

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

HELLERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

A YEAR OF GENEROSITY

10:00AM

The Reverend Philip C. Spohn

Order of Worship

Anniversary Sunday

Prelude:

Like a Shepherd
Steve Wysocki

Don Moen and Deborah Simpson

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, **you are welcome here!**

Welcome & Announcements

Josh Gulotta

Passing of the Peace

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence.

Chime~

Silence~

Prayer~

Opening Songs:

Lord, I Need You
Goodness of God

Time for All Ages: Bible Sunday

Fran Corl

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 [Responsive]

Jeanette Boos

¹ Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—

³ that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

⁴ **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and**
the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.

- ¹² God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,
- ¹³ **splitting open the sea and letting them pass through;
making the waters stand up like walls;**
- ¹⁴ leading them with a cloud by day,
and all the night with a glow of fire;
- ¹⁵ **splitting the rocks in the wilderness
and giving them drink as from the deep;**
- ¹⁶ bringing streams out of a rock,
making them flow down like a river.

Psalm 25:1-9 [Responsive]

- ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Gospel Acclamation: *Go!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-31

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.

²³ 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?” ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

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**Youth & Family Ministries
September Special Offering**

Offering Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*

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Offering Response: *Take My Hands*

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Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Prayers of the Church

Enid Rank

After each petition: Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Joe Meier, Dennis Koehler, Ashley Viegas, Stacy, Michael Lentz, Nic, Shannon, Gail Varady,
Jenny Canning, Kathryn Achey, Sheila, Beth Hinchliffe, Wendy Ernst, Mel Jones,
Elaine Rogers, Tiffany Weddle, Leona, Richard, George Suarez, Kyle

When a name is placed on the Prayer List, it will remain there for one month unless you notify us.

If you would like a call, a visit, or communion from Pastor Phil, please call the church office.

Finally, and together: **Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in the name of
Jesus, whom we love and follow. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Closing Song: *Forever*

Benediction: *Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be,
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

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

Postlude

Quiet Communion Please join the Eucharistic Team at the Altar if you wish to receive Communion.

