10th Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024 ELW Setting 6

If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to Kathy as you leave worship, sign our guest book in the narthex and take a copy of our Trinity Trumpet newsletter. We are happy you're here and we hope to see you again!

Our service is live streamed on our Facebook page for those who are unable to be with us.

Our Nursery area downstairs is available, but please note, it is not staffed. Please see an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Organist's Improvisation

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Long

Please stand as you are able for the Processional hymn. The hymns can be found in the back of the red hymnal.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

ELW#461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The minister greets the assembly; The assembly responds in the bold print.

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 (All sing in unison)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The minister continues with the Prayer of the Day.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING

2nd Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

The reading is announced: A reading from 2nd Kings.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The reading is concluded: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God

PSALM 145:10-18

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The assembly reads the bold print.

- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- 11 They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

- ¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- 16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

The reading is announced: A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of

God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The reading is concluded: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands welcoming the Holy Gospel and joins in singing "Alleluia"





THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

The assembly responds:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he

looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.
The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW#452

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly remains standing as able; the minister announces the Creed.

With the whole church, let us proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' 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

The minister calls the assembly to prayer

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick, suffering, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, our beloved for whom death is near and those in our circle of prayer facing personal obstacles in their own lives:

Members:

Kelly Hoffman and Family, Heather Kincaid, Earl Schneider, Pauline Snyder, Sherry Snyder Mike Steigerwalt, Herbert Werner:

Family and Friends of Trinity:

Heather Bolton, Chad, Megan Drew, Erin, Adam Goudol, Sherry Gustin, Connie Heckman, Jim Hoppel, Jacob, Erica Kattner, Francis Kephart, Carol Kunkle, Jennifer Nielsen, Melinda Nothstein, Michele Nothstein, Thomas Reidenhour, Sandy Rocheleau, Vicki Romascavage, Thomas Roth, Charles Ruch, Nancy Schappell, Kris Snyder, Sean Steigerwalt, Wendy Wentz, Paula Werner and all we name in our hearts silently before you now .. (We pause in silence)

In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all veterans, that they may receive the care and support they so need and deserve, and for those separated from family and friends, as they serve in the Armed Forces around the world, protecting our nation in freedom. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace, especially those we dearly miss and remember in our hearts silently before you now

(a brief silence)

Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises.

In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who said that when we pray we should say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A solitary bell is rung for each of the seven petitions as we pray aloud.

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

SHARING OF PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

The assembly may be seated.

Our service continues with our tithes and offerings.

OFFERING

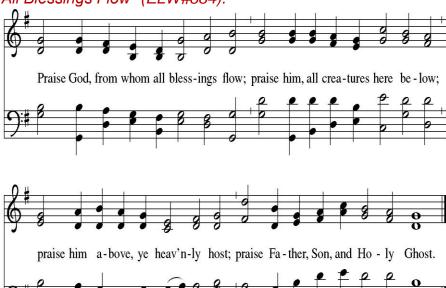
The acolyte presents the offering plates to the ushers.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Organist's Improvisation

OFFERING HYMN

As the ushers bring forward the gifts, please stand as you are able and join in singing the doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW#884).



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

OFFERING PRAYER

After the gifts have been presented, the offering is blessed by the minister with the prayer as follows. Please remain standing as you are able.

The minister begins; the assembly reads the bold print.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

The minister proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

ELW#843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

The acolyte extinguishes the candles carrying one solitary flame representing the light of Christ into the world.

The lights will dim and all may kneel or sit as able for a moment of silent prayer.

DISMISSAL

The minister sends the assembly forth into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Organist's Improvisation

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We invite you to check in frequently on our church website & Facebook page for updates.

Luther wrote that we should read a Psalm daily; check our Facebook page for postings of a daily Morning Psalm and Prayer!

SPONSORSHIPS

The following sponsorships have been given to the glory of God:

BULLETINS are sponsored by:

- John & Rhonda Rupell in honor of Jonathan & Timothy's 1st wedding anniversary;
- Al & Louise Sellers in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on July 26th. (2 sponsorships)

<u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u> are sponsored by Al & Louise Sellers in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on July 26th.

JACK AND JILL PRESCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING ...

On the last Sunday of each month, we will be "passing the pail" to take a special collection to support Jack and Jill. Any amount you can spare would be greatly appreciated!

Luther Hall Air Sanctuary Air Handler Conditioning Installation with the help of a \$ 97,000 loan with a monthly loan payment of \$1,130.73 Installation: \$49,850 Installation: \$91,800 Flectrician: \$5,820 Electrician: \$ 6,300 **Total Cost:** \$55,670 **Total Cost:** \$98,100 \$98,100 \$55,670 \$50,000 \$90,000 \$40,000 \$80,000 \$30,000 \$70,000 \$20,000 \$60,000 \$10,000 \$50,000 \$40,000 \$0 \$30,000 \$20,000

AIR CONDITIONING FUND UPDATE ...

The total Amount Received as of 7/07/24 is \$24,888.

\$10,000

If you are able to help with a weekly or monthly donation, please use the envelope enclosed with your bulletin.

Any amount is appreciated!

PANTRY ITEM FOR AUGUST: MACARONI & CHEESE

Your donation can be placed in the basket in the narthex or can be dropped off at the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE....

Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc. is sponsoring a Blood Drive in conjunction with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from 10a-2pm at the Lehighton American Legion. 25 or more donors are needed. If you can help give the gift of life, call Karen Alboucq (610) 577-5106 or Larae Hlavaty (570) 386-2108.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Bulletins – \$10.00 each (3 needed per weekend)

August 4 (2), August 11 (2), August 25 (2), September 1 (2), September 29 (2), October 6 (3), October 13 (2), October 20 (3), October 27 (3).

Chancel Flowers – Florist of your choice!

September 22, September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20

If you would like to sponsor any of the above dates, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

HAVE QUILTING TO BE DONE AND NO TIME TO DO IT?

Our quilters can help! They have finished their current project and is looking for another. New members are also welcome! Contact the church office or Louise Sellers.



BIBLE STUDY ...

A bible study will be held on August 12th, 19th and 26th at 7pm in the conference room. We will be reading and discussing stories of Peter and his importance to the church. Those interested are encouraged to bring your favorite Bible and story about Peter. Pre-registration is appreciated by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office 610-377-4303.

FAMILY PROMISE OF CARBON COUNTY FUNDRAISER

Donation: \$5.00

Drawing Date: August 24, 2024 at Lehighton Downtown Farmers Market

Proceeds to Benefit: Family Promise of Carbon County
Tickets can be purchased at the church office.
Winners will be contacted.

Prizes:

- Myrtle Beach or Hilton Head Vacation for 8 Days/ 7 Nights (Donated by Sundance Vacation)
- 2. Two Adirondack Chairs (Donated by CCTI)
- 3. \$249.00 Salt Room 10 Session Package (Donated by Alchemy Lounge)
- 4. 4 Tickets for Pocono Whitewater & Skirmish Any Activity
- 5. \$100.00 Amazon Card (Donated by Reiner Accounting, LLC.)
- 6. Gift Bucket with Bird Feeder, Bird Fee & Suet Cakes (Donated by Tractor Supply)
- 7. \$50.00 Cash (Donated by Cindy & Ted Smith)
- 8. \$50.00 Giant Gift Card
- 9. \$20.00 Country Junction Gift Card
- 10. \$20.00 Country Junction Gift Card



If you wish to put yourself, a friend or loved one on the church or private prayer list, please fill out a prayer request form and place it in the basket.

An update must be provided every 30 days or the name will be removed. No exceptions.

Please note: You must get permission from the person placed on the list due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

JACK AND JILL HOAGIE FUNDRAISER ...

Tickets are \$5.50 each and can be redeemed for a fresh 6-inch sub at Cindy's Deli, 828 Main Rd, Lehighton, (located across from the entrance of Phifer's Ice Dam Park in Franklin Twp.) Tickets are available for purchase at the church office and can be redeemed from now until October 1st.



Thank you for your support of Jack and Jill Preschool!



ST JOHN'S DONUT SALE

Persians - \$2.00 each Iced Long Johns (pack of 2) - \$4.00 Coconut Long Johns (pack of 2) - \$4.50 Cider Donuts (6) - \$6.00

Orders must be received by Sunday, August 18th.

Delivery date is Wednesday, September 4th . Please make checks payable to St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church Thank you for supporting St. John's! You are invited to attend the

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, August 11, 2024

Baer Memorial Park Pool Pavilion Covered Dish & Games Noon till Pool Closing



Food will be served from Noon to 2 p.m.
Hot dogs, rolls and drinks will be provided.
Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office if you are attending and/or able to provide a covered dish or dessert.

There is no charge to the pool for those attending the picnic.

If you have an outdoor game, bring it along!
In case of inclement weather,
the event will be held in Luther Hall.



Do you have some spare time during the week? The store is in need of volunteers. For more information, please see or call Kay Patterson at 610-377-4471.

Preschool Registration



Jack and Jill Preschool 230 Iron St. Lehighton, Pa 18235 JackandJillLehighton.org 610-377-6562

jackandjillpreschool@yahoo.com

Registrations are now open for the 2024 - 2025 preschool term.

Children who will be 3, 4, or 5, by September 1, can register now! Scholarships are available.

- Safe and loving environment
- Play based learning
- Early literacy skills
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- Music and movement
- Outdoor play and exploration
- Introduction to basic math
- Children's worship and Christian values
- Age appropriate learning material



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