



**St. James Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
September 18, 2022  
Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Worship every Sunday  
10:45 AM**

***Welcome***

***We welcome all visitors who come to worship with us today.  
We are delighted that you have come to share in the prayer  
and praise of our Lord and invite you to return and add your  
voice to ours in holy celebration. If you have a special need or  
prayer write it on the prayer card in the pew rack and place it in  
the offering plate. Before you leave us today, we ask that you  
please sign our guest book.***

***We celebrate the Lord's supper and invite all baptized  
Christians to share in this Holy Feast.***

**Pulpit: Pastor Denise Arpino  
Church Organist/Choir Director: Patricia McConnell  
Administrative Assistant: Tim Surkovich**

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# **St. James Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament by the Holy Spirit.**

Announcements: If you cannot read the hymns, you can turn to the hymn in the red ELW hymnal in the pew racks.

Prelude: Offertoire sur Les Grands Jeux Francoise Couperin  
(We take this time to silently prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

PLEASE STAND

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*An extended silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG:

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

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# Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee; 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love; 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King; 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold; The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise. take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee. take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

**\*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.

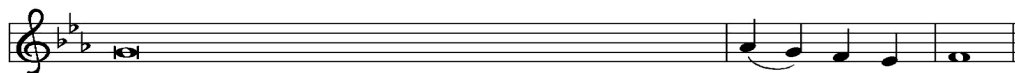
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



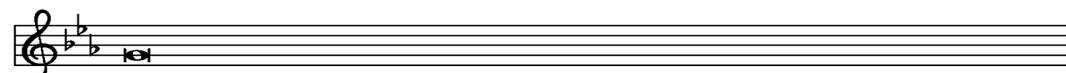
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



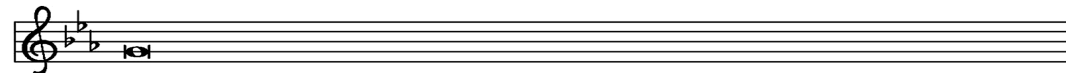
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



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



A - men, a - men.

# Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.



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:**

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*We Listen to the Word*

**First Reading:**

**Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 113**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**Second Reading:**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

A reading from 1 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*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.

\*GOSPEL:

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

<sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



Praise to you, O Christ.



## *We Respond to the Word*

\*Hymn of the Day:

ELW 696

### Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

## **\*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 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.**

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## ***We Offer Our Gifts***

### **\*Offering Prayer:**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (*especially Dag Hammarskjöld*) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (*local outreach may be named*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

\*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.**

### *We Are Sent*

\*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shines on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*Sending Song: We Give Thee but Thine Own  
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\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

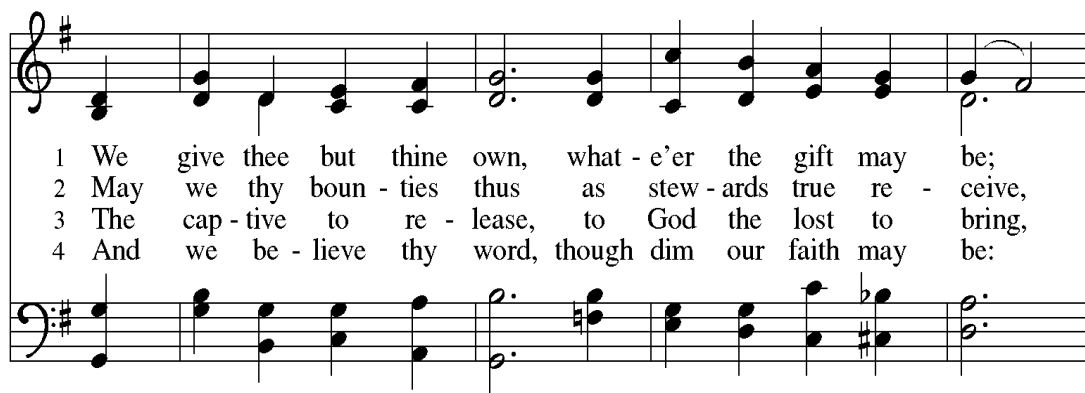
**C: Thanks be to God!**

Recessional:

Ready

Pethel/ Thomas

## We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,**

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastor Dave Bowman  
Phone: 814-696-0091 Cell: 814-330-8025

The church office email is [stjamesaltoona@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesaltoona@gmail.com) The church's  
website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://www.stjamesaltoona.org)

On Facebook—St. James Lutheran Church—Altoona, PA

## **REMINDER AND IMPORTANT**

***BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER  
THAN TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.***

***For corrections, please contact the church  
office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office  
Monday-Thursday 9-1.***

**\*\*\*\*IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT BE  
SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CALL  
AND RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO THAT THE  
KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD OF TIME TO  
PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL  
NEWS. \*\*\*\***



**The next Potluck  
Dinner is Today  
September 18, 2022**

## **SWEETS AND TREATS**



**The next  
Sweets and Treats is  
October 2, 2022**



## **NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 9th 12 PM**

### Our Prayer List:

Pastor Scott

Tim Surkovich

Debbie Thomas

Jeff Bickel

Donna Wilt

Carol Weaver

Donna Foster

Jean Bickel

Carolyn Feather

Bill Dambeck

Judy Dambeck

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

Those serving in our military

#### **Graystone Manor//Bellmeade**

Robert Civils

#### **Homewood**

Sylvia Malsatzki

#### **Allegheny Lutheran Home:**

Janet Kauffman

#### **In their own homes:**

Deborah Manbeck



## Worship Guidelines

The council decided to follow the new CDC guidelines, so for fully vaccinated people, wearing masks is optional but encouraged.

**Expressions of sympathy for the passing of his wife may be sent to the Rev. Hans Peter Helmers and family may be sent to 6810 Clubhouse Dr., Apt. K, Harrisburg, PA 17111.**



Here is a link to Jane Helmers full obituary. <https://www.busefuneralhome.com/obituary/JaneE-Helmers>





Go to [www.yourcharityauction.com/kofc4245](http://www.yourcharityauction.com/kofc4245) to register to bid

## Online Auction

9/15 6 AM to 9/19 9 PM

[Yourcharityauction.com/kofc4245](http://Yourcharityauction.com/kofc4245)



\$1,000 Scholarship



\$4,000 Scholarship



2 \$1,000 Gift Certificates



Altoona Curve Diamond Club  
Flex Books



All Day Fun Passes



Local Business  
Gift Certificates



Local Restaurant  
Gift Certificates

**Home Items, Electronics, Travel, Experiences and much more!**

We have a number of locally donated items for our auction starting next 9/15 and we want to thank everyone who has helped contribute such amazing items to our online auction! Here is a SMALL sneak peek of what you will find! Bidding starts on 9/15 at 6am EST. If you haven't registered yet, please do so at [YourCharityAuction.com/KofC4245](http://YourCharityAuction.com/KofC4245)!

# WELCA NEWS

## 33rd Annual Convention of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

October 22, 2022

8:30 AM

Christ Lutheran Church

206 Walnut Street

Claysburg, PA 16625

**Cost \$15 a person and includes breakfast**

*We will be collecting new and used shoes to donate  
to those in need!*

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Contact Carol Sauter at 814-242-7028

Or Donna Wilt at 814-942-0379

To Sign Up, or use registration form.



Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

Thirty-third Annual Convention

Christ Lutheran Church, 206 Walnut Street, Claysburg, PA 16625.

Saturday, October 22, 2022 - Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Make copies as needed.)

**ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Last)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Cong. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Check all categories that apply to registrant:

Voting Member  Alt. Voting Member  Guest  Officer  Board  First Time Attendee

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**Registration fee \$15.00**

Please send check or money order (payable to Allegheny SWO) to the

Registrar: Donna Wilt  
4701 Lyndale Avenue  
Aitona, PA 16602

Specify any dietary restrictions/special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: Various Egg Casseroles, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Fruit Cup, Sweet Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Juice

I am willing to serve in worship as:

Reader  Acolyte,  Usher, or  as needed

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