### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

SUNDAY, 8/24 8:15AM WORSHIP

9:30AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLY - JOSEPH 10:45AM WORSHIP-WEI COME NEW MEMBERS! MONDAY, 8/25 TUESDAY, 8/26 7:00PM MEN'S GROUP WEDNESDAY, 8/27 THURSDAY, 8/28 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL 8/29 FRIDAY. **S**ATURDAY, 8/30 Pastor Sarah Vacation 8:15AM WORSHIP SUNDAY. 8/31 9:30AM SERVICE RECORDING MEETING-BALCONY 10:45AM WORSHIP- SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

A meeting of all those who record the services has been rescheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30 AM in the balcony. Please see Pastor John if you have any questions

Seton Hill Child Services here at Holy Trinity has openings for early childhood education programs for Pre-K, Head Start and Early Head Start. You can apply online at Shchildservices.org or see the bulletin board in the Narthex with the QR code to apply.

## Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Sunday School Classes will begin on September 14 at 9:30 a.m. Registration will be available online starting next week. Please invite friends to come!

## Grown-up and Me Class

There will be a new class for children 2 year and younger with their grown-up this year. It will be a time for children to learn about God's love and for their grown-ups to connect. Please share this with anyone with children in this age range. We also need help setting up this area.

Please talk to Pastor Sarah if you can help.

#### Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study is off for the rest of the summer. We will resume September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**Thursday Bible Study** is off for the rest of the summer. We will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

#### COMMUNITY MEALS NEEDS YOU!

Our Community Meals ministry is growing. If you are able to help at one of the meals, please sign the lists that are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor John.

SeptemberCommunity Meal...Monday, September 15th Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL PICNIC: 10:45am

Join us on **Sunday Morning, September 7**<sup>th</sup> at the Wendel Club on Hahntown-Wendel Rd. Irwin

Lunch will be provided! So, just bring your chair for the outdoor worship service.

Then following lunch, Lou Santini, a family friendly comedian, will entertain us!

## Come join in the FUN!

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex

(We will still have our 8:15AM service in the Sanctuary if you are unable to attend the Outdoor Worship event)

## **Sunday School Teacher Installation**

Installation of our Sunday School Teachers will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7th at both services.

## Our Harvest Festival coming this fall...

Join us on **Sunday, October 19th following the 2nd Service** with all of our favorite fall foods and entertainment by Mikey Dee.

Look for information to come! Tickets will go on Sale in September!

Seating will be limited so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

#### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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		8:15	10:45
	Assisting Minister	Tracy McNelly	LeNora Emanuelson
	Communion	Rochelle Belak	Joe Thomas
	Assistants	Dave Smith	Samantha Tinsley
	Lector	Jodi Smith	Karl Kunkle
	Acolyte	Andrew Shelehedah	Grant Darby
	Greeters		Pat Baird
	Altar Guild		Debbie Kunkle

Set-up Saturday, Aug. 23		Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
Sunday, Aug. 24	8:15	Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
	10:45	Nancy and Doug Woodring
Set-up Saturday, Aug. 30		Andrea and Brian Smith
Sunday, Aug. 31	8:15	Vicki and Doug Hillier

Andrea and Brian Smith

## **Food Pantry**

2025 Distribution Dates: Oct. 11, Dec. 13

10:45

Items needed currently:

Canned yams Stuffing mix Mashed potato mix Turkey gravy

Cranberry sauce Kleenex Bar soap Antibacterial wipes/spray

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce

Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly

Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper PB & Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or <a href="mailto:waugawoman86@comast.net">waugawoman86@comast.net</a>

## Worship Plan for Sunday, August 24, 2025

Lectionary 21
Proper 16
11th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, August 24, 2025

## Introduction to the day

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Pastor

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.** 

\*GATHERING SONG Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



#### \*GREETING Pastor

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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY Pastor

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
 The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8**

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29**

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### CELTIC ALLELUIA



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#### \*GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The holy gospel according to ....



Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath until his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

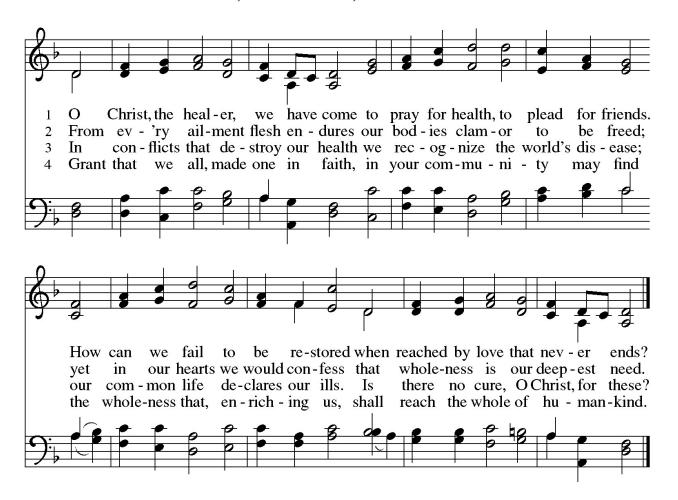


## **Children's Sermon**

## Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come #610

## O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



\*Apostles' Creed 8:15 ONLY / 10:45 NEW MEMBERS
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

## Welcoming New Members at 10:45am

#### **Presentation of New Members**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of each new member.

## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

## **Address and Questions**

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news

of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Stir up in	
the gift of your Holy Spirit:	
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,	
the spirit of counsel and might,	
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,	
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.	Amen.

## \*PRAYERS Assisting minister

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Nurture all in need (*especially*). Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

#### **Pastor**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.** 

#### Welcome

Let us welcome these new members to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION assisting minister

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders especially Bishop Kusserow, Bishop-elect Stoller, Presiding Bishop Eaton and Presiding Bishop-elect Curry.

Lord, in your mercy. Receive our prayers.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands.

Lord, in your mercy. **Receive our prayers.** 

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who experience addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (especially). Manifest your healing presence in their midst.

Lord, in your mercy. Receive our prayers.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Lord, in your mercy. **Receive our prayers**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Lord, in your mercy. **Receive our prayers**.

### **Pastor**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.** 

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

#### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

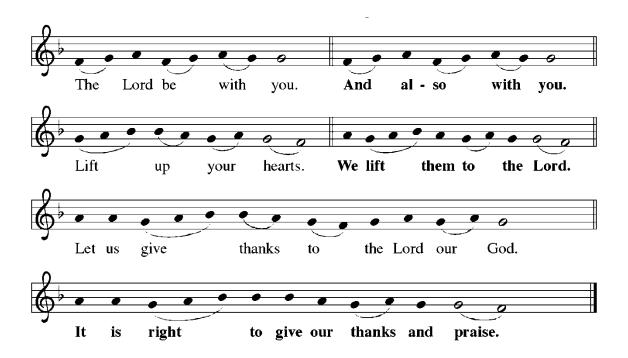


## \*OFFERING PRAYER assisting minister

Let us pray.
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

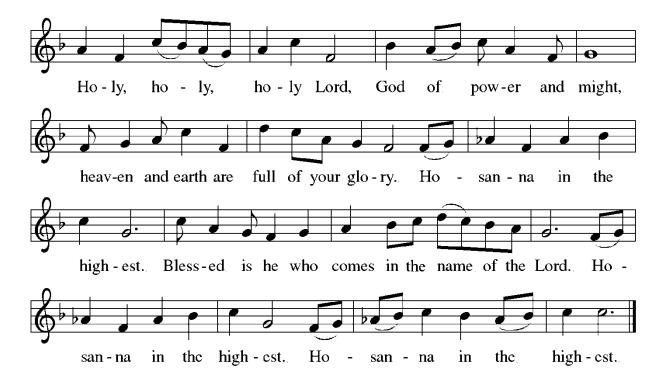
## \*DIALOGUE Pastor



#### \*PREFACE



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### \*LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

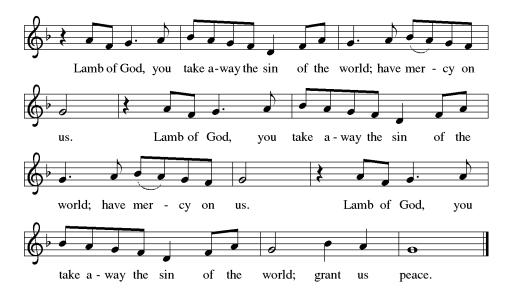
## Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 Pastor

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



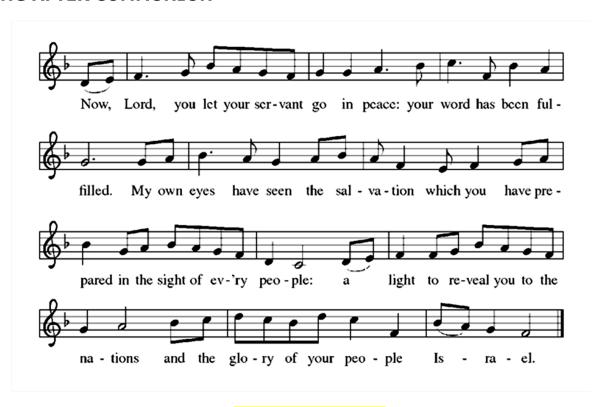
#### Communion

Hymn During Communion: Healer of Our Every III #612

## \*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### **\*SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION assisting minister

Let us pray.

Holy God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

### \*BENEDICTION Pastor

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.** 

## \*SENDING SONG Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand #441

## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



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