

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022, 9:30 am

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



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

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.

**COME LET US WORSHIP
FIRST AND FOREMOST --- WELCOME!
HAVEN IS WORKING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH**

Here are some precautions we ask you to honor:

- The air in Haven's sanctuary is circulated 24/7 through ionizing filtering system.
- We are following the latest CDC guidelines, masks are optional and left to your discretion.
- If you are feeling poorly or have a temperature, please join worship on-line. Call the church to be added to the prayer list or speak with the pastor.
- Hand sanitizing stations and masks are available at both entrances. There are also hand sanitizers in each pew. Please sanitize frequently.
- There are chairs for those who wish to social distance in the back of the church.
- Passing of the peace will be from your seat (wave, bow or fist bump).
- Communion will be distributed around the altar rail. Please follow the directions of your ushers to come forward. Communion can be brought to you if you prefer not to come forward.

Pass on the word that Haven is a good place to worship, with safeguards in place to combat COVID during these challenging times.

"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

GATHERING

GATHERING "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1 cont. p. 3) #834



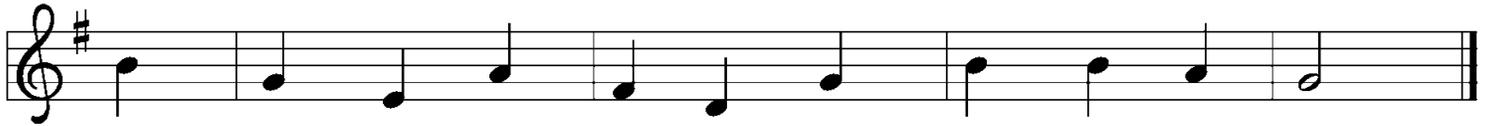
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



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: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

(after the announcements)

A: From the rising of the sun to its going down

C: let the name of the LORD be praised. *(Ps. 113: 1-3)*

PRELUDE "*Prelude in C Major (from '8 Little Preludes and Fugues')*" attr. J.S. Bach

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR 9/11

On September 11, 2001, our lives were changed. Loss came into our world in a shocking and tragic way - loss of so very many lives, loss of innocence as a nation, loss of security. We shall never be the same. Therefore, let us mark this day with prayers of remembrance, prayers of healing, prayers of thanksgiving, and prayers for guidance as we go forward together.

P: Holy God, Creator of all people and all nations,
It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events
that occurred on this day.

A: We lift to You in prayer all those who died in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon,
and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

C: We entrust them to Your loving care.

P: Uphold all those who lost people dear to their hearts during the attacks, and in the
conflicts, which have followed in their wake; that you surround widows and
children, parents and loved ones, the injured and maimed

C: with hope, peace and trust in your abiding presence and promises.

A: We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the
afflicted.

**C: Bring healing to their painful memories and other infirmities that remain
with them from that day.**

P: We also pray for ourselves as we seek your strength and guidance.

A: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, whose heart is glad when all your children live together in unity;

C: Not only comfort our grieving hearts, but change them.

P: Guide and inspire us and our leaders to make wise decisions for our future, for our homeland, for our people and the well-being of the world.

A: Keep us from self-righteousness, arrogant pride and prejudice.

C: Unite us to champion justice, peace and freedom.

A: Enable us, dear God, to put an end to fear that can misdirect us,

C: By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;

P: By resolving to abide in a peaceful manner

C: and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;

A: By resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility;

C: By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

P: Let us resolve that in the face of hatred,

C: we will show love;

A: That in times of despair,

C: we will be voices of hope and creators of new dreams;

P: That in times of darkness,

C: we will be sources of light.

A: Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,

C: But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

P: With your help, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001, by resolving,

C: to be your love and hope,

A: your light and forgiveness,

C: seekers of justice and peace for all people.

P: Author of all good and faithful Provider,

C: to you we give our praises, our prayers and our thanksgivings on this day of remembrance.

P: All honor and glory be yours, O God --- Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, -- now and forever.

C: Amen.

(adapted from Litany of Remembrance by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, 9/02 and Anniversary Prayer for 9/11 by Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.)

OPENING HYMN (Please stand as you are able.)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (please be seated) "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.

PSALM 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING (*please stand as you are able*) Luke 15:1-10

L: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(after the reading)

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Linda M. Alessandri

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please stand as you are able.*)

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (vs. 1-3 cont. p. 7) #502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “God of grace,” **C: “hear our prayer.”**

*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)*

... 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.

Carol Shull
Harold Rice
 ***Edward** Staley
 ***Helen** VanderHamm
 ***Courtney** Belmont
 ***Caitlyn** Battoe
 ***Seth** Battoe
 ***Finn** Battoe
 ***Diana** Grimes
 ***Brandi** Allsop
 ***Debora** Daniels
 ***Amanda** Cunningham
Larry & Sharon Hartsock
 ***Ed** Davis

***Teresa** Hoover
 ***Linda** Hollar
Ann Conrad
 ***Gary** Friese
 ***John** Morgan
 ***Rod & Patty** Bonebrake
 ***John** Crafton
 ***Tommy** Davis
 ***Paul & Denise** Pizzini
Jim Hassinger
 ***Janice** Lowry Hamilton
and family
 ***Jay** Morgan
 ***Vicky** McKusker

Bob Snyder
 ***Matthew** Brumback
Jessica Kline
 ***Weaver & Knode**
Family
 ***Shives** Family
 ***Albert** Family
 ***Josenhans** Family
 ***Jayne** Layman
 ***William** Burkley
 ***Sue** J.
 ***Gary** Shoemaker
 ***Marge** Young
 ***Robert** Young

Our homebound members: **Irene Giffin, Beth Johns, Phyllis Meyers and Dorothy Zinkand.**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We safely share a sign of God's peace with one another.

(Extend God's peace to others 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 OFFERTORY "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

words and music by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

THE OFFERING

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

(Offering plates are placed at entrances with the bulletins. Thank you for your faithful generosity. May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.)

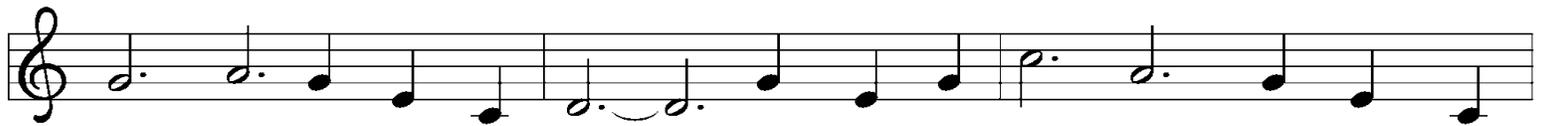
OFFERING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

(vs. 1) #689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**C: Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

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.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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 invites you to his table where all are welcome.

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: Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive our Lord's gift. Holy Communion will be offered in bread and wine. If preferred, let pastor know if you want a gluten-free host. Grape juice is also available in the center of the communion tray offered by the assisting minister. At the parent's discretion, children may receive a blessing or communion. Parents please let pastor know your preference for your children.

For those communing in the church at the altar rail: You may choose to stand or kneel. Masks are optional. The usher will invite your row to go to the rail using one aisle. Please place your used communion cup in the basket offered by the acolyte. Use the aisle on the other side of your section to return to your seat.

For those communing at their place: Pastor and the assisting minister will come to you. If an usher does not come to stand beside you so the pastor knows to come, please raise your hand as pastor looks around the sanctuary for any who still are to receive the sacrament.

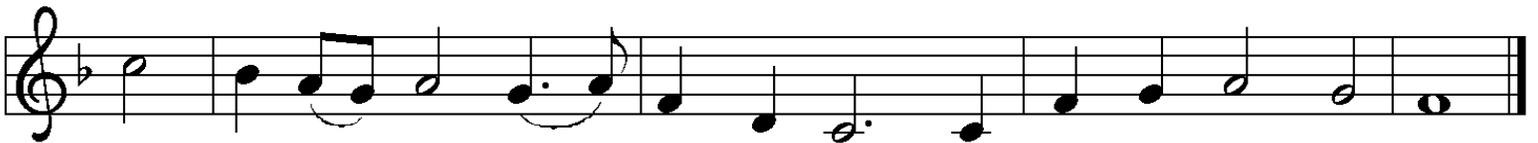
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

p. 208



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

#494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

“What Feast of Love”

#487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

TABLE BLESSING

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

C: **Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with truth and peace
and guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN (*Please stand as you are able.*) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(vs. 4-6) #502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated.)* "'Fugue in C Major (from 8 Little Preludes and Fugues)'"
attr. J.S. Bach

*(As we listen to the postlude, we reflect on what we have heard, learned and received
from our Lord during worship and offer God our thanks and prayers.)*

DISMISSAL

A: With Christ beside 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 11, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Nancy Newkirk
Lay Reader	Amy Mason
Organist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Austin Suchy
Ushers	Susan Strobl, Elaine Michael, NEEDED
Altar Flowers	Dick & June Hess
Securing the Building	Sandy Powell, Nancy Newkirk

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Beth Johns, Phyllis Meyers 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 Jim Conrad, John Crist, Tyler Josenhans, Kannon Shives and Clayton Knode.

The flowers on the altar in given to the Glory of God in honor of Our Wedding Anniversary on September twelfth by Dick & June Hess.

Readings for next week: Sept. 18, 2022 – Amos 8:4-7, Ps. 113, 1 Tim.2:1-7, Lk.16:1-13

Serving God's People next Sunday morning: September 18, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
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Assisting Minister	Marge Cunningham
Lay Reader	Piper Meredith
Organist	Stephen Pastena
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 FINANCIAL HEALTH	Year to Date Actual Ending August, 2022	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget-)
	\$136,518.20	\$134,234.00	\$2284.20



FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER – WOW! WOW! WOW! As of September 4, **\$100,973.90** has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!? BUT HOLD ON --- More news to come!

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- September 6 7:00 Property Team (*Parlor*)
Worship Team meeting (*Pastor's Study*)
- September 14 10:00 Bible Study (*Adult Sunday School Room*)
7:00 Choir
- September 15 2:00 Book Club (*Parlor*)
- September 18 **10:30 WORSHIP AT DOUB'S WOODS PARK FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC (*No Worship at 1035 Haven Road*)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

Today, the Council is seeking the congregation's approval of a MOTION to contract with the Happy Home Roofer Company to replace the gutters on the original church building for up to \$3,700.00 with funds to come from the Special Gifts Building Fund. There will also be a brief update on the Faith Building Together Campaign. Please stay if you have attended worship in-person or attend on line or by phone via ZOOM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89682674351?pwd=RmlxMkVIOWJvb01qNWlxWkFjTWJrdz09> Meeting ID: 896 8267 4351 ; Passcode: 031538 Join meeting by phone by calling +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 896 8267 4351 Passcode: 031538

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS WILL START A NEW YEAR OF ADVENTURES

TODAY! Come down to the Explorer's indoor campsite at **11:00 am**. We are so excited to be together again! Who are "God Squad Explorers"? Any child from preschooler (with parent/grandparent) thru 5th graders who want to know more about the Lord who loves us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 10 AM

Whether you are new to Bible Study or a veteran you will be blessed by the fellowship as we dive into God's Word. We start by looking at some of the shorter, less read books of the Bible. It's always an adventure and usually a great deal of fun! All are welcome.

HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – On **Thursday, Sept. 15 at 2:00 pm** we will meet in the Parlor to discuss **THE LAST DAYS OF NIGHT** by Graham Moore. It is New York, 1888. Thomas Edison & George Westinghouse are competitors in the invention & production of electric light. Plan now to join us to review this fascinating tale as told by a young lawyer who is intimately involved. Any questions, contact Joan Schupp.



Join us at the

**Church
Picnic!**

IT'S BACK!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 10:30 AM

Doub's Woods, South Pavilion

(F.Y.I. The pavilion IS handicap accessible.)

After a two-year postponement, we will finally come together at Doub's Woods to share worship, fellowship, food and play. Ready the lawn chairs and games!

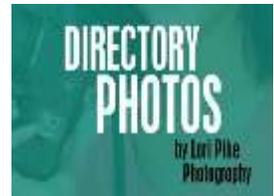
Through their gracious offer to the Parish Life team, Will and Joanne Seilhamer will be organizing, buying and cooking hotdogs and brats for our Congregational picnic and provide all the normal toppings plus many new interesting ones. (See the poster on the easel in the Narthex.)

If you haven't already, **please sign up if you will attend** so we can know how many hotdogs and brats to be purchased. When you sign up, let us know what side dish or dessert you will bring to feast. Sign up in the narthex or by contacting the church office **TODAY**.

See you all there. It will be fun!

Bring your family. Bring a friend or neighbor. All are welcome.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOSHOOT/RETAKES will be on **Sunday, September 25th immediately following the Worship Service**. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet or the Sign-Up Central board so we can plan appropriately. Thank you!



DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us For... God's work.
Our hands.

GOD'S WORK... OUR HANDS OPPORTUNITY



Are you ready and willing to show Haven's willingness to serve as well as have some fun?

Haven has been penciled in to participate with United Way's **Day of Caring** this year by painting several offices at the ReStore on **Thursday, September 15**. I'm hoping that at least 10 Haven members will be part of this. The day starts off with a Kickoff Breakfast at 7:00 AM at Hagerstown Community College's The Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center (ARCC) and then we will move onto the ReStore around 8:00. If you want to skip breakfast, that's OK. I have no idea how long this will take, but I would expect we will be working to mid-afternoon. We will be asked to bring our own brushes, rollers, ladders, etc. The paint will be provided by the ReStore. If interested, please contact Doug Wright at dwright@gsimages.com or (301) 991-0921 as soon as possible. We started out a little late on this but that shouldn't stop us from using Our Hands to do God's Work.

DONATIONS FOR HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX are always NEEDED. If you are able when visiting the grocery store, pick up a few items for our hungry neighbors.

CALLING HAVEN DISCIPLES

New Service Opportunities

YOU are NEEDED!

GREETERS are needed to welcome guests and visitors as they enter the building for worship. It's easy and even fun. You come to church 20 – 30 minutes early. You are assigned one of the two entrances, you greet those who enter and let them know how happy we are that they are here. That's it! If at least 8 people volunteer you will only be a greeter once a month. Be brave. Volunteer. You will be extending God's own hospitality with a simple, "welcome." Sign-up on the attendance form in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office (havenoffice@havenlc.org or call 301-733-5056).

IT'S GREAT
TO MEET
YOU!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS Our parents have been absolutely great about having their children in church. We want our children to know they are part of the community and to grow in participating in worship. AND, we know there are some Sundays when our youngest children just can't settle and need to run or play. On those days, a nursery makes it possible for a child to be more content and the

parents are more able to participate in worship.



We have not provided a nursery since the beginning of COVID. Now, as we frequently hear people say, “Isn’t it great to have young families in church,” it’s time to offer the option of nursery care during worship for infants and children through 1st grade age. Thus, we need volunteers to serve our Lord’s church and children.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Following our Children Protection Policy, two adults* are needed for the nursery every Sunday. You arrive by 9:15 am to meet any parents and infants. You will be able to hear the worship service through a speaker in the nursery. Other young children may come after the children’s message. There is plenty for them to enjoy in the nursery. When it’s communion time, we ask you to bring the children to the church for a blessing or communion. When all the children have been picked up by parents, you tidy the room, remember the children’s smiles and fun and hear God whisper, “Well, done my good and faithful servant.” (*One of the attendants can be a teen as long as the other is an adult.)

Happy we have young families? Then please volunteer to be a nursery attendant. Teen, parent or grandparent age, male or female, this is a way you can serve our Lord and support your Haven community. Sign-up on the attendance form in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office (havenoffice@havenlc.org or call 301-733-5056).

USHERS, LAY READERS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS are also needed. Training provided. Appreciation abounding!

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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