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To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

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ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

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Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Bishop Christopher DeForest of the NEPA Synod has strongly encouraged the wearing of masks at worship services (please see his statement). Our Congregation Council has decided that each of us should use our own discretion as to personal choice. Please consider wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated and everyone practice social distancing. You may worship in the parlor (televised), courtyard (weather permitting-audio only) and from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

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Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services**

PRELUDE **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**
arr. Bruce Greer

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN **“All Are Welcome”** **Page 24 of bulletin**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
 whose teaching is life,
 whose presence is sure,
 and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord! O Heavens

1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.

Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (10:30AM SERVICE)

P Today, as we gather to worship and praise God, we take time to thank God, and ask for God's blessing on those who are offering themselves to teach, lead and guide the members of Christ's body here at Christ Lutheran Church, in Christian Education, and also, those who offer themselves to organize, teach, and supervise our Stephen Ministers. At this time, we will install your Christian Educators for the 21/22 school year.

P After prayerful deliberation, Rachel Brutosky, Megan Davis, Cindy Derr, Christine Chegwidden and Candice Kurtz have volunteered to serve as Sunday School teachers.

P Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works. Rachel, Megan, Cindy, Christine and Candice, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Trusting in God's care,
will you seek to grow in love for those you serve,
strive for excellence in your skills,
and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C Amen.

P People of God, will you receive Rachel, Megan, Cindy, Christine and Candice into this
ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P Will you pray for them, help and honor their work's sake,
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P I now declare you installed as Sunday School teachers.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

C Amen.

PRAYER

P O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. By
your Holy Spirit you have called Rachel, Megan, Cindy, Christine and Candice to the
ministry of witness and service in teaching. Give them and all teachers insight into your
word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth in every
circumstance; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P People of God, I present to you Rachel, Megan, Cindy, Christine and Candice, your
Sunday School teachers for the 2021/2022 year.
Let us welcome them in the name of Christ.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS (10:30AM SERVICE)

P At this time, we will commission our Stephen Leader who will organize, teach, and supervise our Stephen Ministers to minister to hurting people in our congregation and community.

Presentation

P Deb Jones, you have been trained to serve as Stephen Leader at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, to lead us in this ministry of equipping and caring.

Address

P: As Christians who are a part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. It is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation; and today we recognize and affirm those Stephen Leaders who will direct the Stephen ministry.

P Because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities:

- To build awareness of our growing Stephen Ministry.
- To solicit the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry.
- To recruit, select, and train thoroughly as Stephen Ministers those members of this congregation whose gift it is to share one-to-one caring ministry.
- To use the resources of our community as appropriate to enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministry in this congregation.
- To work with the pastor of this congregation to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry.
- To supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry.

(S-6 A Rite for Commissioning Stephen Leaders 17)

Vows

P Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and heal people in all their needs?

Answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Members of Christ Conyngham, will you open your heart to the ministry of this Stephen Leader and pray for her as a servant of Christ? If so, answer: “Yes, with the help of God.”

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

A Pastor Taylor, will you support the ministry of this trained Stephen Leader, affirm the training of Stephen Ministers, carefully refer trained caregivers to those in need of supportive ministry, encourage confidentiality, and thereby help to “equip the saints for ministry”? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

P *Yes, with the help of God.*

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have called these people to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.

C Amen.

WORD

A READING FROM JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

A READING FROM JAMES

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

TEMPLE TALK BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE 9th CHAPTER

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

p The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father” Page 25 of bulletin

PLEASE BE SEATED

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C 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

A Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy

C hear our prayer.

A God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Rich, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Carl, Neal, Larry, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Janice, Gail, John, Sandy, Al, Maryanne, Janet, Rich, Deb, Vivian, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew and Emily. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please wave to each other or share the peace sign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A* In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 God of abundance,
 you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
 Accept the gifts you have first given us.
 Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P* The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P* Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners
 and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life given for us
 and his rising from the grave,
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
 By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
 strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
 and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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

P All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION

C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

C Amen.

CANTICLE

☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

- P* People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

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DISMISSAL

- P* Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare for Organ”

Powell

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Worship Helpers**8:00am**

Acolyte	Erica Salko
Asst. Minister	Jean Frye
Reader	Mary Topolski
Ushers	Gary & Sandy Houseknecht

10:30am

Acolyte	Frankie Martinelli
Asst. Minister	Tom Toth
Reader	Cindy Derr
Ushers	Jim & Joyce Bradbury

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Dale & Becky Shuman in honor of their children.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Mary Lou Keck in memory of Marvin.

The altar piece is offered to the glory of God by Bob Hildebrand and family in memory of Sherry & Wendy.

Calendar for the Week of September 19, 2021

Monday - -	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday - -	5:30pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday - -		
Thursday - -	9:00am	Apple Fest Prep-make apple sauce
	5:00pm	Karate
Friday - -		
Saturday - -		

NEXT WEEKEND**September 25 & 26, 2021****THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm****Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am****Sunday School 9:15am****Installation Service at 3:00pm**

INSTALLATION SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Deb's installation service is September 26th at 3PM. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to be with us!! A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

GERANIUM CARE

The geraniums are planted and now we need to care for them. Please consider checking in to deadhead and water the plants as needed, and pull any weeds that may be there. The garden hose and watering can are by the side of the church.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

i.e. from Gould's, Weiss or Giant markets for our upcoming events.
Please place in bin at the back of the church. Please bring by **October 3rd**.
Thanks!

APPLE FEST 2021

Saturday October 16th from 8am-3pm.

Volunteers are needed for our annual event. **Dates are Thursdays at 9am on September 23rd and October 7th, and the week prior to the Fest October 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. Also, the day of the Apple Fest the 16th.** Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church and help wherever you can!! *Also, see the sheet to sign-up to bake apple pies.*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS

The women in our church have been busy sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief this year. There will be 30 or more quilts displayed in the sanctuary to be blessed **TODAY** before being taken to Lykens, Pa. for the "In-gathering" to be picked up there by truck and taken to Maryland to be sent worldwide. Please prayerfully consider donating to the shipping costs. Envelopes will be provided for your donations.

To continue this ministry, the following items would be gratefully welcome: sharp small scissors and large pieces of cotton fabric, **ESPECIALLY TWIN FLAT SHEETS**. (slightly used with no stains).

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the October newsletter is Sunday **TODAY!!**

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Deb Jones and Pastor Deb are in the process of selecting our first class of Stephen Ministers. Training will begin in October. Over the next few months these future Stephen Ministers will receive extensive training in Christian caring skills. Some of the areas they will cover include listening effectively, addressing feelings, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises.

Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person. We ask for your prayers as we select our Stephen Ministers and prepare them to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to people experiencing life difficulties in our congregation and community.

There is a cost to training our Stephen Ministers and running our Stephen Ministry. If you would like to donate to help defray these costs, you can place any donations in the offering plate and mark it for Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact Deb Jones at msjonesncc@gmail.com or 570-233-7675 or Pastor Deb.

All Are Welcome

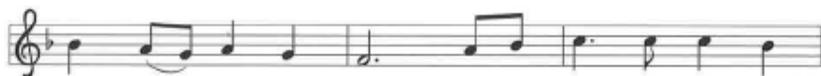
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, fä - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



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GRACE, FAITH

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All Depends on Our Possessing



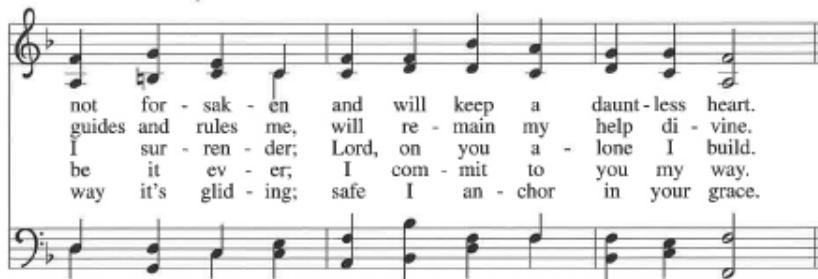
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

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LIVING NATIVITY

Yes, it is only September, but we need to think about our annual gift to the community on **December 4th & 5th**.

The folks you have been preparing for the Living Nativity these many years are now in their 'senior' years and cannot handle all the work alone.

A VERY IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH AT 6:30PM. IF WE DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE ATTENDING (or if you cannot attend, commit to helping by calling the church office and letting us know you will help) THE LIVING NATIVITY CANNOT BE HELD!!!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

We still need substitute teachers and helpers. Enough helpers will allow us to 'team teach' in each section, so Sundays can be split according to your schedule. All material is provided, and we have a room full of craft items if you wish to do a special project. Please contact Cindy or Pastor Deb if you are willing to serve.

PRAYER WALK

Come and join in an interfaith prayer walk as we pray for our town, our community, our school, our nation and the world on **Saturday September 25th at 11:00am**. Meet at the parking lot of the Conyngham Methodist Church to begin with a time of prayer and walk throughout town to the Gazebo on the borough property as we pray along the way and at the end of the walk. Anyone who feels they are unable to walk the half mile from the church to the gazebo are more than welcome to drive between destinations