

sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 PEOPLE

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Jessica Hainley

* PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #270 (Green Hymnal) "Joy to the World"

* SILENT MEDITATION


POSTLUDE "Go Tell It on The Mountain" African-American Spiritual

*Please stand as you are able

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FOR
unto us a
Child^{is} born,
unto us a Son
is given; and the government
will be upon His shoulder. And
His name will be called
Wonderful
MIGHTY
COUNSELOR,
GOD
Everlasting Father
PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH
9:6

Nine O'Clock
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

Liturgist: Steve Snyder

Reader: Susan Fisher

God is Still Speaking ...

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"
- Bob Hope

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Still. Still. Still" P. Manz

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We waited for the fulfillment of God's love in the world.

People: We received a savior who became like one of us.

Liturgist: We imagined power, like a king on a white horse wielding a sword.

People: We received a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

Liturgist: We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.

People: We received a baby who will teach us our calling to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.

* HYMN #249 (Green Hymnal) "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, this was going to be the year when we were going to give away more than we spent, but we didn't. This was going to be the season when we spent more time with others, but we filled our calendars with meetings. This was going to be the Christmas when we wrote personal letters to friends and family, but spent too much energy filling out our to-do lists. This was going to be a truly holy season, but it

just got too harried and hurried. Forgive us and draw us closer to the One born not into wealth and power, but into poverty and weakness; to the One who loves unconditionally and welcomes all; to the Child who gathers other children to him, to bless them and serve them; to the One who drew near to us, so we might be drawn to your heart.

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Into the valleys of our death, Jesus comes with life; into the shadows of our world, Jesus brings light; into the brokenness of our lives, Jesus brings forgiveness and peace. Let us give God our thanks and praise for the immeasurable gift of Jesus! **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

MEDITATION IN SONG

Cindy Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (see insert)

Old Testament

Isaiah 9: 2 - 7

*Gospel

Luke 2: 1 - 20

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

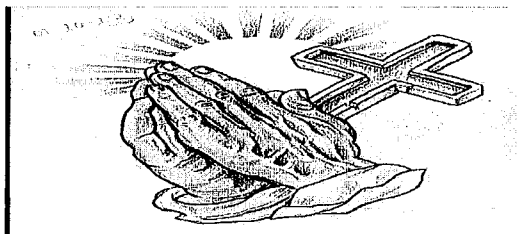
Luke 2: 1 – 20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of

David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer

Deb Weise

Diane Vogel

Deb Ellis

Ken and Charlotte Wengert

Eva Miller

Lynn Balmer

Adria Ortiz (Cindy Johnson's Granddaughter)

Debbie Conzelmann

Kay Peiffer

Isaiah Witters

Ken Brown

Mission Team

The People of Ukraine

Victims and families of all the shootings

ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS **Schedule for Week of July 31, 2022**

Sunday Service – 9:00 AM

Sunday – Adult Sunday School – 10:15 AM (Fellowship Hall) (Revelations)

Sunday – Mission Team Leaves for NC

Sunday – Brunos Sub Coupons

Wednesday – Bible Study – 10 AM

The bulletins are sponsored by the Congregation to the Glory of God.

The following dates available for flowers: September 4 and 25, October 2, 23 and 30. Available dates for bulletins are: September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 23 and 30. Please call the office if interested in sponsoring the flowers or bulletins for the dates listed above. 717-273-0151 between 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM – Monday – Friday.

Christmas In July sponsored by the Good Samaritan Committee will be for the month of July. Help us help members, neighbors and friends who need financial assistance.

Brunos Sub Coupons are being sold in narthex this morning. \$10.00 per coupon. Proceeds help the Fellowship and Mission Committee.

Church Picnic will be Sunday, August 21, 2022 with Worship Service at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch and outdoor games and board games. If it rains, we will make a decision early Sunday if we are moving the picnic to the church. Pray for sunshine! There are sign up sheets in narthex for drinks/food, etc. Hope everyone can join us.

Congregation Football – Sign up sheet in narthex to see a football game that Chad Ryland is playing. Date is October 22nd, Game Time – 3:30 PM. Sign up by August 21st so Kathy knows how many people are interested.

Miss You Postcards are in the pews. If a member is absent and you want them to know that you missed them, fill in the information and drop it off in the office to be mailed out.

SAVE THE DATES:

August 13, 2022 – Work Day (Trimming Trees at Parking Lot) – 8 AM

August 21, 2022 – Church Picnic (Pine Acres) – 10:30 AM

September 10, 2022 – Women's Retreat (Pine Acres) – 8:30 AM

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284

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