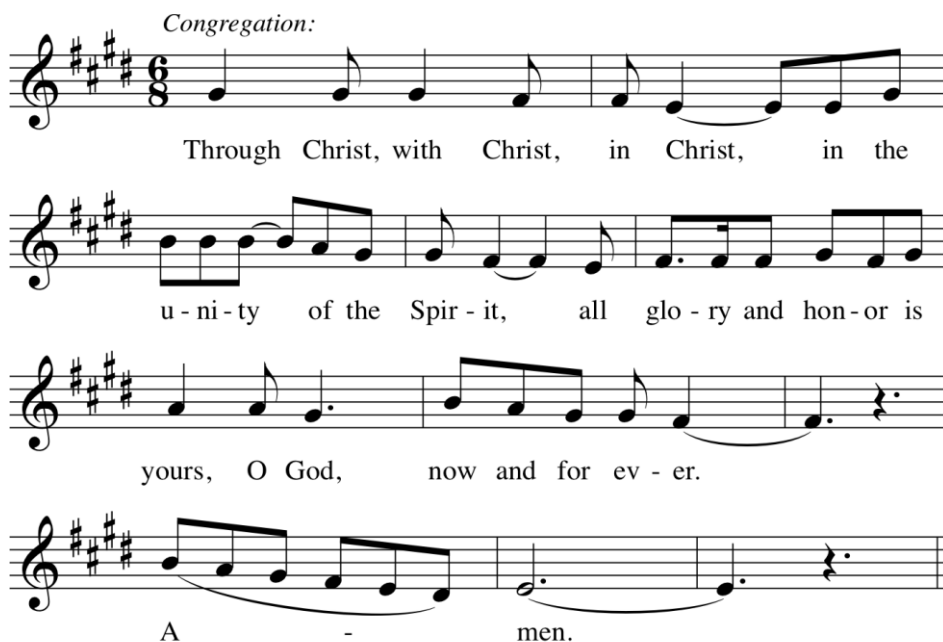
Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!



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Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

*Congregation:*



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus teaches us:

**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit. All are invited to the Lord's Table. Communion is distributed by intinction. Intinction involves dipping the consecrated bread (wafer) into the chalice of wine and then eating.*

*Ushers will invite both sides of the congregation to come forward via the center aisle. The Pastor will hand you a wafer at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to your side and dip it into the chalice of wine, being mindful not to submerge your fingers. If, by chance, the wafer goes directly into your mouth, don't worry—the Pastor will gladly provide another. Return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*For those who prefer, prepackaged wafers and grape juice are available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Notify the Pastor of your preference when arriving at the front. You may stay in your seat for communion, and the Pastor and Assisting Minister will bring it to you. Please dispose of your trash after worship if you have any.*

## COMMUNION SONGS



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## ELW 756 – “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

A favorite of Gene Rutherford, David Houck, and Odella Madeja.

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

# ELW 713 – “O God of Every Nation”

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.  
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*At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

3. Praise to you, O God of mer-cy, Thanks be to you for -  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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+ **SENDING** +

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: One God. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 546 – “To Be Your Presence”

*The hymn is on the following page.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: “Fantasia on MATERNA”

[setting by Rex Koury]



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

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Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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## MUSIC NOTES from John Sparkman

Highlights of today's worship in music include several favorite hymns and also some lesser-known texts. We begin with "Not Alone for Mighty Empire," written by William Pierson Merrill in 1911, a hymn that's all gratitude for the deeper stuff—freedom, faith, and unsung heroes—rather than the showy strength of empires, bountiful harvests, or full bank accounts. Set to the GENEVA tune which oscillates between minor and major keys, the text and tune juxtapose spiritual victories, justice, and the legacy of the faithful, with bold, outward signs of national power and wealth. Merrill, a Presbyterian pastor, penned it during a time of American optimism, reflecting his progressive ideals.

No doubt much more familiar, we also share in "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," a favorite hymn of the community, as we commune. Though widely known as the US Navy Hymn, the words were written by a **British** schoolmaster named William Whiting. Inspired by Psalm 107 and his own near-death experience in a storm at sea, Whiting crafted this plea for God's protection over sailors in 1860. The words were swiftly paired with John B. Dykes' stirring melody MELITA in 1861 and quickly became a staple for British and—later—American naval services. Its verses reflect the perils of the sea, seeking divine strength. Adopted widely, it's sung at naval ceremonies and funerals, sometimes with added verses for submariners and aviators.

### Summer Spontaneity Singers

While our Chancel Choir takes a break for summer, everyone who enjoys singing is warmly invited to join in with the Summer Spontaneity Singers. On the second Sundays of each Summer month - **July 13 and August 10** - we'll have a brief rehearsal at 9:35 a.m. between services on accessible music inspired by the favorites we've for the season. We'll then sing early in 10:30 worship; those who attend 8:30 worship will not be committed through the end of the later service and are most welcome to join in! Come lend your voice spontaneously this summer.

## CHURCH NEWS

*Today's bulletins* are sponsored by Joan Oberrender in honor of family birthdays. A very *Happy Birthday* this week to Hans Duerr and Carole Ledford, July 8; Rob Radzom, July 11; and Christina Burton, July 12. And a very *Happy Anniversary* this week to Mike & Diane Ballard and Jim & Malinda Eubanks, July 10; and Brian & Jessica Lowe, July 11.

### Men's Breakfast, Saturday, July 12

All men are welcome to St. Philip on Saturday, July 12 for the best breakfast on the beach! Join us in the Fellowship Hall, 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00. Please sign up on the clipboard provided on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall so we may plan accordingly.

## **WELCA Ruth Circle, July 14**

All ladies are welcome to the monthly Ruth Circle gathering on Monday, July 14. Please contact Barbara Miller directly for time and location. Esther Circle will not meet in July.

### **Summer Bible Study with Pr. Pérsida begins this Wednesday!**

Several members have signed up for the summer Bible study with Pr. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez. The first session begins this **Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m.** with 5 more sessions to follow each Wednesday through August 13. The Bible study is based on the book, ***I Want to Trust You, But I Don't*** by Lysa TerKeurst and is designed to “move us forward when we are skeptical of others, afraid of what God will allow, and doubtful of our own discernment.”

Meeting in the Conference Room for about one hour, each session includes a brief video by the author, group discussion, and guided reflections from the book. Please come prepared each week by reading the assigned session ahead of time. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com, in print and Kindle formats. (Make sure to get the book and not the study guide!). If you plan to participate, please **sign up on the sheet that is on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall**. Any questions you may have, please contact Pr. Pérsida directly, [pastorapersi@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorapersi@yahoo.com). We are excited to offer this opportunity to grow together in faith and trust.

### **Feeding the Hungry, Saturday, July 26**

#### **MENU: Chicken Bog or Chicken & Rice Casserole**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA9A923A1FF2-56375495-july>

On Saturday, July 26, the volunteers of St. Philip will feed the hungry in our community. We will need many hands to help set up, serve, clean, and take down. We also will need lots of help in bringing food.

If you plan to bring food, we ask that you bring your warm, ready to eat dish on Saturday morning between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Some items (like chips or pre-packaged items) can be brought in ahead of time.

We expect to serve about 40 meals, plus we send 20 to-go boxes to deliver, so we will need lots of support! We appreciate all volunteers who are able and available to help each month. This is a much needed and much appreciated ministry for our community. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey McVean at [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com) or Patrick Wilson at [patrickwilson.va@gmail.com](mailto:patrickwilson.va@gmail.com).

### **Mobile Meals, July 28 – August 1**

St. Philip's week to deliver meals to local clients is Monday, July 28 thru Friday, August 1. If you are able and available and would like to help, please contact Audrey McVean directly to let her know, [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com).

## Christmas in July at St. Philip Sunday, July 27

Our annual celebration of Christmas in July is quickly approaching! On Sunday, July 27 during both worship services, we will celebrate God's gift of Jesus at a less hectic time of the year. We can truly focus on the gift of Emmanuel! Our Angel Tree for this year will work the same as it has for the past few years - instead of collecting gifts, we will ask for monetary donations.



To mark our progress, each week during our Children's Message, we will decorate the tree with some ornaments. The fuller the tree, the closer we will be to **our goal of \$5,000** to share with ***The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand and Lutheran Services Carolinas*** to support children and families.

These organizations will use the money to buy necessities (and maybe some not-so-necessary, fun things) for the children in their care. This is a wonderful way to share some joy with kids who don't have a lot of that in their lives.

If we reach our goal, **St. Philip's Mission & Outreach Committee** will donate an **additional \$1,000** to the total.

Please make your checks out to St. Philip Lutheran Church and note, "*Christmas in July*" on the memo line. Any cash given should be placed in a pew envelope (envelopes are in the baskets around the Fellowship Hall) also marked for "*Christmas in July*." Donations should be placed in the offering basket at the back of the Fellowship Hall or you may mail it to the church before July 27.

## **Forward Together: A Special Giving Opportunity**

As we are in the midst of our sanctuary renovations, you're invited to honor or remember loved ones by supporting the renewal of our worship space. Your generosity will help refurbish our pews and provide new chairs for the choir and congregation, ensuring a space that feels both familiar and refreshed.

- Refinished Pews – \$2,000 each (36 pews total) - Our pews will be repaired, refinished, stained, and reupholstered for beauty and durability.
- Choir/Worship Space Chairs (40 chairs total) – \$250 each - These wooden chairs with upholstered seats will match the pews and offer flexible seating.

Forms to sponsor a pew or chair are available at the information tables. Any gifts beyond the pews and chairs will support our broader renovations.

All sponsors will be recognized in a special program when we return to our renewed sanctuary. Thank you for moving Forward Together with gratitude and generosity!



***Thank you to all the generous donors!***

***To date, we have sponsored 20 pews and 36 chairs!***



## St. Philip Faith Stories

### “Something More”

Pete and Millie Wolfe met through a mutual friend at a Nazarene church, and from the beginning, faith was part of their story.



Pete, born in Purworejo, Indonesia, and raised Catholic, and Millie, originally from New Jersey, who grew up in the Nazarene tradition, came from different countries and faith backgrounds. Still, both were looking for a place to grow together spiritually.

As their relationship deepened, so did their desire to find a church where they felt connected, somewhere they could worship

side by side and be part of something larger than themselves.

Millie missed the strong church community she once knew growing up. “The church was my world,” she reflected. Working retail often kept her from attending Sunday services, and she knew something vital was missing. However, both she and Pete were searching for more than just a worship time that worked; they needed a place where they felt genuinely welcomed, where the message spoke to their lives, and where they could build real, lasting relationships.

Millie first visited St. Philip because of the early 8:30 a.m. service that allowed her to attend worship before work – but that was just the beginning. What truly made an impact was how it felt to be there. Pete was struck by “the friendliness of the members,” and both of them sensed an authentic warmth. The preaching spoke to their everyday lives—thoughtful, honest, and full of grace. What started as a convenient option quickly became something much more. At St. Philip, they found a community that welcomed them as they were and invited them into something more: a place where their relationship with each other and with God could truly grow.

Now, Pete and Millie are deeply rooted in the life of the congregation. They serve together in hands-on ways—setting up, cleaning up, and helping to serve meals to those in need. Millie also participates in worship as an assisting minister and choir member, roles she finds meaningful and joyful. Through these acts of service and weekly worship, they have built friendships with people of all ages and walks of life. Most of all, they feel a deep connection to God. At St. Philip, their faith has deepened, their love has grown, and their life together is grounded in grace.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our sympathies to Gary Moore on the recent passing of his sister, Candy. Please remember Gary & Lucille and their family in your prayers.

Prayers for Jim Lafferty, Bill Storm, Stan Holland, Don Pasquine, John & Anne Iredell, Denise Betz, Skip Barth, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Chris Burton, Hans Bierwagen, Carol Renne, Marilyn Burns, Barbara Myers, Barbara Stemler, and Ruth Thompson.

Prayers for those who are sick, in the hospital, or in hospice care and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers.

For all victims of war and violence in our nation; for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S.; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far.

For our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.



Ongoing prayers for loved ones/friends: **Angie Santino** - Kevin S., Annabelle S., Stu H., Vinny S.; **AJ & Regine Perez** - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - Maggie; **Barbara Miller** - Leon K., Mustafa M., Barb K., Sultana, Lauren, Hassan family; **Beth Neubauer** – family of Judith W., family of Rich G.; **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Ellen H.; **Brian & Jessica Lowe** - Rae I. (Brian's mom), Greg L., quick house sale; **Morgan Lowe** - Sigmon Family (house fire); **Carole Demmy** - family of Carl F.; **Catherine Dattola** - Ann B.; **Cynthia Baker** - Meredith (daughter); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Ted K.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Vivian B.; **David Patterson and Kevin Pope** - Brenda M. (cancer); **Diane Bowker** - Pete B. (father); **Dillard Jarrell & Martie Bollman** - Sherry J. (daughter-in-law); **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Dorothy Yarborough** - Leslie Y. (sister), Pr. Pam C.; **Ellen Hayward** - Lolita J., Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center; **Ellen Yates** - Jack D. (cousin); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Hope H., James & Heather W., Ken T.; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - family of Terry M.; **Geno & Keila Sebia** - family; **Greg & Tanya Stephenson** - Carroll H. (Greg's brother-in-law); **Hank & Pat Moody** - Anne D. (Hank's sister), Mike P.; **Hannah Carr & Jared Gentry** - Family; **Harry Betz** - Matt & Eileen P., Bob & Gail B., Adam, Scott B.; **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Jackie, Kenny B., Bruce F.; **James McIlrath** - Karen M.; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (granddaughter, bone marrow transplant); **Jim & Connie Lafferty** - Bonny L. (breast cancer); **Joan DiLorenzo** - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Alton C.; **Joe Heindlmeyer & Sherri Miller** - Ashley M. (daughter), Marilyn K., Phil & Nancy H.; **John & Elsie Angus** - Kim N.; **John & Beth Mager** - Daniel (son); **John Sparkman & Brent Lank** - Kathy and grandkids Dwight & Layla (Brent's family), Delia and Sue, for reconciliation, and Gayle (John's stepmom, for health). ; **Joe & Paula Baxter** - family and loved ones, Earl W. (leg surgery); **Jonah and Anna Lee** - Mallory and Camden W. (cousins); **Joyce DeNoon** - Margaret F. (sister); **Kinter & Susan McClelland** - Robin & Vince W., Vanita (sister-in-law), Charlotte (Susan's mom), the family of Jerry M., Gayle L. (Susan's sister), Ruth N.; **Kip & Ronda Anderson** - Sarah S., Earl S., Debbie K., Becky L., Allan B., Chet H., Buddy D., Rae Jean D., Terry G., Kim A.; **Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso** - Joan S. (Lee's sister), Gladys Ann (cancer); **Lisa Bellamy** - Keith, Mace, Heather (all health issues), Doretha (loss of spouse); **Madge Rosenberg** - Catherine (daughter); **Marjorie Allen** - Mathew S; **Martha Miller** - Amber and Korben, Luci (granddaughter), Theresa (cousin); **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob M.(transplant), Gale (loneliness), Peggy F. (MS), Donna N. (ALZ), Kris K. (strength), Shirley D. (breast cancer); **Mary Shelly** - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Robert L. (Diane's father), Hal (renal failure), Ryan B. (son), Miller family; **Nancy Houston** - Jesi S., Anna, Heather, Ken, Todd (all have cancer), Ruth (Nancy's mom); **Nancy Wrigley** - Stacey W. (needs kidney); **Paul & Doris Montgomery** - Matthew H. (sickness); **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son), Dotti; **Phil & Robin Wolfe** - the Bousher/Grybosky family, Cheryl C., Cindy D., Sue S., Sadie W.; **Rebeka Moran** - Brett S., Pat S. (Rebeka's mom, healing); **Redding Soderberg** - Jennifer C. (spine surgery); **Robin Heuer** - Ann, Rick, family, Bob, Steve, Linda, Mary, Debbie, Patti, Danny; **Roz Hanlon** - Sachs/Todd families, Paul K., Wayne, Danny W., Rich, Ericka C., Mike T.; **Teddy Janosick** - Diane T., Christion M., Paul T.; **Vyrjil & Karin Buus** - Sarah B. (daughter-in-law).

### **Serving this morning:**

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Beth Neubauer  
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman  
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Rebeka Moran; (10:30) Joe Baxter  
Communion Assistant: (8:30) Martha Miller; (10:30) Brenda Sheffer  
Lectors (8:30): Robin Heuer; (10:30) Barb Poloni  
Acolytes: (8:30) Lexi Church; (10:30) Angie Sebia, Morgan Lowe  
Ushers: (8:30) Robin Heuer; (10:30) Dennis Hiller  
Altar Guild: Audrey McVean and Dianne Siew  
Camera Operator: (10:30) Dave Ramsey  
Tellers: Marty & Barb Poloni

### **St. Philip's Directory of Ministry:**

Ministers: The People of Saint Philip  
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Lee  
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman  
Parish Administrator: Linda Hendricks  
Sexton: Doretha Duncan  
Nursery Assistant: (10:30) Roz Hanlon  
Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Kelly  
Preschool Director: Jenn Loeswick

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