

LET US PRAY

◆For families and friends of those who have recently died:

Shirley Zechman, Dueressa Hassinger.

◆For those hospitalized or with other immediate needs:

Gary Narehood, Rich Mattern, Lindsey Shultz, Rich Corey, Pastor Matthew Schuster, Shirley Schuber, Phyllis Coleman, Cristin Kwitorobich, Bill Sheaffer, Trina Eia, Tom Dutrow, Trina Malaney.

◆For those homebound, in care centers, or being cared for by others:

From our Family of God at Beaver: Denise Brouse, Deb Kline, Paul Lepley, Amber McCardle, Arla Ritter, Peg Shirey, Joan Snook. Also: Nancy (Weisen) Schug, Joan Phelps, Dueressa Hassinger, Rich Corey.

◆For those with ongoing needs:

Jackie Alters, Clinton Barnett, Jamie Beaver, Stacy Boyer, Denise Brouse, Baylee Bruner, Richard Bucher, Karen Ferrinjer, Donald Foltz, Patrick Fromm, Will Folk, Mary Gemberling, Galen Goss, Bruce Hassinger, Dee Hockenberry, Charles Hufnagle, Dylan Jones, Ben Keiser, Guy Kerstetter John Krause, Justin Krouse, Matt Kwitorovich, Grace Lauver, Evelyn Lepley, Tucker Lepley, Lois Martin, Tom Martin, Ed Nerino, Shirley Pheasant, Kurt Reichenbach, Lloyd Rheam Jr., Shirley Rheam, Craig Ritter, Teri Romig, Logan Roush, Larry Sassaman, Paula Sassaman, Terry Sassaman, David Ski, Irene Sweigart, Sam Sweigart, Shane Tyson, Deborah Wannamaker, Pat Will, Alan Wolfe, Brian Wray, Crystal Wray, Madeline Wray, Laurie Zechman, Austin Zimmerman, Hunter Zondory, Chad, Donna, Gary, Jamie, Kathy and baby, Lindsey.

◆For those with cancer:

Dawn Anspach, Marci Barlett, Dorothy Boyer, Brenda Breu, Marlene Breu, Thomas Burns, Mindy Callendar, Nancy Coder, Gabby Deadman, Steve Drake, Betty Drumheller, Jennifer Ebright, Trina Eia, Mary Ewing, Jerry Fike, James Hackenburg, Ken Heimbach, John Hollenbach Jr., Marcus Josey, Windy Kuntz, Audrey Zerby Lickenwalner, Doug Mattern, Jim McCloskey, Dave Middleswarth, Ben Moyer, Doug Moyer, Connie Reffer, Shirley Schubert, Amber Shaw, Richard Shirey Jr., Snook, Rose Snyder, Rhonda Straw, Galen Wagner, Sherryl Wagner, Elton Walter, Deb Wannamaker .

◆For those in the military and recent veterans:

Jaycen Goodling, Christopher Lepley, Jordan Lepley, Terry Romig, Emma Shirey, Jake Thomas, Ty Wagner, Joseph Zerby.



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HOLY COMMUNION

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Service of the Word

Sunday, November 15, 2020

**Please stand as you are able.*



GATHERING

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

Gathering Song

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Although we currently abstaining from singing, you are invited to meditate on these words:

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,*

continued

*gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;

Online Giving – Tired of forgetting to bring your envelope to church? You can also donate online through **PayPal** by clicking the “donate” button on our homepage. You can also ask Amazon to donate a portion of your purchases to Beaver Lutheran Church by logging into **Amazon Smile**.

Altar Flowers – The flowers this morning are presented by Dave and Lisa Wagner to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary. The altar flowers are a joyous symbol of the resurrection of Christ.

With Sympathy — We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dueressa Hassinger. Clinging to the promise of the resurrection we look forward in hope to the day when we will be reunited with Dueressa and all the saints gathered together around God’s throne. Until that day, we will surely miss Dueressa and hold her memory in our hearts.

Vacations — Pastor Jim will be going on vacation beginning tomorrow and returning November 24. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact: Pastor Stina Schaeffer (845-636-9487 — stinaschaeffer@gmail.com); Pastor Rick White (570-847-3113 — pastorrickwhite@gmail.com); or Pastor Bob Doll (215-429-8071 — Robert.doll@sharonlc.org). Our Sexton, **Lisa Wagner** will also begin her vacation on November 16. She will return Dec. 1.

Poinsettias – Today is the **final day** to purchase poinsettias through the church. Prices are slightly less expensive than last year. Something new this year is the option of having a bow placed in your poinsettia for \$1, and/or in replacement of the foil pot cover, a wicker basket can be substituted for \$2. Payment envelopes can be found next to the collection basket.

Bible & Brew – The next Bible and Brew is scheduled for November 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Congregational Meeting — Please mark your calendars to attend the annual Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, December 13.

2021 Chart — The 2021 Altar Flower Chart is now available. It can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate if you wish the church to provide the your flowers or if you wish to bring in your own flowers.

Cookbooks on Sale! If you are interested in Beaver’s Bountiful Blessings cookbook, compiled by WELCA several years ago, now is the time to buy! Originally selling for \$15, you can purchase them for **only \$5!** The cookbook is filled with recipes from some beloved members of our church that are no longer with us. Makes a perfect keepsake. Checks may be made out to WELCA.

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Although we currently abstaining from singing, you are invited to meditate on these words:

*Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.*

Dismissal

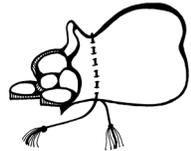
Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

An usher will dismiss each pew.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Remember to please wear a mask and maintain six feet between individuals, couples or family groups while on the premises. Children under two and those with trouble breathing should not wear masks and should maintain as much social distance as possible.

Communion – When you entered the building this morning you received a bag containing your bulletin, a copy of Taking Faith Home, this Announcement/Prayer List sheet, and a “Communion Kit”. At the appropriate time we will lower our face coverings and commune sitting in our pews. First the wafer found on the top of the juice cup, and then the cup. Immediately following communion, please return your face coverings and deposit the empty cup into the bag and seal it. These bags can be disposed of in the waste receptacle located in the narthex. *There are gluten-free wafers available.*

Livestreams – You can view our service from your mobile device either through Zoom or Facebook Live. See our weekly email, website, or Facebook for more information.

because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth
were born,
from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even
eighty;

yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away
quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jim Vitale

Song of the Day

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Although we currently abstaining from singing, you are invited to meditate on these words:

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

*Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

*The Peace

Please offer one another a socially distant sign of Christ’s peace.

MEAL

Please be seated.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving continues.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Please remain seated and commune together.

Prayer After Communion