

# Season after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

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BE **QUICK**  
TO **LISTEN**,  
**SLOW**  
TO **SPEAK**,  
**SLOW** TO  
**ANGER**.

James 1:19, NRSV

## HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')  
(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

## COME LET US WORSHIP

*A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.*

### **Special Worship Notes and Precautions**

*As of Thursday, Washington Co. was designated as an area of high COVID transmission. The Maryland Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend but do not require that vaccinated persons wear masks during indoor gatherings. At Haven, vaccinated persons are welcome to wear a mask at worship, for their own protection or the protection of the unvaccinated, including our children. As the current Delta variant has caused an upturn in COVID cases, we need to stay vigilant and flexible to respond to unfolding conditions. We ask for your understanding, patience and cooperation as we continue to navigate this unprecedented, continually changing course of events.*

**At this time, as we continue to be mindful and caring for one another, please:**

- use provided hand sanitizer as much as possible (as you enter & leave the building & in the pews);
- pass the peace from your seat for now. (A wave, bow or fist bump are the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home.)
- As you come forward for communion, please leave some space between yourself and any persons in front of you who are from another household.
- Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status. Wearing a mask or not, we worship our Lord together with gratitude and joy.
- There will continue to be chairs that allow for social distancing in the narthex (lobby) for any vaccinated or unvaccinated persons who wish to continue to practice social distancing.

We give thanks that God IS with us as we gather to worship.

We give thanks for your presence and your prayers as we worship together as God's beloved children.

*"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"  
Psalm 121:1*

# GATHERING

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“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

(vs. 2, 3) #531



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

## Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: I was glad when they said to me,

C: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord.** (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE

“Be Still and Know” words/music by Steven Curtis ,  
sung by Nancy Newkirk Chapman

(after the prelude)

A: Rejoicing in God’s saving grace, we seek our Lord’s wisdom and strength:

C: **“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members  
and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”**

(Haven Lutheran’s Mission Statement)

OPENING HYMN

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

(vs. 1, 2, 5) #863



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e’er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow’r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY C: **Amen.**

**WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

#860

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

FIRST READING James 1: 17-27

- <sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
- <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;
- <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.
- <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.
- <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
- <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;
- <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.
- <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.
- <sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.
- <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY/GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Let My Prayer Rise Up" (cont. p. 7-8) #232

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my

All or Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like

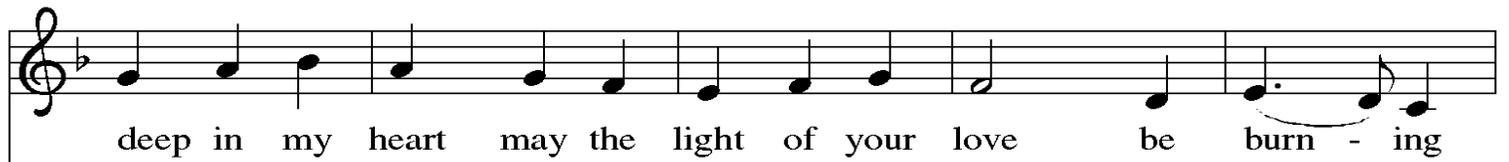
now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

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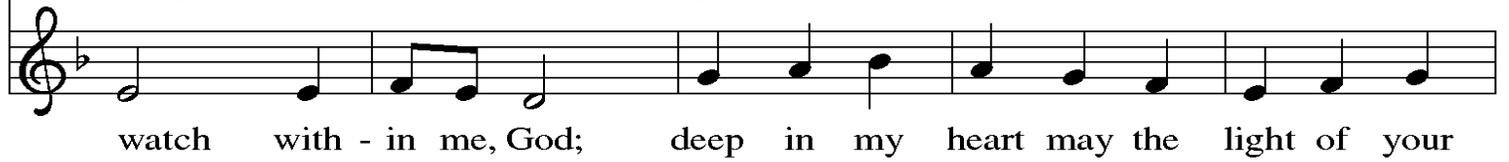
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my

of - fer - ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

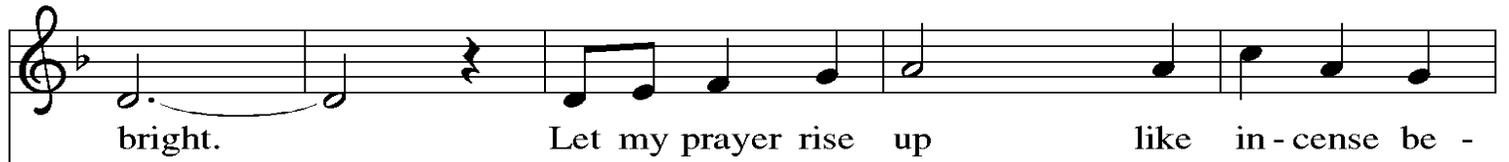
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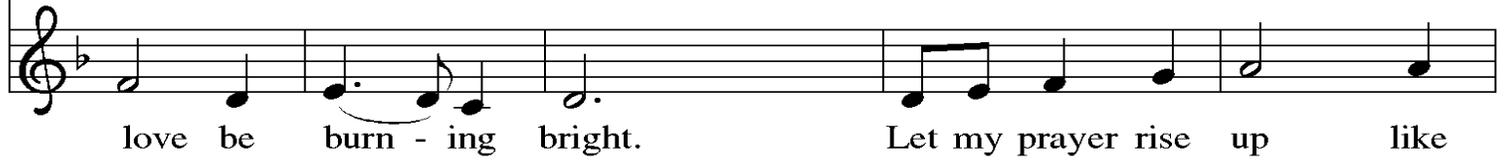
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing



watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your



bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



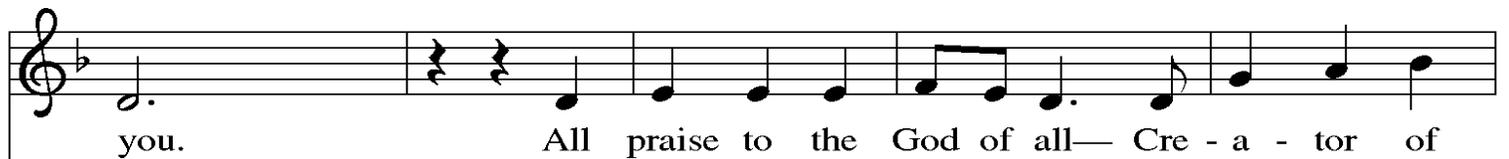
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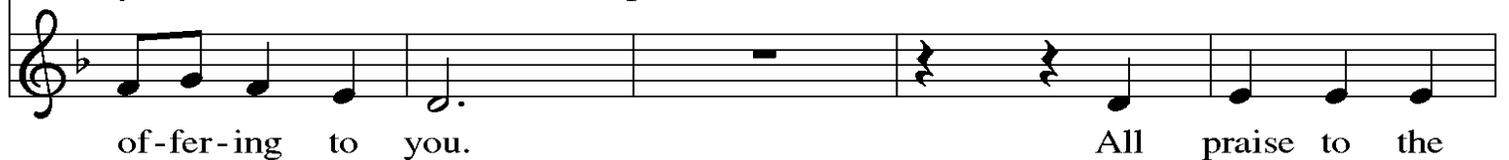
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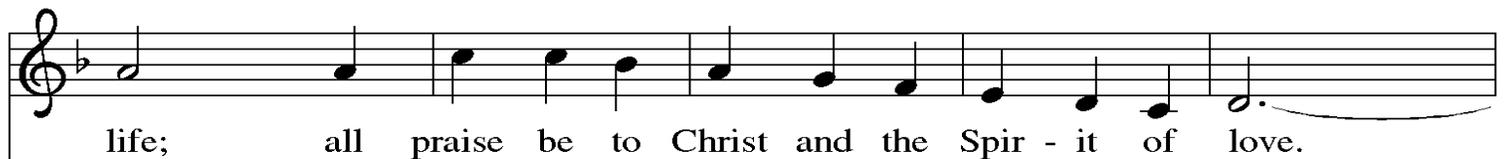
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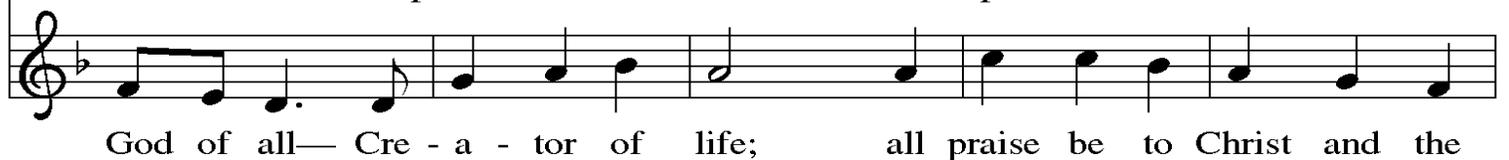
you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of



of - fer - ing to you. All praise to the



life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.



God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -  
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(after the reading)*

A: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Linda Alessandri

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (cont. p. 9) #512

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.

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “Lord, in your mercy,” C: “**hear our prayer.**”  
*When the petition is read that includes those serving in the armed forces, the congregation is asked to please join in reading the names in bold print:*

... Protect those sent into harm’s way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the congregation is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the bold portion of the names, going down the columns. (\*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*  
... especially,

**Carol** Shull  
\***Virginia** White  
\***Sandy** Brandon  
\***Raven** Lucas  
\***Edward** Staley  
\***Helen** VanderHamm  
\***Nasrin** Sotoudeh  
\***Courtney** Belmont  
\***Caitlyn** Battoe  
\***Brandi** Allsop  
\***Seth** Battoe  
\***Debora** Daniels  
**Larry & Sharon**  
Hartsock  
\***Teresa** Hoover  
\***Lindsey** Hoover  
\***Johnny** Wright  
\***Cheryl** Nathan  
\***Sarah** Duckwall  
\***William** Burkley

\***Monica** McDonald  
**John** Britton, Jr.  
**Harold** Rice  
\***Baby** **Joey**  
**Beth** Johns  
\***Sandra & David**  
Rhodes  
\***Ann** Smith  
\***John & Brenda**  
Holcomb  
**Dolores** Carson  
**Pam** O’Connor  
\***Amanda** Cunningham  
\***Ginny**  
\***Jim & Ann** Conrad  
\***Baby Irelynn, Angie &**  
**Geoff** Hurry  
\***Marvin & Kathy**  
\***Tara**  
\***Nelson** Strobert

\***Laura** Moss & **Family**  
\***Miss Dee & Christina**  
\***Miss Penny** Richardson  
\***John** Morgan  
\***John** Garner  
\***Kayla** Garner  
\***Vindel** Family  
\***Thor** Erickson, Sr  
\***Tally** Uchina  
\***Ronald** Weaver  
\***Penny** Carpenter  
\***Darcy** Funkhouser  
\***Shirley** Deau  
\***Ernie** Howe  
**Marie** Byers  
\***Ralph & Marion** Rowe  
\***Megan & Jared**  
Primmer  
\***Baby Asher** Anderson  
\***Pippin**

## THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We offer one another a sign of God's peace.

*(Pass the peace from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest.  
Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)*

## THE MEAL

### THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time! C: **Praise God!**

*(May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.  
Thank you for your faithful generosity.)*

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

C: **Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving is presented as a musical score with four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The notation consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics written below the notes. The first two staves are labeled 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:' respectively. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' The third and fourth staves are also labeled 'Presider:' and 'Congregation:' respectively. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;  
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence

which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary,  
who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and  
peace.

On the night 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 his command to love one another, his life and death,  
his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

C: *(Repeat after the presider sings it first)*

Presider:  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:  
men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.  
Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive  
that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new:

C: (Repeat after the presider sings it first)

Presider:  
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

Congregation:  
men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly

Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P: Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen!**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C: Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*For those communing in their homes:* Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, “Body of Christ, given for you.” Please consume the host. Pastor will say, “Blood of Christ, shed for you.” Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

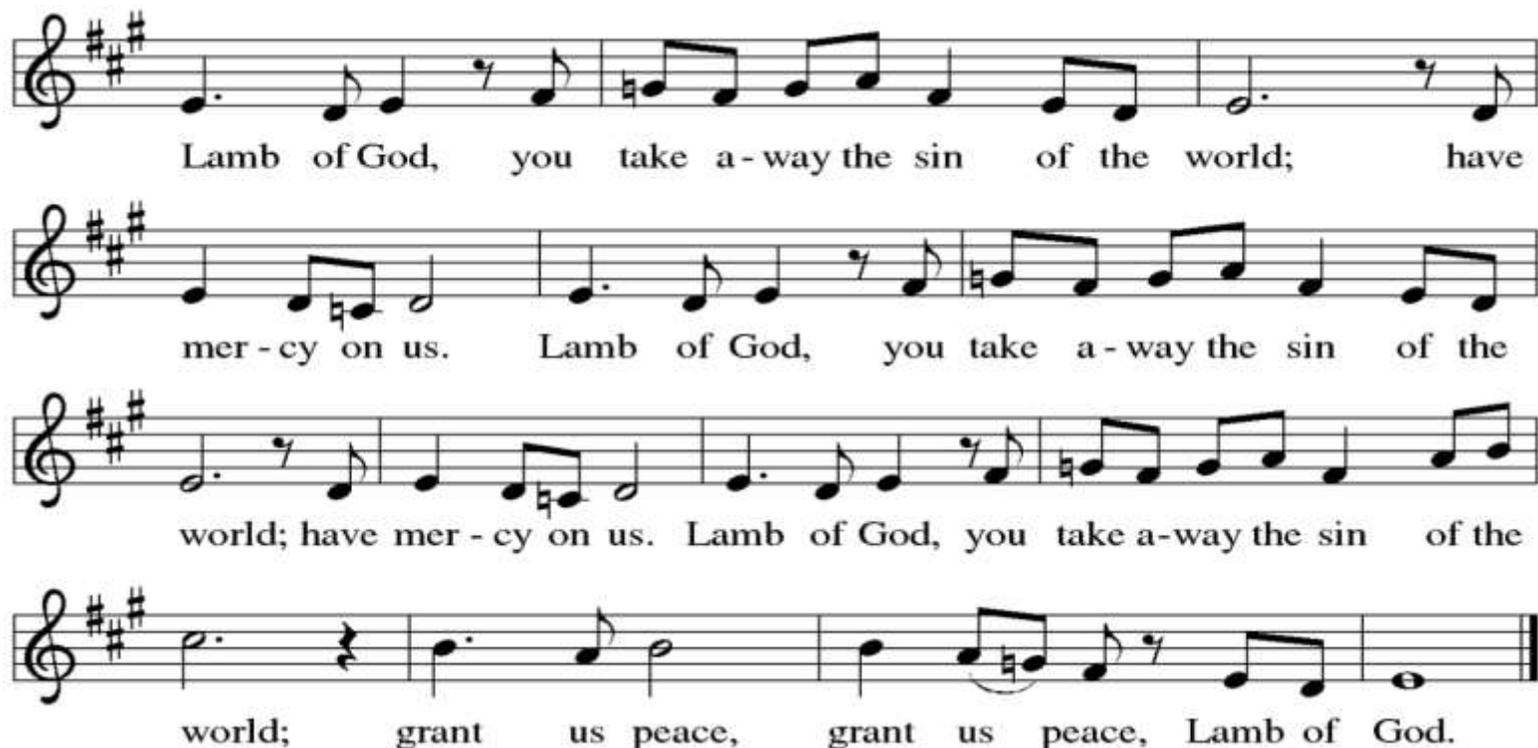
*For those communing in the church:* Holy Communion will be offered in bread (wafer or “host”) and wine. Grape juice is also available. As your section of the church is invited forward, **please leave room between yourself and the person in front of you from another household.**

*First* come to the pastor to receive the bread dropped into your hand. Step to the side and consume the host. *Second*, go to the assisting minister to take a cup of wine or grape juice. Step to the side and consume the wine or grape juice. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket where you can dispose of your empty cup.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Lamb Of God”

p. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“As the Grains of Wheat”

#465

*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,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

(cont. p. 15) #484

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

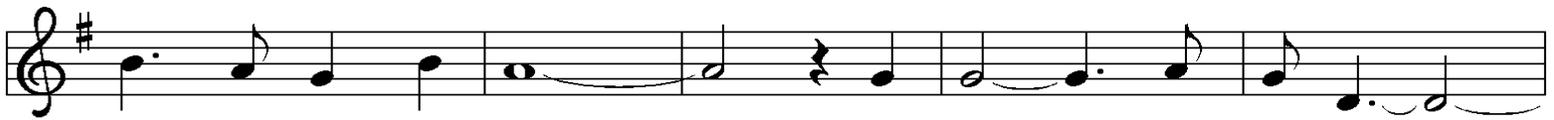
“One Bread, One Body

#496

Refrain



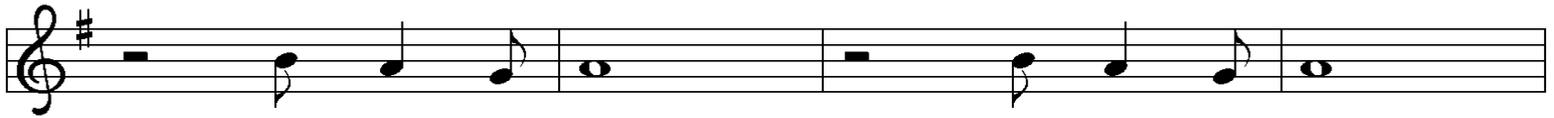
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

**C: now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

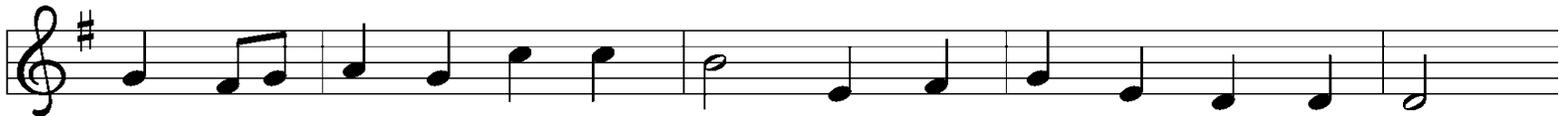
**P:** You are the church, members of the household of God,  
and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone.  
As we go to live lives worthy of this honor and calling,  
Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds.  
In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

### POSTLUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

### DISMISSAL

**A:** We are the church. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

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## **Serving God's People this Sunday Morning: August 29, 2021**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Linda Alessandri
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Terry Trovinger
<b>Organist</b>	Stephen Pastena
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Margaret McKee, Grant Wills
<b>Acolyte</b>	Danny Kiblinger
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug & Kathy Wright, Dave Resh
<b>Securing the Building</b>	Doug Wright, Ken Tice

## **We also Remember in Prayer:**

Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Inez Winebrenner and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm's way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven's church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to **Glory of God in Memory of my Dear Grandmother, Blanche Shanholtzer** who was born August 28, 1888 given by Sharron Moser.*

*The Readings for next week: **September 5, 2021** – Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 7:24-37*

## **Serving God's People next Sunday morning: September 5, 2021**

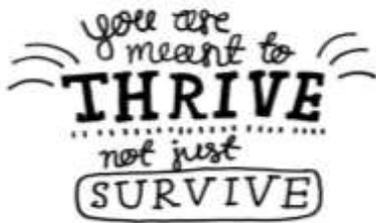
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<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Susan Strobl
<b>Securing the Building</b>	Scott Rhodes, June Hess



Year to Date Actual Ending July 31 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget)
\$112,450.75	\$116,665.00	{-\$4,214.25}

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit [www.havenlc.org](http://www.havenlc.org).



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

“THRIVING BEYOND COVID:

LET GOD, TRUST GOD, RISE UP”\*

**TODAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 10:45am** in the Gathering Room

Led by Pastor Linda Alessandri

TODAY we’ll conclude this series that has focused on the

challenges to our congregation’s Post-COVID “reset/fresh start” opportunity. It will be an interesting and Spirit-prodding discussion. Come join the conversation. *I promise* --- Even if you did not make the previous sessions, you WILL still be able to follow and fully participate.

\* “This is a scripture-based series designed to help churches release the burdens of the pandemic, promote deeper faith in the Spirit's power at work in our midst, and empower our mission going forward.”

### JUST AMAZING!! WE ARE OVER HALFWAY TO OUR FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER GOAL!



As of August 22, **\$56,828.20**, has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing.

**SCAM ALERT** – For the past few years, churches, pastors and staff have also become the target of scammers who try to take advantage of the openness and generosity of religious organizations. Scammers send fraudulent communications (email, text or through other social media), that appear to be from a church’s pastor or other staff member, asking for assistance with money or gift cards to help a person or family in need. Please contact the church office whenever you are not sure of a communication you get and please never give gift cards, cash or others items through these types of communications. The Administrative Assistant, Mary will be happy to help you anytime so you are not a victim of scammers.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BACK IN SESSION** – Beginning **September 12** please read about this class in the September Haven Messenger.

**POP UP PANTRY** – (Sponsored by Hagerstown Lions Club) at Haven’s Church parking lot on **Monday, September 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm** until ? (while supplies last). This is a drive-thru event for easy pickup. All are welcome so please feel free to share this!

**SAVE THE DATE! HARC MEETING** – The opioid/addictions epidemic: current challenges and the role of the faith community - **September 14** (more information can be found in the *September Haven Messenger*.)

**HAVEN’S BOOK CLUB** – on **Thursday, September 16 at 2 pm** we meet to discuss *THE BOOK OF LONGINGS* by Sue Monk Kidd.

**HAROLD RICE’S ADDRESS** – If you would like to send a note to Harold please use the address below (include all numbers). Just a reminder letters only no cards permitted.

**DRCF #1012808, Harold Rice #482703, 2020 Toulson Road, Jessup, MD 29794**

**COMING UP THIS WEEK:**

**September 5** 9:30 Worship Service

Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening  
**DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**PROPERTY CLEANUP DAY** – **September 11** starting at **9:00 am** we will be cleaning indoors in the Sanctuary, Parlor and Vestibule (clean windows, glass doors, wax the wood and metal in the Sanctuary and knock down all of the cob webs). Please sign up to help on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL SINGERS** – Haven's choir needs YOU! After a long season (plus) of absence, we are very excited to get back to praising the Lord through beautiful song. Haven's choir leads musical worship and presents a prepared anthem typically three Sundays a month from September through May. Our first Sunday in worship will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are a returning member, welcome back! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Steve Pastena, our organist and choir director. NO experience necessary!

**ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS TO COLLECT FOR THE COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE**  
New/used books for children birth – eleven can be donated. Place in the crate in narthex.

***Haven Mission Statement:***

*“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community  
and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

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