

Service of Holy Communion

10th Sunday after Pentecost

All My Days Worship Series

August 2nd, 2026



INTRODUCTION

Today in our series on prayer, we dwell with practices of prayer that help us grapple with evil and seek deliverance. In his prayer template, Jesus draws on ancient Judeo-liturgical tradition from the Psalms of lament..."deliver us." Just as his Hebrew ancestors did before him, he calls on God to come, to stand with, to offer strength in time of trouble. The crowds take on this same chant, "save us" (hosanna) as Jesus processed along the entrance road to Jerusalem, hoping for justice. "Protection" is our focus about prayer today. How does our prayer help us wrestle with the evil we experience in the world?

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

The congregation is seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God, **we confess to all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

CENTERING AND INVOCATION

P. We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One. We open to sense your presence among us. We hear you say,

I will keep your life.

We need you, Jesus, to help us. We come to you as your first disciples did.

We hear you say,

I will keep your life.

Spirit of Divine Love, Come to us with your healing waters. We hear you say,

I will keep your life.

Centering us in the present moment let us sing together:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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P. You're invited to simply hold your prayer beads in your hands. Feel your rhythms slow. Begin to feel the warmth of God's love and protection spread within you, as tender as the beads in your hands. Breathe into a few moments of silence.

Silence

P. Take a deep breath. There is no hurt or harm that God can't hold with you. We can tell the truth of our grappling with the evil around us and among us and how it impacts us. And we can cry out for help. God is here, with us, as close as these beads. Let us worship God, follow Christ, and revel in the Spirit of Presence in this place. **Amen.**

Congregation stands

GATHERING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

(printed in the back of the bulletin)

THE 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

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

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

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. 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.

C. Lord, have mercy.

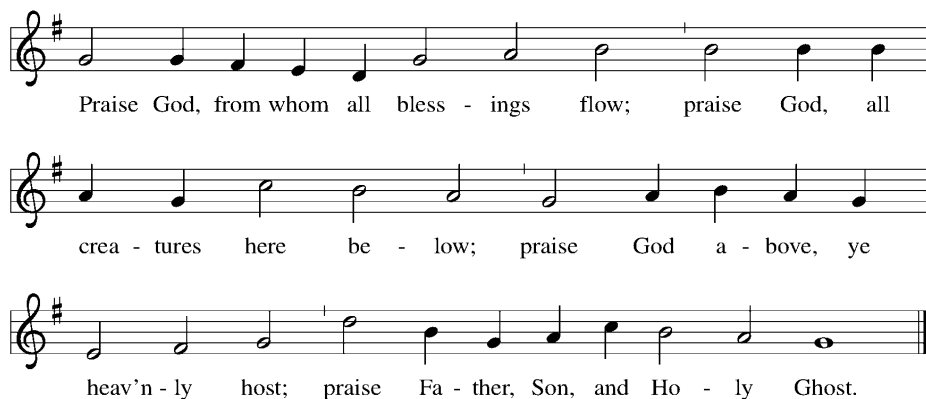
A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heavens and earth.
God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber...
The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and
forevermore.

A. Word of God, word of life.

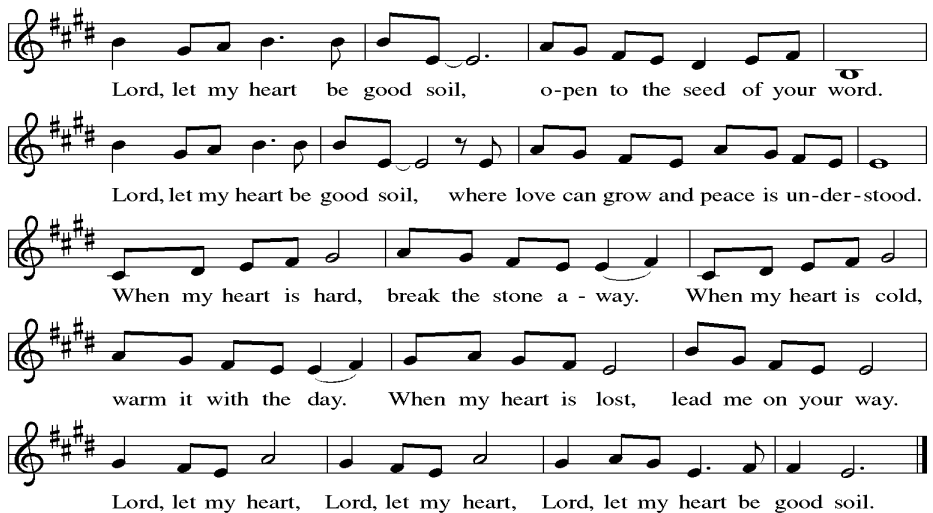
C. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children & Youth are invited forward for a special sermon time with Pastor Peggy.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 6-9

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew. C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and

that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated

SERMON

Protection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Our Peace ACS 1037 sing 5x through
(printed in the back of the bulletin)

APOSTLE'S 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

A. For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. This week as we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for... those we name aloud... and those we hold in our hearts... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered near and far, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A. With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P. Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Congregation is seated

MEAL

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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Congregation stands

OFFERTORY SONG

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

Hallowed be thy name!

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sing 2x—English 1st time; Spanish 2nd time*)



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Congregation is seated

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He came to teach us how close you are to us. He came to remind us that our work is this:

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

And so, your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Jesus used the most common of items to remind us that all gifts come from God, including the gift of unending grace.

Give us this day our daily bread.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Even as he said these things, he knew that he would be betrayed. And yet he forgave. We ask for God's help to accomplish this in our own lives:

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to do the right thing even when it is difficult. We pray:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

And so we ask you, God to pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

version by Parker Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence, Beyond the evil of our days —

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

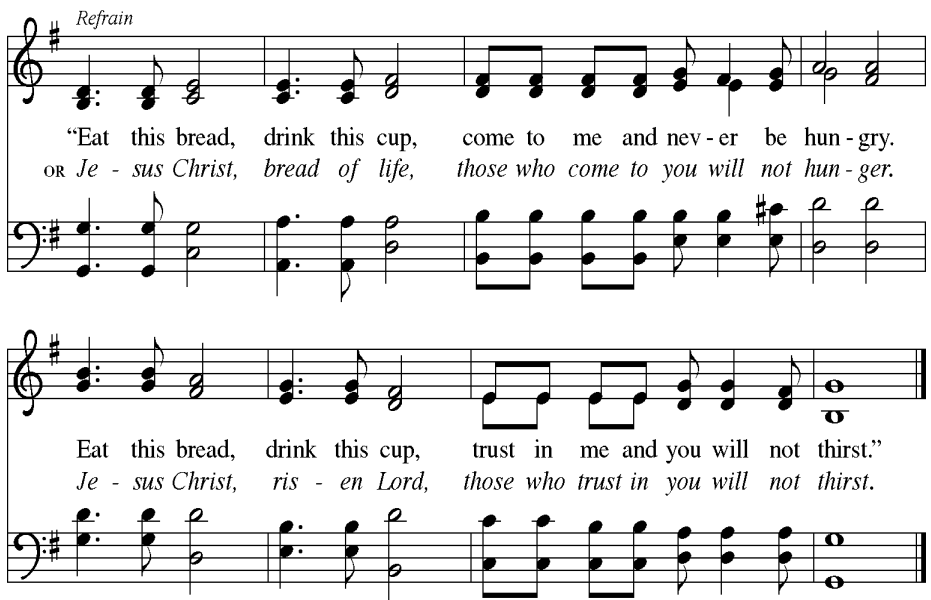
Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to Communion this morning. Please come forward, guided by the Ushers, to receive the bread and wine. Children are invited to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free and traditional wafers are available, please note this to Pastor Peggy when you come up. The bread is dairy and egg free. Grape juice is available in the second communion plate. As you return to your seat via the side aisles you can place your empty cup in the baskets on either side.

P. The prayer that Jesus taught is also a template for how he lived, and how he invited us all to be part of his ministry of bringing a little “heaven on earth.” Remembering this prayer, we prepare ourselves to feast at the heavenly banquet on earth as it is in heaven. Let us come to the table.

COMMUNION SONG

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

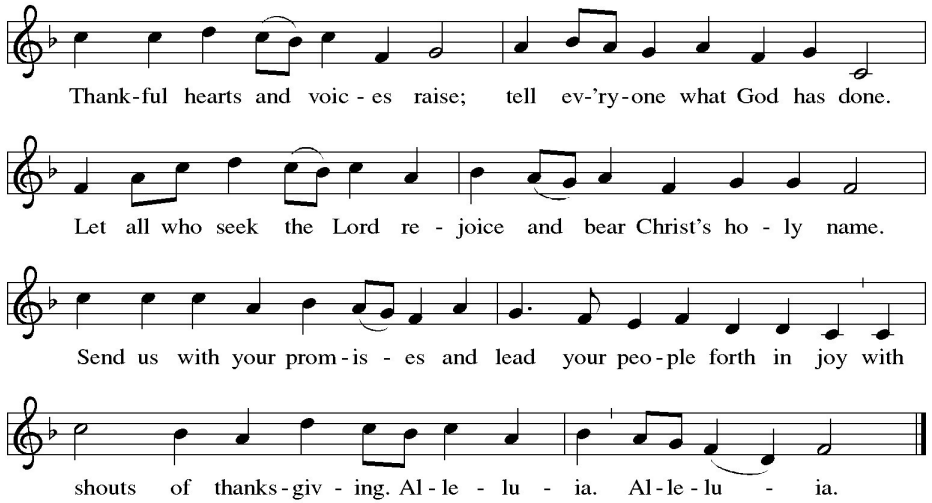
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After all have received Communion the congregation stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray...Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P. God knows our words before they're said, knows our need and we are fed. God gives us life, knows our ways, our strength, our path, for all our days; our strength, our path, for all our days. Go into the world with the assurance that God goes with you, Jesus prays for you, and the Spirit breathes through you ✠ all your days. Let all God's people say, **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

When Peace Like a River

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(printed in the back of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

A. Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C. Thanks be to God.

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Announcements for August 2nd, 2026

Welcome to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church. May you experience the joy of God’s presence in our worship!

*If today is your **first time** worshiping at Holy Counselor, please be sure to fill out the “Guest Book” on the table in the narthex and **take a welcome bag**. Please ask our ushers any questions you may have regarding worship this morning. **Large print bulletins are available.***

*The **Pray-ground** is a special place to help **support kids and families** in worshiping. We love the sound of kids in worship! God made kids wiggly and curious, and we celebrate that here. **Tips:** explain, participate, and move around together. Need to leave? No problem, but please come back!*

Worship is live streamed** to our church Facebook page, but the camera is pointed away during Communion and is not on the children when they come forward during A Time for the Child in Us All. **Anyone on the altar is on camera.

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Volunteers for Today’s Worship

Lay Asst.	Nancy Knecht
Ushers	Diane Rossi
Comm. Asst.	Volunteer needed
Tech	Mark Rossi
Tellers	Volunteer needed
Refreshments	Volunteer needed

******* Join us for refreshments after worship*******

THIS WEEK AT HOLY COUNSELOR

- Sunday, August 2:** Outdoor Worship w/Communion, 9:30am
Prayer Shawl Blessing during worship
- Tuesday, August 4:** Pastor’s Comm. Hours, Daily Bean, 12:30am-2:30pm
- Sunday, August 9:** Outdoor Worship w/Communion & Baptism, 9:30am

Pastor’s Community Office Hours: Pastor Peggy will be at Daily Bean, **THIS, Tuesday, August 4th and Tuesday, August 25th from 12:30am-2:30pm** for Community Office Hours. All are welcome to visit as she is present in the community.

Olive Tree Plant Sale: Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches." What a better way to keep this verse in mind than with an olive tree of your very own! Claire Speroni has a limited number of olive trees available. **Suggested donation is \$40-\$60 with all donations going directly to our church missions and programs.** Olive trees retail at local nurseries for \$60+ **Contact Claire** directly to coordinate pick up/delivery to church or to see the selection.

Summer Cabaret Performances: A Summer Cabaret Performances are just around the corner. Shows will be on **August 14th at 7pm and August 15th at 2pm & 7pm** at HCLC directed by Damian Vince!

Holy Humor Sunday: Holy Humor Sunday has become a fun tradition. We hope to see you at **worship on August 30th** for our 3rd Annual Holy Humor Sunday. Craig Peterson, the Associate Conference Minister from Pastor Peggy's UCC Conference (basically the Assistant to the Bishop) will be joining us for worship that day as well.

Make A Will Month: August is Make a Will month! Did you know you can include the church in your will? If you have a will or need help making one just ask. **The ELCA has many resources on this topic**, and Pastor Peggy would be happy to help point you in the right direction. **Including HCLC in your will is as easy as adding 1 sentence:** "I give and bequeath to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church (HCLC) whose legal address is 68 Sand Hill Road, Sussex, NJ 07461, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my residuary estate) for such purposes as HCLC shall determine are in the best interests of HCLC." **We would love to know if you have HCLC in your will. Thank you** for supporting the future of HCLC with your heart of generosity!

Blessing of the Backpacks and Technology: All students, teachers, and school staff are invited to bring their backpacks and/or technology to worship, for our last Sunday outside, on **September 6th for a special blessing during worship.** May you learn and grow in this new school year!

Save the Date: Mark your calendar now for **Sunday, September 13th**. Not only will our **church picnic** be that day, but we will also be taking a **church-wide picture**, and we want everyone here for it!

Register for Sunday School: **Sunday School begins Sunday, September 20th!** Sunday School is from 8:45-9:15am Sunday mornings before worship for ages 3yrs old-6th grade. **Register** for the new program year [via this link](#). Kristina Garnett, is our new Sunday School Coordinator! Connect with her or Pastor Peggy for help or with any questions.

Mid-Year Giving Statements: Mid-year giving statements were **sent out** mid-July. **Please review** your statement for accuracy. Now is also a **good time to check** if you are on track to honor your intent for the year. If you have any questions regarding your statement or would like to request a printed copy, please speak with John Heeren. **Thank you** for your ongoing generosity!

Food Pantry: Food items to help restock: 4-pack toilet paper, canned tuna, canned chili, canned corn, canned soup, canned green beans, canned fruit, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes, tuna helper, peanut butter, jelly, children's juice boxes or pouches, kid's snacks, shampoo. You can always bring donations of canned goods, paper goods, and hygiene products. All donations can be **placed in the blue bin** by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

OLIVE TREE FUNDRAISER

100% of Proceeds Benefit:
Holy Counselor Lutheran Church



SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$40 – \$60

*Retail Value: Up to \$60+ at local nurseries!
Your donation directly funds our church's
community missions and programs.*

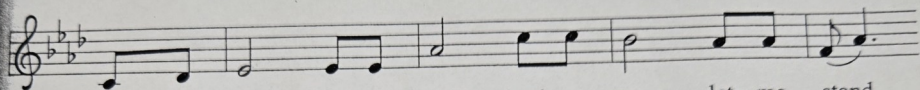
**To coordinate Pick Up, Selection,
see or call Claire Speroni at 973-590-7114**

Quick & Easy-Care Tips for Your New Olive Tree

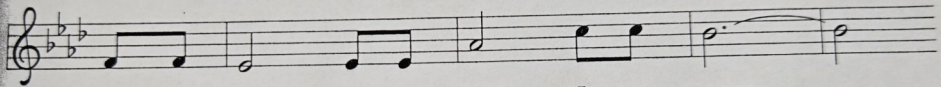
- **Container Friendly:** These young starter trees are perfectly sized to thrive in pots on your patio, deck, or sunny windowsill.
- **Sunlight Lovers:** Provide full sun exposure—ideally 6 to 8 hours of direct daylight every day.
- **Watering:** Allow the top 2 inches of gritty, well-draining soil to dry out completely between waterings. Avoid soggy roots!
- **New Jersey Winters:** Bring your containerized olive tree indoors before the first autumn freeze. Place it near a bright, south-facing window to keep it safe until spring.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

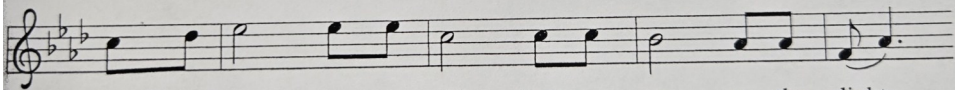
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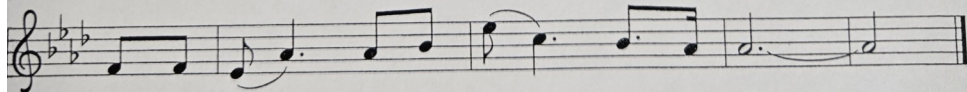
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter rest, a quarter note B4, and then a series of eighth notes: C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords: G2-B2 (whole), A2-C3 (whole), B2 (half), and then a descending line of eighth notes: A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1.

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and harmony. The treble staff melody continues with eighth notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, followed by a half note F3 and a quarter note E3. The bass staff continues with chords: G2-B2 (whole), A2-C3 (whole), B2 (half), and then a descending line of eighth notes: A2, G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1. The piece concludes with a final chord of G2-B2 (whole) in both staves.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen
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When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876



For God's Children of all ages!

Worship Notes

Sunday's Date: _____



My Favorite
Song:



This week, I'm praying for:



I'm curious or have a
question about:



Today's Focus Scripture: _____

I would draw it like:



Word Count

How many times did you hear each
of these words today? Make a tally.

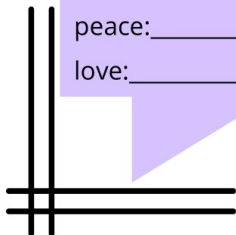
grace: _____

joy: _____

peace: _____

love: _____

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