

PRAYER WORKS: A ministry of prayer and care.

Prayer Works is a weekly publication highlighting prayer requests of the Philadelphia congregation. Updates may be made via the Prayer Board in the narthex or by e-mail at philadelphialuth@charter.net. Prayer requests will remain on the list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern. 8-7-2022

**FOR THE RECORD
AUGUST 7, 2022**

Sunday School	21
Worship	39
General Fund Offering	\$2965.00
Building Fund	\$00.00
Bound Conscience Fund	\$00.00
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HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE

Jean Keener.....Kingston Residence
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 Susan Laney.....At son's home

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS

Anne H.....Health Issues
 Leslie F.....Health Issues
 Faye Lail.....Janice Griffin's Cousin.....Cancer
 Lou P.....Leg Issues
 Kay C.....Foot/Ankle Issues
 Trish Y.....Treatments
 Linda P.....Marc Woodie's Aunt.....Cancer
 Meredith C.....Daughter of Janice Griffin's Co-Worker
 Cancer

Peyton & Callihan Family.....Custody Issues
 Dominic Perona.....Vicar Bass' Grandson...
 Brain Aneurysm, Texas

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Faye Myers.....Dale M.'s Mother
 Church Triumphant 8-3-2022
 Kim S....Max & Joan Sherrill's Daughter-in-Law
 Church Triumphant 7-23-2022
 Bonnie Bell.....Pastor John Bell's Wife
 Church Triumphant 8-4-2022

SUNDAY SERVANTS AUGUST 14TH

Assisting Minister.....Leah Isley
 Lay Reader.....Revonda Heavner
 UshersJames Kirby, Dick Pawlicki, Ron & Lisa Herman
 Greeter.....Susan Mackie
 Acolyte.....
 Crucifer.....
 Tabulators.....Eddie & Beverly Sipes
 Altar Guild.....Sharon Oxford & Mary Catherine Belk



There will be a joint covered dish luncheon today at St. John's at 1:00 p.m. today. The address is 1781 Taylorsville Road, Lenoir. Hope to see you there!

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
"CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE"**

52 Pinewood Road
 Granite Falls, NC 28630
 August 14, 2022

VICAR CHRIS BASS

Kim Ledford, Music Director

Judy Parker, Organist

We welcome you to our service today! May God richly bless you as you worship here. If you are visiting for the first time this morning, we ask that you please sign the guest register found in the front entrance of the church.



PRELUDE “LITTLE PRELUDE IN F MAJOR” BACH *(Remain seated during prelude)*

V: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING: *We have been gathered by the Holy Spirit.*

**(As the music begins, we are invited to stand, facing the procession of the cross.)*

INSTALLATION OF VICAR BASS

PASTOR PALMER CLEMMER

*GATHERING SONG: “FAITH OF OUR FATHERS” ELW #812

*GREETING

V: 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.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.)

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Merciful God,

***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.

V: 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.

Amen.

**(Denotes when congregation stands.)
(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)*

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING (You may remain seated.)

*(Giving to those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response
for all God’s gifts.)*

OFFERTORY

“PRAYER”

MOZART

SENDING: *(God blesses us and sends us with gifts of grace in mission to the world.)*

*LORD'S PRAYER

V: 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.

V: *BLESSING

The God of peace,

Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG: “O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU”

ELW#818
VERSES 1-3

DISMISSAL-ASSISTING MINISTER

Go in peace.

Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“PSALM XVII”

MARCELLO

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Are there other intentions?

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Vicar: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** (*We acknowledge one another with a bow or a nod...*)

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

V: *KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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***HYMN OF THE DAY “SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US” ELW# 789
VERSES 1-3**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE-ASSISTING MINISTER

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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Pastor: And now as we respond to God's Word, we confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed:

Apostles' Creed

***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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

(A brief silence.....we kneel or sit.)

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially*).
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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V: *GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

V: *HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12: 49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

The Holy Gospel according to the 12th chapter of Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

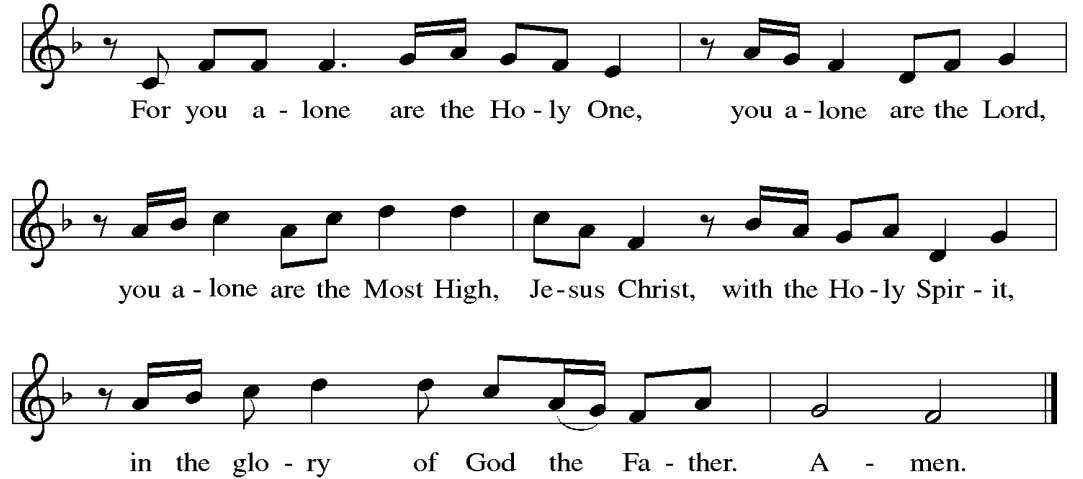
Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

- father against son
- and son against father,
- mother against daughter
- and daughter against mother,
- mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
- and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

V: Let us pray....

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

LAY READER: FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 23: 23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

A reading from the twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says

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the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11: 29-

12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

A reading from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

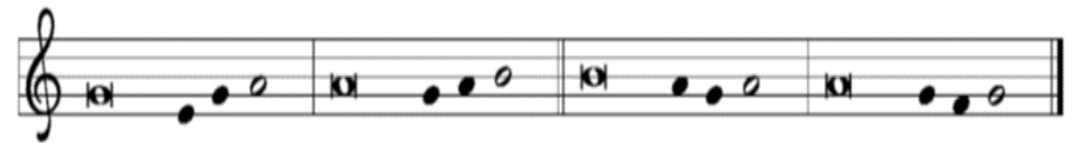
³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

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³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



ASSISTING MINISTER: PSALM 82 (SUNG 2 X 2; CANTOR 2; CONGREGATION 2)

¹God stands to charge the divine coun-¹ cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst¹ of the gods:

²“How long will you¹ judge unjustly,
and show favor¹ to the wicked?

³**Save the weak¹ and the orphan;
defend the hum-¹ ble and needy;**

⁴**rescue the weak¹ and the poor;
deliver them from the power¹ of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a-¹ bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the¹ earth are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you,¹ ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of¹ the Most High;

⁷**nevertheless, you shall¹ die like mortals,
and fall like¹ any prince.’ ”**

⁸**Arise, O God, and¹ rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations¹ for your own.**