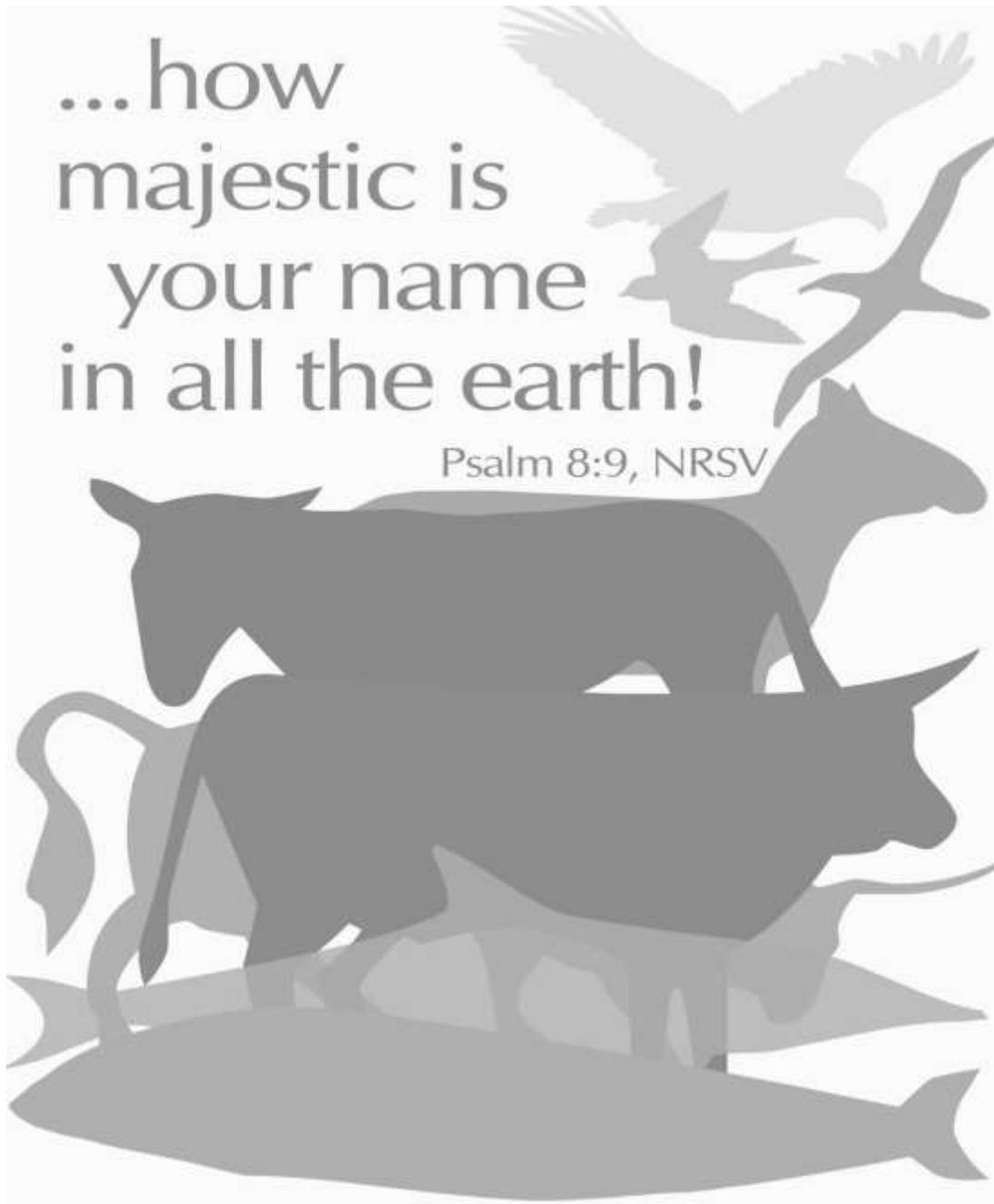


Season after Pentecost

October 3, 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

“God Is Here”

(vs. 1) #526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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

"Preamble"

Louis Vierne

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

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

(cont. p. 5) WOTL

C C/E F Dm⁷ C/E

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your

C C/E G⁷ G⁷/B C C/E

name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -

F Dm⁷ C/E C C/E G⁷ G⁷/B C

jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O

F Dm⁷ G Am⁷ G⁷/B C C/E F

Lord, we praise your name. O Lord,

Dm⁷ G Am⁷ G⁷/B C B B/D# Em D D/F#

we mag - ni - fy your name, Prince of Peace, might - y

G G⁷/F C/E F G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C

God, O Lord God Al - might - y.

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 8

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 10:13-16

A: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 10th 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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 | * William Burkley | * Ronald Weaver |
| * Virginia White | * Monica McDonald | * Penny Carpenter |
| * Sandy Brandon | Harold Rice | * Darcy Funkhouser |
| * Raven Lucas | * Baby Joey | * Ernie Howe |
| * Edward Staley | * Sandra & David | * Ralph & Marion Rowe |
| * Helen VanderHamm | Rhodes | * Megan & Jared |
| * Nasrin Sotoudeh | * Ann Smith | Primmer |
| * Courtney Belmont | * John & Brenda | * Catherine Keller |
| * Caitlyn Battoe | Holcomb | * Ed Bricker |
| * Brandi Allsop | * Amanda Cunningham | * Bobby Hoffman |
| * Seth Battoe | * Jim & Ann Conrad | * Patty Bonebrake |
| * Debora Daniels | * Hurry Family | * Connie Butler |
| Larry & Sharon | * Marvin & Kathy | * Marci Dean |
| Hartsock | * Tara | * Marty Skane |
| * Teresa Hoover | * Nelson Strobert | * Lois Fortney |
| * Lindsey Hoover | * Laura Moss & Family | * Louise Sheedy |
| * Johnny Wright | * Vindel Family | * Stafford Family |
| * Sarah Duckwall | * Tally Uchina | |

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

“Be Still and Know”
sung by Nancy Newkirk

words and music
Steven Curtis Chapman

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.)*

OFFERING SONG

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182



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

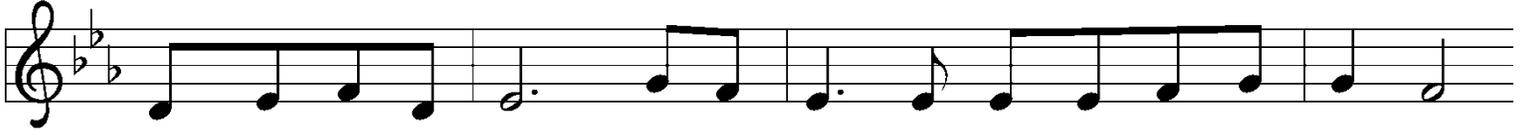
For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you."

“Day By Day”

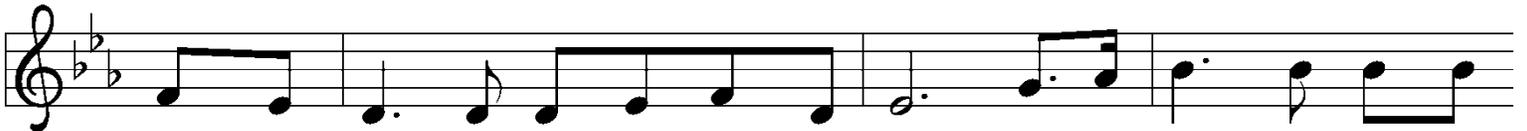
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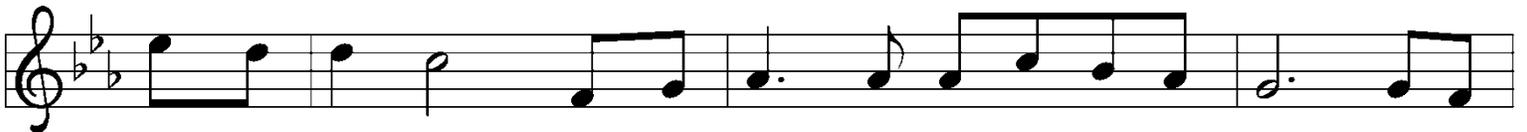
1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



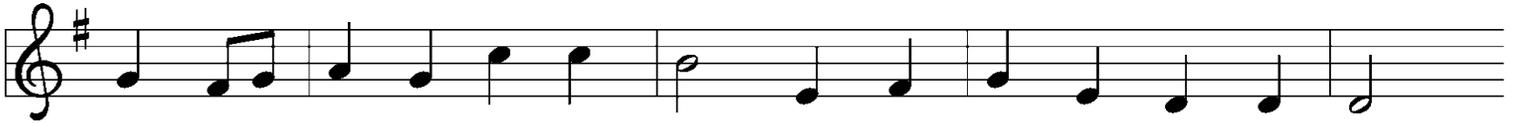
mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

“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:



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

“Here Is Bread”

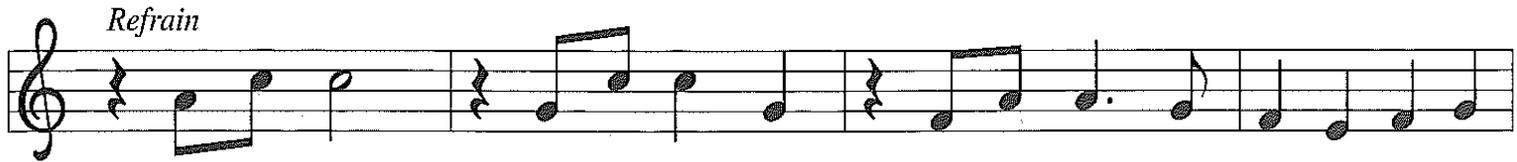
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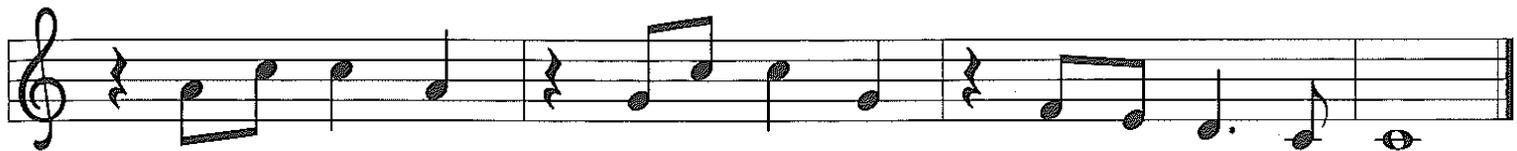
1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" (vs. 1-3, 6) #835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate”

W.A. Mozart

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: 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

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 member, **Dolores Carson.***

*The flowers on the altar are given to the **Glory of God in Honor of Aura Wiles** in celebration of her **18th birthday** on October 9th given by Jan Merique.*

*Readings for **October 10, 2021** – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16,
Mark 10:17-31*

Serving God’s People next Sunday morning: October 10, 2021

Presiding Minister Pastor Linda Alessandri

Assisting Minister Aura Wiles

Organist Stephen Pastena

Acolyte
Ushers
Securing the Building

Maddie Haupt
Amy Mason, Marge Cunningham, Kathleen Kline
Marge Cunningham, Jim Cannon

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|  | 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.

PASTOR ALESSANDRI WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE MONDAY (Oct. 4) AFTERNOON TO THURSDAY (Oct. 7) MORNING If you are in need of pastoral care during this time please contact please contact Pastor David Eisenhuth (Trinity, Hagerstown at 410-487-3960).

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 26, **\$58,341.60**, has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Way to go Haven! You are blest and a blessing.

TODAY’S ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL MEET IN THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM (The room after the nursery, across from the Music Room.)

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- October 4** 6:00 Bell Choir
 7:00 Property Meeting
- October 6** 10:00 Bible Study (Acts Chapter 2 Pastor Kaplan will lead the class)
 7:00 Choir
- October 10** 9:30 Worship (in-person and on Facebook Live)
 10:45 Adult Sunday School



TODAY GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS INAUGURAL PARTY AFTER WORSHIP AT 10:45 AM.

This will be the first monthly God Squad Explorer event. Children and parents are invited to come to the Gathering Room 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.



PET BLESSING TODAY 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

at Haven's Digital sign on Pennsylvania Avenue

(park in the lot for Comprehensive Financial Planning Group at the corner of Haven Rd. and Pennsylvania Avenue)

What will happen at the pet blessing? Each pet will be individually blessed and their picture taken with their owner(s). There will be treats and beverages for the animals and their humans. Door prizes, too. Any pet that is safe to bring is welcome. We've had dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, a chicken and a lizard. **Come honor the love between you and your pet(s).** No cost! As free as the grace of God.

Speak, Lord, Your Servant Is Listening DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

10:00 AM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! This week Pastor Kaplan will lead the adventure into the second chapter of 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.

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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