The 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2024

11:00 a.m. Worship at Kreider Farm

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you

are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- *P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
- P: God, our provider,
- *C:* help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.



***OPENING HYMN**

This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

*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 ... Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

¹⁰David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:3}Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

PSALM 111 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

- ⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.
- ⁸They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



^{*}Gospel: John 6:51-58 The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

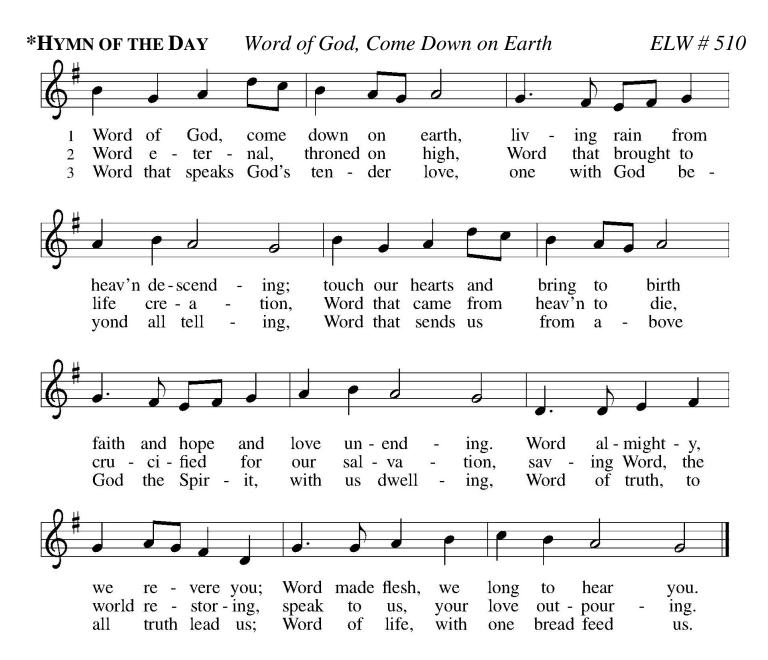
[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci



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*APOSTLES' 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**

- A: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
- *A:* Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- A: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *A:* Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- *P:* We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. *C:* Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

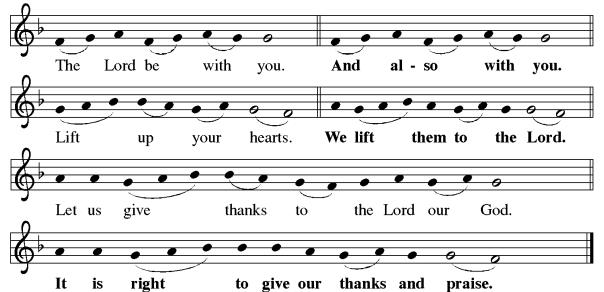
***Offertory Prayer**

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

A: Let us pray ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

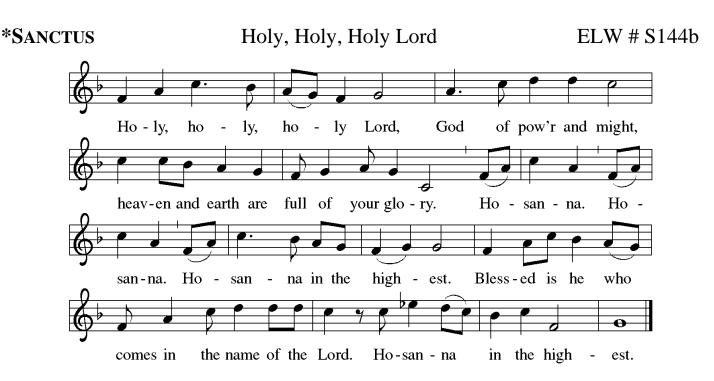
*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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***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.
- 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:



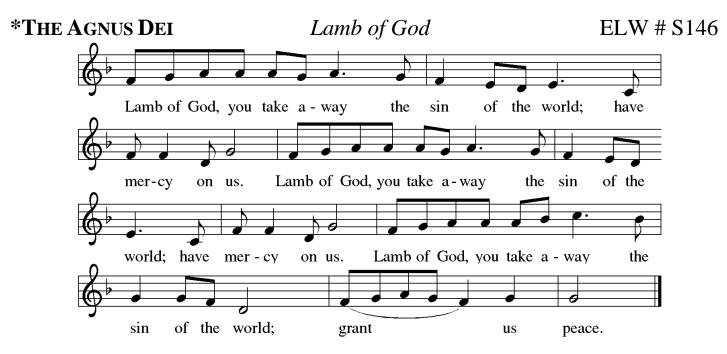
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P*:You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- 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.
- For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
- To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*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**

A: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. *C*: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** For the Beauty of the Earth ELW # 879 of the the of For the earth. for the skies. 1 beau - ty beau - ty 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night, For the of ear and for the heart and mind's de - light, 3 joy eye, 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child, each per-fect gift of thine, peace on 5 For earth and joy in heav'n: the love which from our birth o - ver lies: for and a - round us hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars light: of for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight: friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - lv for giv'n: Refrain praise. Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Assisting Minister – Melissa Fetzer Our Lector – Jean Sinal Our Usher – Melissa Fetzer Our Altar Guild – Elaine Buchart, Janet Stewart Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner **Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to "OEW and Missionaries"**

This Week at St. Matthew:

814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

| Today – | 13 th Sunday After Pentecost | |
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| | Worship Service 11:00 a.m. at the Kreider Farm | |
| | Lunch will follow the service | |
| | Altoona Curve Game 6:00 p.m., PNG Field | |
| Monday – | Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m., Zoom | |
| Wednesday – | Employee Meeting 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall | |
| | Mending Meal 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall | |
| Sunday – | 14 th Sunday After Pentecost | |
| | Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall | |
| | Backpack Blessing during worship | |

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

Prayer Concerns: Dawn Alexy, Amy & Family, Avery, Jim Barley, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Kaye Burket, Tana Byler, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Diane Cappel, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Joe Harteis, Rodger Hoover & Family, Marilyn Horton, Michelle Iwanski, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Darlene Krisco, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Mary Scott, Jane Metz Short, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

 Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.
 Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

Devotionals

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"Christ in Our Home" devotional booklets are available at the Usher's Station in the Narthex. Please sign your name if you take one because we are trying to get an accurate count of how many we need to be ordering. If you are unable to attend worship in person and want one mailed to you, please call the office.



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following dates are available: 9/29 and 10/27. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the

church office at 814-793-2413.



Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for the family of Gloria Guyer upon her death on Tuesday, August 13th.

Prayers and Christian sympathy are asked for Rod Hoover and family upon the death of his son Colin on Wednesday, August 14th.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from the Memorial Church of the Brethren will be helping to distribute food on Thursdays, September 5 and September 19 from 9:00 until 11:00 am, along with the regular helpers.



If anyone harvests more vegetables or fruit than can be used, we will welcome it on the dates the pantry is open.

Items most needed for September: Cereal, Ravioli, Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Rice Sides, Peanut Butter

> Many thanks for all your donations, Linda Smith

Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)



When you are shopping, the Food Pantry is providing school supplies again for the school children in August.

These following items are needed, and you can place them in the school box in the fellowship hall:

Crayola Crayons (24 colors) 12 pack of #2 pencils & large erasers Crayola washable markers (10 colors) Crayola colored pencils (24 color set) Highlighters (yellow, pink & green) Elmer's large glue sticks (.77 oz.) 8¹/₂x11 spiral notebooks (3 hole punched) Elmer's washable school glue (4 oz bottle)

Martinsburg Booster Association presents



WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 23, 2024





\$170 per person

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast

through every test of faith?

From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
 - via Raystown Transit
- Reserved Main Floor Seating at 11:00am show
- Dinner stop made on return—Hoss's in Carlisle (on own)

DEPART: 7:00 AM from Morrison Cove Park

DEADLINE for RESERVATIONS and FINAL PAYMENT: September 13, 2024

PAYMENT: Check payable to Duane Bordell or CASH

For Reservations and Information:

Contact Duane Bordell, Raystown Transit Service at 814-944-2585 1117 Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602



Favorite clothing in need of repair? Give it another chance!

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

Free Light Lunch Served at 11:30AM

LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER

> St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall 115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot) Wednesday, August 21st from 11AM--1PM



Come and see the beautiful landscapes and pristinely landscaped campus of Homewood at Martinsburg!

Imagine a maintenance free lifestyle while enjoying all of the pleasures of retirement! Enjoy a delectable complimentary meal complete with Homemade Gob Cake!





ASK THE REALTOR:

Special guest Tracey Shade from Perry Wellington Realty who will be available to answer questions on downsizing. • What can I do to enhance the marketablity of my home?

- Is it true that I need to paint my home in all neutrals?
 - My roof is 25 years old...do I need to replace it?

Property Features

Kitchen

Living Room
Dining Room

- 2 Bathrooms
 - One Car Garage
 - Storage

RSVP by August 20, 2024

Sunroom

2 Bedrooms

Call Juls at **814.793.1314** or register at www.homewoodmartinsburg.com

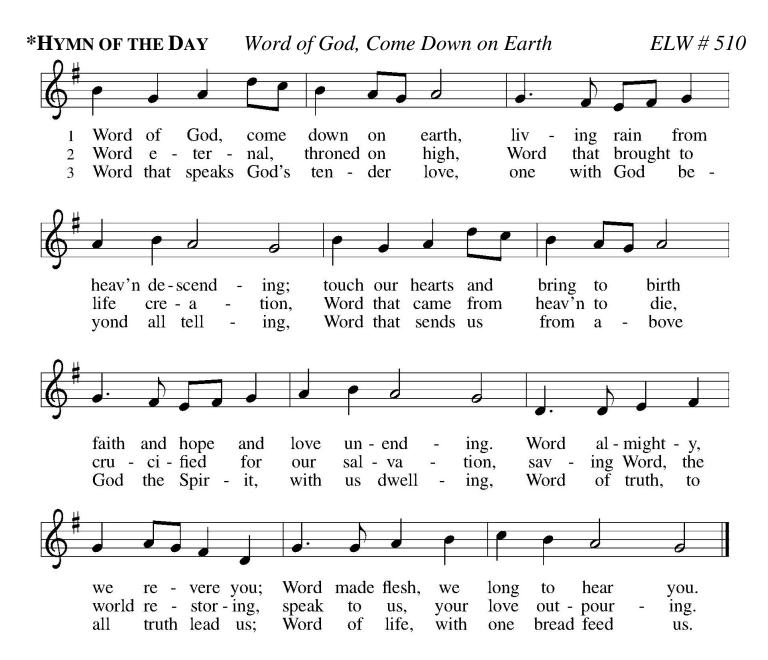


Cottage Open House - 602 Diamond Circle Homewood at Martinsburg - 437 Givler Drive, Martinsburg, PA 16662 ***OPENING HYMN**

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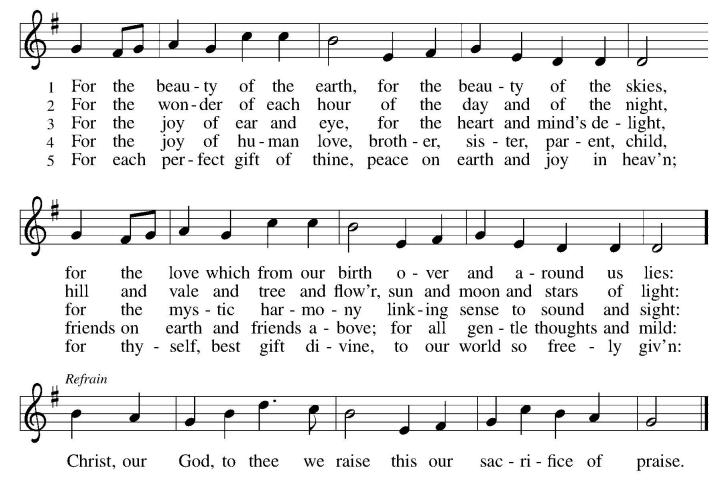


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For the Beauty of the Earth

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