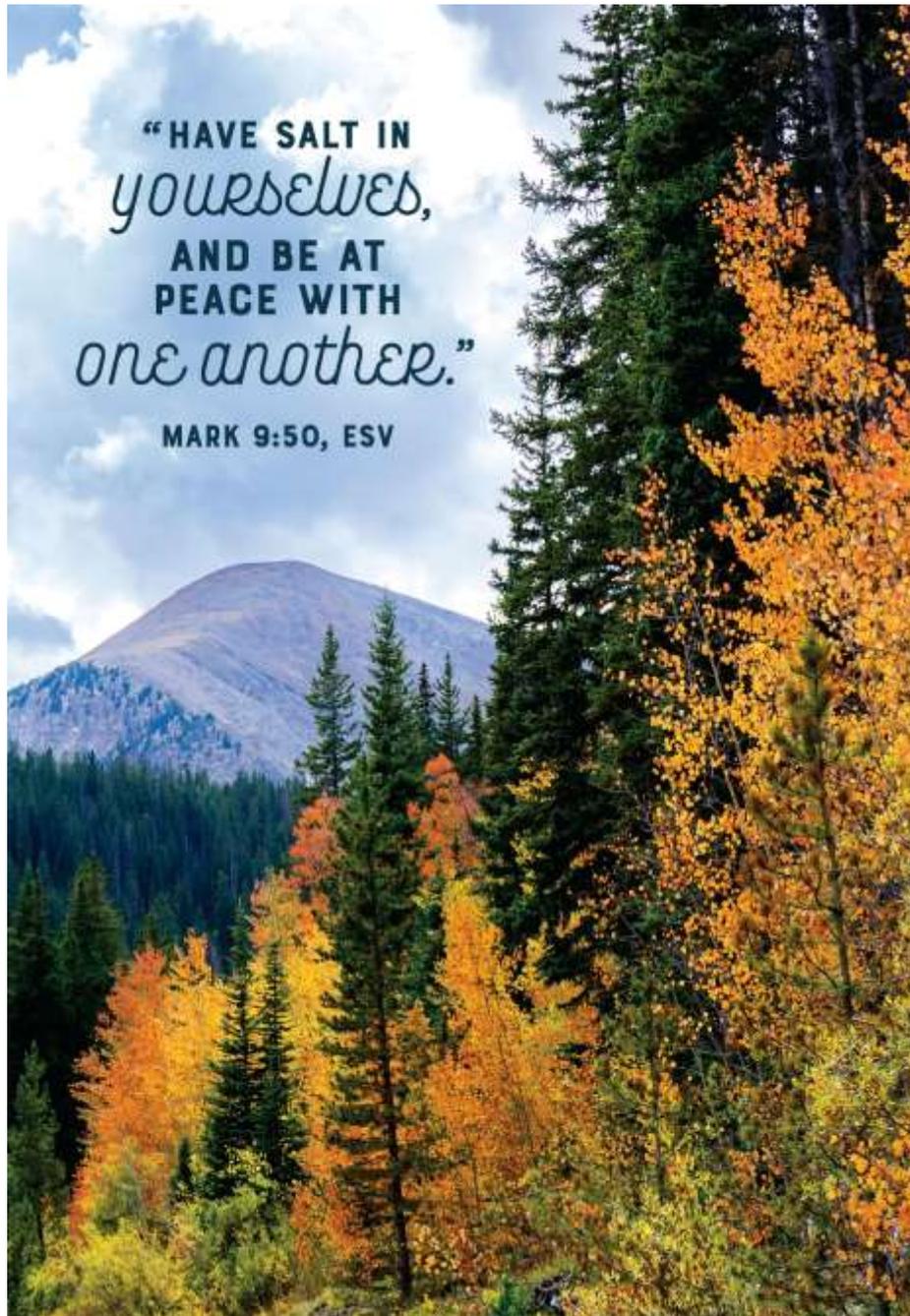


Season after Pentecost

September 26, 2021



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

GATHERING

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(vs. 1, 4) #834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

(Psalm 95: 1b-2a)

PRELUDE

“Meditation on 'Beach Spring'”

Hal Hopson

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“O, Sing to the Lord”

(cont. p. 5) #822



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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 "This Little Light of Mine"

#677

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

FIRST READING Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

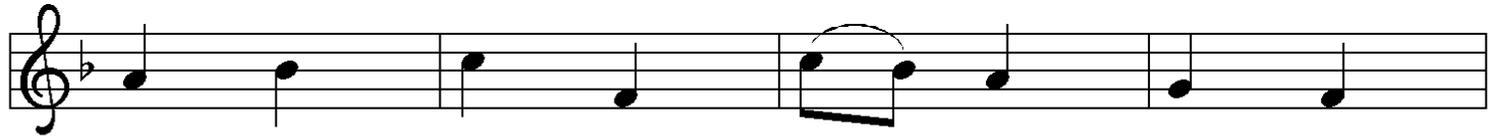
¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

A: The Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



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

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38-50

A: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 9th 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 Chris Litton

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (cont. p. 7) #712



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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**

***Sarah Duckwall**
***William Burkley**
***Monica McDonald**
Harold Rice
***Baby Joey**
***Sandra & David**
Rhodes
***Ann Smith**
***John & Brenda**
Holcomb
***Amanda Cunningham**
***Jim & Ann Conrad**
***Hurry Family**
***Marvin & Kathy**
***Tara**
***Nelson Strobert**
***Laura Moss & Family**

***Vindel Family**
***Tally Uchina**
***Ronald Weaver**
***Penny Carpenter**
***Darcy Funkhouser**
***Ernie Howe**
***Ralph & Marion Rowe**
***Megan & Jared**
Primmer
***Catherine Keller**
***Ed Bricker**
***Bobby Hoffman**
***Patty Bonebrake**
***Connie Butler**
***Marci Dean**
***Marty Skane**

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

OFFERTORY

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" words and music by
Frank M. North and W. Gardiner

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.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

C: **Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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: Jesus invites all who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

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 comes forward, **please leave room between yourself and those in front of you who are 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.



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



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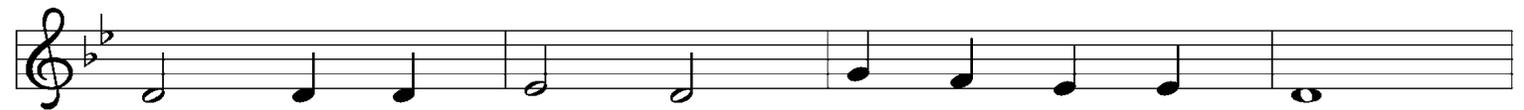
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

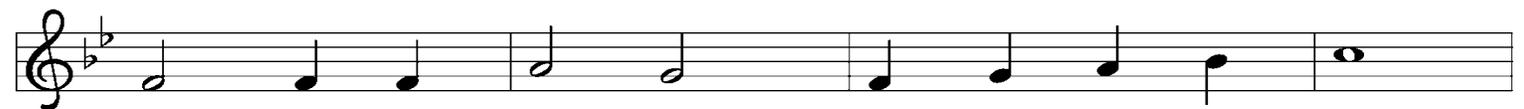
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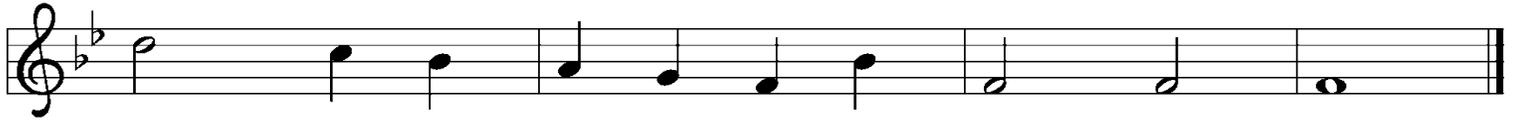
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim-ness of my soul a-way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al-tar, and your love the flame.

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

#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 - jice.
 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.

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

#468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!”
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

C: **Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ’s body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go, Make Disciples”

#540

“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

DISMISSAL

A: The living Word dwells in you. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

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Serving God’s People this Sunday Morning: September 26, 2021

Presiding Minister	Pastor Chris Litton
Assisting Minister	Danny Kiblinger
Organist	Stephen Pastena

Acolyte Anna Bergscheinder
Ushers Bob Snyder, Elaine Micheal, Susan Strobl
Securing the Building Scott Rhodes, June Hess

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: *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.*

Prayers for all those who mourn the loss of Shirley Deau (Mid-West friend of Sue Nelson) and member, Dolores Carson.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the **Glory of God in Honor of Rebecca Nadine Mason** by Amy & Michael Mason.*

*Readings for **October 3, 2021** – Gen. 2:18-24, Ps. 8, Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mk. 10:2-16*

Serving God’s People next Sunday morning: October 3, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister Danny Kiblinger
Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Austin Suchy
Ushers Doug & Kathy Wright, Kim Pile
Securing the Building Marge Cunningham, Jim Cannon

	Year to Date Actual Ending Aug. 31 2021	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget)
	\$129,957.95	\$133,332.00	(-\$3,374.05)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date information about church events and worship visit www.havenlc.org.

STILL NEED TO CATCH UP IN OUR REGULAR OFFERINGS We made *some* progress in reducing the amount we are behind in our projected offering for 2021 but still have a way to go. Trusting in the generosity of God, please bring or send in your offerings regularly and “catch-up” if you have fallen behind. Thank you for your faithfulness to God’s ministry at Haven.

TELL US YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE PREFERENCE We want to order the correct number and right types of offering envelopes for 2022. Tell us your preference on the attendance sheet in the bulletin **or** by contacting the church office (301-733-5056; havenoffice@havenlc.org) Choices: 1) weekly offering envelopes; 2) monthly offering envelopes; 3) No envelopes because your offering is being electronically transferred to Haven or sent by your bank. If you would like to enroll in an electronic giving plan, please contact the church office. Thank you for helping us be wise and good stewards.



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

As of September 19, \$57,041.60, has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION!

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 2021 3 – 6 pm Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Parking Lot
18313 Lappans Road Boonsboro, MD**

Presented by the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County.

Bring your chairs for the concert and flowers for the mandala.

This event is free and Love offerings happily accepted.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- September 27** Pastor Alessandri will be back in the office
7:00 Council Meeting
- September 29** 10:00 Bible Study (Acts of Apostles)
7:00 Choir
- October 3** 9:30 Worship (in-person and on Facebook Live)
10:45 Adult Sunday School
10:45 God Squad Explorers Event
2:00 – 3:00 Pet Blessing (at the Digital Haven Sign)

WELCOME PASTOR LITTON! While Pastor Alessandri is preaching for the 70th anniversary of the St. Louis Church where she last served, we have the pleasure of having

Pastor Chris Litton to preside and preach today. Be sure to add your own words of thanks as you leave.

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS INAUGURAL PARTY NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10:45 AM. This will be the first monthly God Squad Explorer event. Children and parents are invited for some faith-filled fun, learning and prayer. Children ages 3 to grade 6 are invited.

P.S. We are working on a teen option and looking for adults to help us lead this great group of youth.



WOMAN2WOMAN FELLOWSHIP EVENT - OCTOBER 2

Saturday, October 2, 9 am - 3 pm

(doors open/continental breakfast at 8:30)

Tri-State Fellowship Church

13153 Cearfoss Pike, Hagerstown

Tri-State Fellowship is excited to host a Tri-State regional women's outreach event open to ALL women, ALL denominations and ALL churches. The conference is called Woman2Woman and focuses on women mentoring, building relationships and leaving a legacy. Bring a friend and even help advertise it to other friends and churches. It is going to be a very special day for women coming together from all churches in our community. It is also very affordable (\$15 per person). Register at <https://tristatefellowship.org/>

Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening
DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

10:00 AM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THIS WEEK Come adventure with Pastor Alessandri and other curious disciples into the Acts of the Apostles. What was the experience of those first followers of Jesus after his ascension? How did the Holy Spirit work among and through them? NO Bible knowledge or experience needed. A willing heart and wonder will be more than enough.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH'S LUNCH TO RESIDENTS AT POTOMAC TOWERS – All donations were due **today**. If you forgot your items, please contact Prue Yelinek to make arrangements to drop them off. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks to you our Potomac Towers sisters and brothers will have a hearty lunch.

HAVEN HAS RESUMED DELIVERING MICAH'S

BACKPACKS. That means that we will need some volunteers to pack the food bags and others to deliver them to Fountaindale Elementary School.

If you have never heard of Micah's Backpacks, it's a hunger battling project that provides children with food for weekend meals. The school identifies children whose families struggle with an adequate food supply. The children will get breakfast and lunch at school while it is in session, but what about the weekend? Healthy children are more likely to be thriving students. Micah's Backpacks work to help children stay healthy.



PACKING the bags is not time consuming and requires only one person, but it is more fun with a partner. The food is usually stacked on tables in the Micah's Backpack room. The person packing takes the required number from each stack (If there is more than 1, there will be a sign indicating the number needed). The food will be ready to be packed by Sunday morning and packing can be done anytime during that week up until Wednesday evening. The room *may* be accessible during most of the business day through the entrance nearest the Big Brothers, Big Sister office. You can definitely gain access on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, if you contact the church office (301-733-5056). Packing is separate from delivery but one person can do both if they choose.

DELIVERY is easy as well but does require carrying the bags to your car and then once at Fountaindale, delivering them to the vestibule at the school, during school hours. This can be done either Thursday or Friday but if done on Friday the food needs to be there by 10 AM.

There is a sign-up sheet on the mobile bulletin board. You can contact Linda Clark for more information or to volunteer. Her phone number is 301-491-4027 and email is lindaclark65@verizon.net. Kathy Wright will coordinate delivery and she can be contacted at 301-791-2749 and her email is kwright@myactv.net

If you have not been to the Micah's backpack room it is at the end of the building near the Gathering Room and Big Brothers and Big Sisters office. Currently the majority of the food there is received through the Maryland Food Bank and is given to organizations who participate in the program. In usual times, some food was provided by grants from HARC (Hagerstown Religious Council) and the remaining food purchased from donations of the congregation. We are pledged to serve 12 students at Fountaindale School. On September 23, we picked up 29 cases of food that will be used over the next three months all of it donated by the Maryland Food Bank from their federal grants. The room will be very full.

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*“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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