# Third Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2022

9:00 a.m. Worship Outside 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

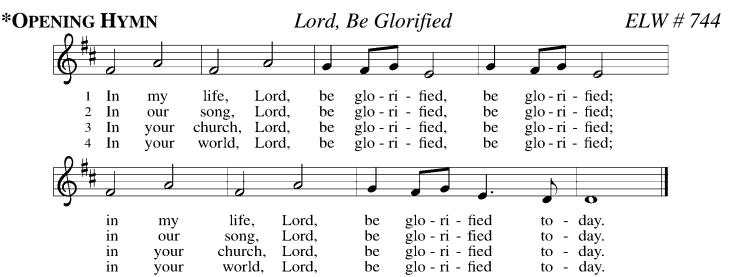
#### C Amen.

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

### P Merciful God.

C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. C Amen.



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#### **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.** 





### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray* ... Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.** 

# FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

- <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.
- <sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 16 (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- <sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

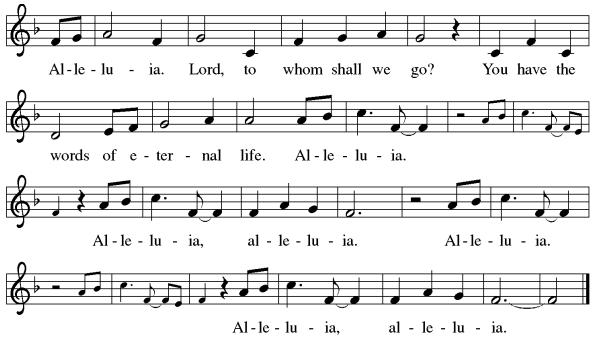
<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.





\*Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

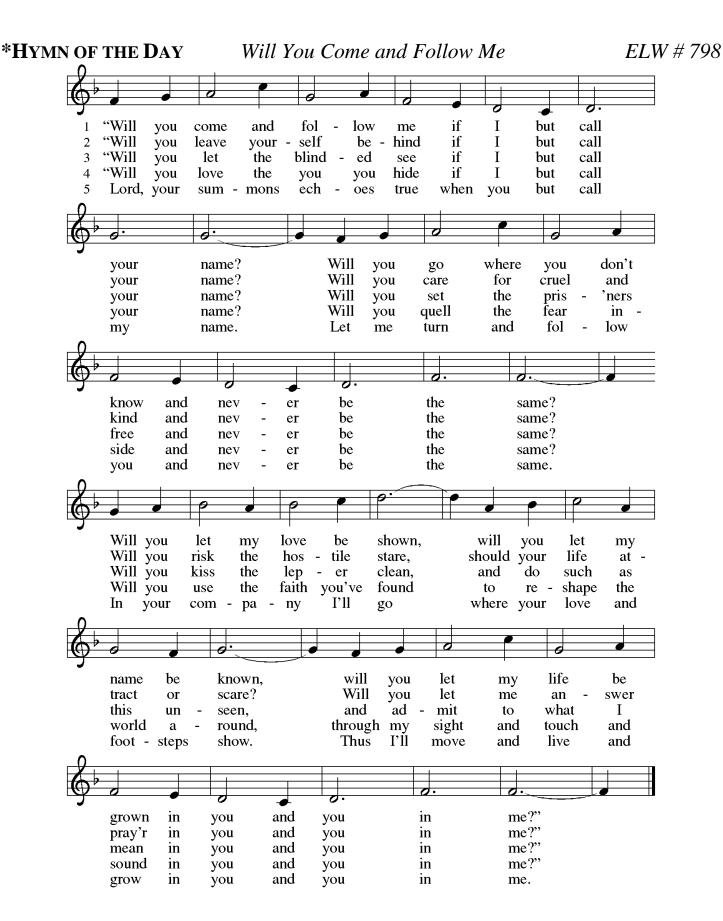
# Glory to you, O Lord.

- <sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.
- <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

**HOMILY** 

Rev. Ralph Hamer



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#### \*CREED

- P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' 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

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.
- P God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

#### C Amen.

#### **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 our thanks and praise.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

P 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
- 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.
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

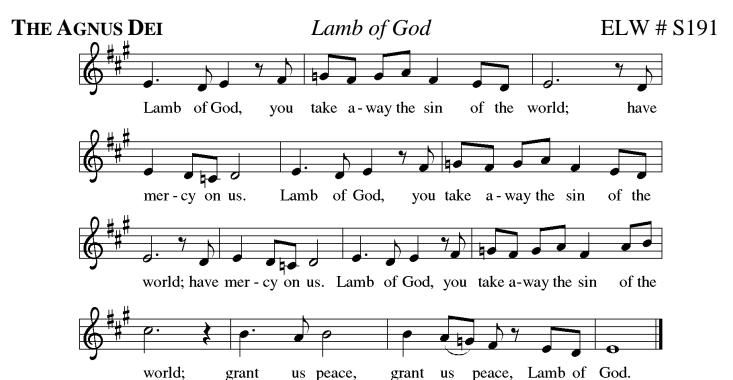
# C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.
- Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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



#### **INVITATION**

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### **BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P *Let us pray*... Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

#### C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

P The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **C Amen.** 



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#### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C Thanks be to God.

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of Jacob Deitch and Emory Stewart Jr.

# **Church Messenger**

The June 2022 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership, and articles are always appreciated.

# **Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Missionary Family – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lectors – Jean Sinal

Our Altar Guild – Laura Orczeck

Our Usher – Melissa Fetzer

Our Audio/Video Tech - Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Youth & Camping"

**Prayers and Christian Sympathy** are asked for Kay McGraw and family upon the death of her husband, Dick McGraw, Monday, June 20, 2022. Viewing will be at St. Matthew on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with funeral service to follow at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome our Guest Preacher today, the Rev. Ralph Hamer. Pastor Hamer has preached here several times and is Director of Pastoral Care and Congregational Relations with ALSM.

**Help Needed:** Custodian opportunity is available at St. Matthew. Seeking person or couple to provide cleaning of the church and maintenance of grounds in the absence of the Sexton. Casual hours. If interested please contact the church office, 814-793-2413, for more information.

#### **Office Hours This Week:**

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lori Tremmel

#### This Week Events

**Today** – Worship is Outside 9:00 a.m. Bring a chair. (Sanctuary if it rains.)

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Knotty Ladies, Quilt Room 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Friday - Synod Youth Trip to Kennywood, Pittsburgh 11:30 a.m.

Sunday – Worship is Outside 9:00 a.m. Bring a chair. (Sanctuary if it rains.)

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Clyde Claycomb, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Tim Flaugh, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Dan Hershberger, Mary Lou Hinish, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McCready, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Pastor Drahus Oslikova, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Howard and Connie Smith Family, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Jean White, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

### **Martinsburg Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on Thursdays, July 7 and July 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers from Brethren in Christ will be assisting, along with our regular volunteers, to distribute the food.

**Items most needed for July:** Cereal, Ravioli, Pasta Sides, Mashed Potatoes, Tomato Sauce. Note: During the Summer, donations slow down, and children are home from school so please fill our church basket!

Also, garden produce on the days that Food Pantry is open, are very welcomed.

Thank You! Linda Smith