

~ The Reverend Philip C. Spohn ~

♪ Summer Music Series 2026 Hymn Sing Sunday ♪
Enid Rank, Hymn Leader

Prelude Hymns: *Gather Us In* [GATHERING] **ELW #532** vs. 1-2
 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty [GATHERING] **ELW #533** vs. 1-2

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

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

Chime~ Silence~ Prayer~

Opening Hymns: Requests from PRAISE, THANKSGIVING ELW #819-886

Time for All Ages

Responsive Psalm 138

Carolyn Raudenbush

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Acclamation Hymn: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* [SERVICE MUSIC] **ELW #172**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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

Message

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Anthem Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me!* [GRACE, FAITH]

ELW #595 ALL VERSES

Hymns of the Day: Requests from COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP ELW #796-818

Prayers of the Church

Glenn Butterfield

After each petition: Guide us to your purpose for us. **Your love, Lord, lasts forever.**

Bryan Gerhab, Gail Varady, Christopher Mann, Jenny Canning, Greg Clemens, Ellede D'Andrea, Kathryn Achey, Sheila, Beth Hinchliffe, Wendy Ernst, Mel Jones, Elaine Rogers, Tiffany Weddle, Leona, Richard, George Suarez, Bill Tone, 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: **Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we share all our cares with you, through the unending grace 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 Hymns: Requests from TRUST, GUIDANCE ELW#755-795

Benediction Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* [SENDING] **ELW #543** vs. 1-2

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

Postlude Hymn: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* [SENDING] **ELW #536** vs. 1-2

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

Our thanks to this morning's Hymn Leader, Enid Rank, who has been serving as our Faith Community Nurse here at Christ Lutheran Church Hellertown for the past 10 years. Enid loves both Traditional & Contemporary Christian Music and has often been featured as a Cantor and Soloist with our Church Choir and Praise Band.

Sunday August 23rd

"Hymn Sing Sunday"

The congregation will be asked to choose hymns, during the service, in the following way:

Opening Hymn - hymnal requests from PRAISE, THANKSGIVING:

ELW #819 - #886

Hymn of the Day - hymnal requests from COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP:

ELW #796 - #818

Closing Hymn - hymnal requests from TRUST, GUIDANCE:

ELW #755 - #795

We'll be singing verses one and two of each selected hymn.

If you have a favorite hymn, you may want to come to church (or Zoom in) ready to make your request!