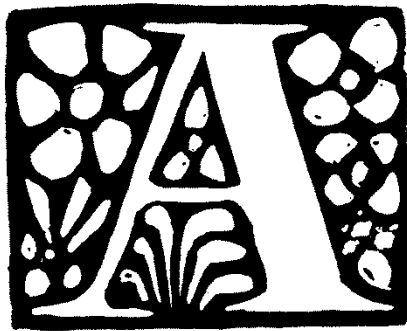


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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**  
**17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
**Amen.**

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

Faithful God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace**  
**and go our own ways.**  
**We pass judgment on one another**  
**before examining ourselves.**  
**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**  
**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**  
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**  
**and turn us again to life in you**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* (ELW 520)

### Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

## 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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

*A reading from Ezekiel.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

*Read responsively between men and women, beginning with the men.*

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,

O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

*A reading from Philippians.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence,  
but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;  
<sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good  
pleasure.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Bill**



**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Change My Heart, O God* (ELW 801)

**Change My Heart, O God**



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

*P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## **PEACE**

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

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

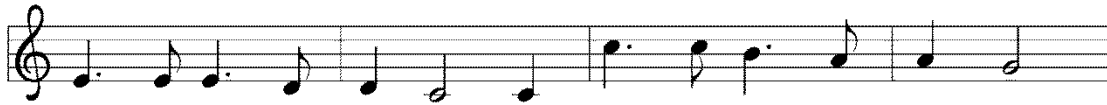
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te\_a - do - ra.*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.*  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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 table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous – Please continue down center aisle at direction of the usher, maintaining your distance and keeping your mask on. Move your mask to eat the bread and drink the wine. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat with your mask on.*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Voices Raised to You* (ELW 845)

### Voices Raised to You



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your  
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,  
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

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**Stewardship Thought – September 27, 2020** (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20)  
*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. –*  
**Philippians 2:3-4**

When we consider the interests of others something beautiful happens: Our own interests seem less important, our wants fewer, and relationships flourish. Only by aligning our wills and lives with Christ may we grow into the fullness of life God desires and intends for us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in honor of our mother's birthdays, Marjorie McMullin and Sylvia Wepking, both turning 93 years old this summer, given by Bill and Linda Wepking.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests** for the following persons: *Barbara Socks, Pastor Sharon Blezard, Isabel Overcash, Darrell Veilleux, Patricia Yetter, Denise Bowen, Ty McEntire, Jeffrey Wenger, Jack White, Jack Hess, Sylvia Wenger, Jay Hunter, Patsy Wagner, Anne English, Bill Sellers, Millie Kulkusky, Curt Shreiner, Genny Grant, Karen Sanders, Jackson, Bonnie Hudson.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

*I want to thank everyone for their cards, notes, telephone calls and prayers following my heart attack, operation and recovery. Also I want to thank the Social Ministry Committee and especially Nancy Deardorff for the lovely knitted lap blanket, it has come in handy during these cool September evenings. Your thoughtfulness during this period was very touching and greatly appreciated. Yours in Christian Fellowship, Bill Chiado*

**Altar Flowers:** If you will not be attending worship on a Sunday you have donated the flowers, please contact Sally to arrange pick-up or request they be donated.

Given the pandemic situation, the Worship and Music Committee has decided to **continue holding the Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. through October.** The Committee will continue to re-evaluate the situation at their next meeting.

**SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary** voted to postpone their 2020 Membership Drive due to Covid-19. However, if you wish to make a contribution to the programs the auxiliary supports at Luther Ridge for 2020 please feel free to give your donation by sending it to Marjorie Dale, Auxiliary President, 235 Woodvale Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201 or Mary Jane Lindsey, Auxiliary Treasurer, 273 Cherry Lane Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17202. Any questions please call Marjorie at 717-860-7544.

**Relay For Life team is selling lottery tickets.** If your number matches the PA Lottery Pick 3 on October 28 you win one roll each of \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, & \$3.00 scratch-off tickets. One number higher and one number lower will win one roll of \$5.00 scratch-off tickets. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket - Please contact Becky or Sam Mull to purchase your tickets. Thank you for your support!

**Solomon's Capital Campaign for Luther Ridge Skilled Care Center:** In support of Solomon's five-year \$5,000 pledge to the capital campaign for the SpiriTrust Lutheran Skilled Care Center at Luther Ridge, please consider making a financial contribution if you are able. The Skilled Care Center provides rehabilitation and nursing care for those in need in our community. Make your check out to Solomon's and mark it "Luther Ridge Skilled Care" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

**Maranatha Paper Products Drive:** Since we are limited in the number of people at worship in the church each Sunday, we will collect paper products each Sunday during the month of October. If Norm's red truck is not in the parking lot, please bring your donation into the church and place it in the gray Social Ministry bins in the Sunday School room or under the coat rack. If you would like to donate but are not coming to church because of the virus, call Edna (717-352-4392) to arrange pickup.

**Power Packs:** With school back in session, the Power Packs program has now resumed. Currently, eight families have been identified at New Franklin Elementary School in need of food assistance. You can donate vegetable or fruit cups like last year. Donations of cash are also welcome if you are unable to shop or attend church due to the pandemic.

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** California is experiencing the worst wildfires in history, which have burned over one million acres and destroyed thousands of structures. In addition, Hurricane Laura has devastated parts of coastal Louisiana. Lutheran Disaster Response is providing immediate needs such as food and other life necessities in these two states. Please consider making a donation to help with these efforts. Make your contribution payable to Solomon's and mark it "US Wildfires" or "Hurricanes" or both. 100% of your donation will be used for these efforts. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

**Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes** are available in the library for anyone to read.



**From the Fund Raising Committee:**

**Apple Butter** – we will be selling homemade Apple Butter in ½ pint jars at \$3.00 and pint jars at \$5.50. Orders due Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Pick up date will be Saturday, November 14 between 10 AM and 12 PM and Sunday, November 15 after Church.

**SOLOMON'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HOME MADE APPLE BUTTER  
ORDERS DUE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020**

PICK UP – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2020 between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020 –after Church

CUSTOMER NAME	½ PINT 8 OZ. JAR \$ 3.00 EACH	PINT 16 OZ. JAR \$ 5.50 EACH	TOTAL DUE	PAID

SELLERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candy Making – Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Sign up to help.** We will set up on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will begin each morning at 6:30 AM – we need people to stir chocolate during melting process; 8:00 AM – dip chocolate into paper cups.

**Call:** Sally Gayman at the church (717-267-2266) or her cell (717-360-2223) or call Zoe Mummert (717-267-1777) with dates and times you can help. Please leave a message at any of the phone numbers listed above. You can also email Zoe at [zoem@kenshadle.com](mailto:zoem@kenshadle.com). We will have stations spaced throughout the gym in small groups. You will have to wear a mask, gloves and hat/hairnet. (Gloves and hairnets will be provided. Bring your own mask and hat.) Candy will be sold for \$10.00/1 lb. bag and \$6.00/ ½ lb. bag. Orders are due by Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Pick up date will be Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and 12:00 PM and on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> after Church.

**Please note:** If Pennsylvania shuts down again because of Covid-19, we will have to cancel this event and all orders. We will send out a notice to everyone. Thank you for your help and support.

**SOLOMON'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HOME MADE CHOCOLATE CANDY  
ORDERS DUE: SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**PICK UP - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2020 between 10:00 am & 12:00 pm & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020 -after Church**

Customer Name	MILK CHOCOLATE PEANUT		MILK CHOCOLATE RICE KRISPIES		MILK CHOCOLATE TOASTED COCONUT		MILK CHOCOLATE RAISIN		MILK CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER BUCKEYE BARS		DARK CHOCOLATE PEANUT	
	½ lb. bag 6.00	1 lb. bag 10.00	½ lb. bag 6.00	1 lb. bag 10.00	½ lb. bag 6.00	1 lb. bag 10.00	½ lb. bag 6.00	1 lb. bag 10.00	½ lb. box 6.00	1 lb. box 10.00	½ lb. bag 6.00	1 lb. bag 10.00

SELLERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST



*God directs our ways.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

*These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 21:23-32</b>	<b>Parable of the two sons</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32</b>	<b>God's ways are fair</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philippians 2:1-13</b>	<b>Christ shows us humility</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Exodus 17:1-17</b>	<b>Water from the rock</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16</b>	<b>What God has done</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>James 1:19-27</b>	<b>Hearing and doing God's word</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 25:1-9</b>	<b>Prayer for guidance and help</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 21:33-46</b>	<b>Parable of the vineyard tenants</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“[W]ork out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:12b-13 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, teach us to know your ways and to do them with humility and compassion for all that you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for providing for our every need, including the gift of this food; we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God guide you in the way of truth and guard your life with steadfast love and faithfulness. (Psalm 25)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Do you ask for help sometimes when making decisions? Why or why not?
- Is there a time when you asked for God's help in making a decision? If so, tell about it.
- How does reading the Bible and having conversations with other believers help guide your life?

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We Are All one in Mission*



## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Philippians 2:1-13.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the church at Philippi and encourages the people to live with others with humility (vv. 3-4). He uses Christ as our model for this way of life as Christ Jesus took on our human existence and “humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death” (v. 8). With this as a guide, Paul exhorts believers to pursue the Christian life because it matters to others, to the world, and to God. Knowing how hard it is to live this life faithfully, he states, “work out our salvation in fear and trembling” (v. 12b). But this is not a fear that prevents us from acting. It is actually a sense of awe and reverence that frees us to live and act because God is with us, behind and in front of us in both our actions and our very desire to do the will of God (v. 13). It can be overwhelming to wonder how to live as a Christian. Paul encourages us to go forth with humility to love others and trust God. Think of a situation that is hard for you to know what you should do. When this happens, pray to God for wisdom and faith to act with love and humility.

*Pray:* **God of justice and mercy, guide our days and our deeds in the peace of Christ. Amen.**

## SERVICE

In Philippians 2, Paul is asking us to imitate Jesus by being of the same mind and showing compassion, love, and humility to others. Showing interest in others by listening and praying for them is one way to be compassionate. Be mindful of listening closely to the conversations you have with others.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Lifting our hands is one way to show praise to God. In the Old Testament there are people (like Leah and Moses) who lift their hands in praise to God. This is an ancient pose of prayer and a motion used to open a person to receiving God’s blessing. Lift your hands and pray daily this week: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Amen. (Psalm 25:1-2a)**