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# STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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Consecration Sunday

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Henrik Sonntag, Pastor  
120 N. Easton Road  
Glenside, PA  
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# GATHERING

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## THE PRELUDE

*Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## INTROIT (10:30 only)

*Hello! Hello! How Are You?*

Kathleen Hurty/Marie Pooler

*Prayer Echo*

Cynthia Wright

St. Paul's Cherub Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

No. 890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*Battle Hymn*

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

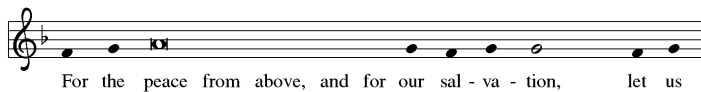
# GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



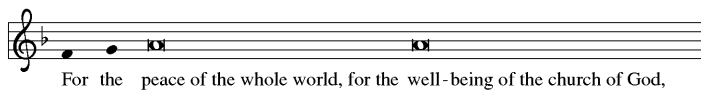
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



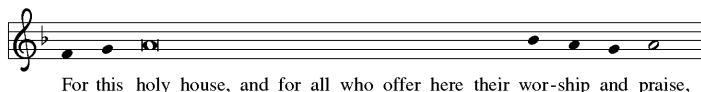
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**




Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.




**A - men.**


(8:00 AM ONLY)  
HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

  
1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*  
  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are


seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

  
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*  
  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE WORD

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### THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be 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.

<sup>12</sup>At 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.”

<sup>13</sup>Their 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.

<sup>14</sup>The 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.

<sup>15</sup>That 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;  
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.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 90:1-12

8:00 *The Psalm will be read responsively with the assembly reading the verses in bold.*

10:30 *The antiphon is sung by all. The assembly sings the verses in **bold** print*

So teach us to num - ber our  
days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

Psalm 90:12

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<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have <sup>1</sup> been our refuge  
from one generation <sup>1</sup> to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the <sup>1</sup> earth were born,**

**from age to age <sup>1</sup> you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the <sup>1</sup> dust and say,  
“Turn back, O child- <sup>1</sup> ren of earth.”

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when <sup>1</sup> it is past**

**and like a watch <sup>1</sup> in the night; R**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away <sup>1</sup> like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly <sup>1</sup> like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is <sup>1</sup> green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried <sup>1</sup> up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed <sup>1</sup> by your anger;  
we are afraid because <sup>1</sup> of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have <sup>1</sup> set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light <sup>1</sup> of your countenance. R**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our <sup>1</sup> days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end <sup>1</sup> like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength <sup>1</sup> even eighty;**

**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and <sup>1</sup> we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power <sup>1</sup> of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your <sup>1</sup> indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to num- <sup>1</sup> ber our days  
that we may apply our <sup>1</sup> hearts to wisdom. R**

## **THE SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at



night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves

came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then 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.' <sup>21</sup>His 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.' <sup>22</sup>And 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.' <sup>23</sup>His 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.' <sup>24</sup>Then 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; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But 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? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For 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. <sup>30</sup>As 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.**

*Please be seated.*

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:30 ONLY)

*All Creation Sings*

Mark Patterson

St. Paul's Children's Choir and Youth Singers

Susie Pierce Mills, Piano

SERMON "Stewardship skit"

Pastor Tom Kochenderfer

Chris Claypoole

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

PLEDGE TIME

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Rustington*

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers:* This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We especially remember before you Ruth Kirrstetter, Nancy Haring, Karen Delaney, Pr. Ken Feinour, the family and loved ones of Ruth Kirrstetter, and the family and loved ones of Peggy Johnson (Karen Ruth's mother) and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Ruth Kirrstetter and Peggy Johnson, we praise your goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace saying "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

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## OFFERING

8:00 AM Organ Selection

10:30 AM *Well Done, Faithful One*

Joseph Martin

St. Paul's Chancel Choir, Youth Singers and Children's Choir

Susie Pierce Mills, piano

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

# THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Concludes with ... **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

## THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is more complex than in the previous section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please be seated.*

THE COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

No. 1063 God of the Fertile Fields

*Italian Hymn*

# God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused, your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Concludes with **Amen.**

## SENDING

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THE BLESSING

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## THE SENDING HYMN

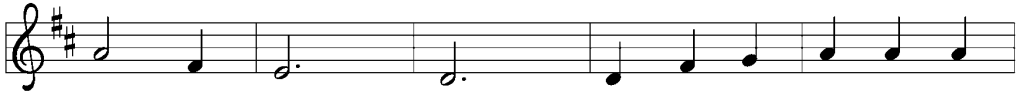
No. 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of Light

*Houston*

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*Please be seated for the announcements.*

## PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

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

## THE POSTLUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert