

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022, 10:30 am



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.

GATHERING

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(vs. 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

"I Can Only Imagine"
Bill Byers and Margaret McKee

by Mercy Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord comes to us this day. Are you ready?

C: **We are ready!**

P: The Lord frees us to be ministers of peace and hope. Are you ready?

C: **We are ready!**

P: Ready our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God,

C: **that we might hear and receive what we need
to bring peace and hope for your world. Amen**

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am to Worship”

(cont. p. 4) WOTL

VERSE

♩=75

E B^{sus} F#m E B^{sus}



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 A^{2(no3)} E B^{sus} F#m



— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You,
- bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 E B^{sus} A^{2(no3)} B^{7sus}



hope of a life spent with — You. — So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came — poor. —

CHORUS

10 E B/D# E/G#

wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God .

13 A E B/D#

_____ And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 E/G#

Last time to Coda \diamond 1. A A²(no3) 2. A

won - der - ful to me. _____ And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

20 B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G#

- er know _ how much _ it cost _ to see _ my sin _ up - on _

23 1. A 2. A B^{7sus} D.S. al Coda

_ that cross. _ And I'll nev - _ that cross. _ So, here I am to

26 \diamond Coda A A²(no3) E

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 "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 113

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

² **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 16:1-13

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

"Shout to the Lord"

(cont. p. 6) #821

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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	* Linda Hollar	Jessica Kline
Harold Rice	Ann Conrad	* Weaver & Knode
* Edward Staley	* Gary Friese	Family
* Helen VanderHamm	* John Morgan	* Shives Family
* Courtney Belmont	* Rod & Patty Bonebrake	* Albert Family
* Caitlyn Battoe	* John Crafton	* Josenhans Family
* Seth Battoe	* Tommy Davis	* Jayne Layman
* Finn Battoe	* Paul & Denise Pizzini	* William Burkley
* Diana Grimes	Jim Hassinger	* Sue J.
* Brandi Allsop	* Janice Lowry Hamilton	* Gary Shoemaker
* Debora Daniels	and family	* Marge Young
* Amanda Cunningham	* Jay Morgan	* Robert Young
Larry & Sharon Hartsock	* Vicky McKusker	* Carson Family
* Ed Davis	Bob Snyder	* Joan Deffenbaugh
* Teresa Hoover	* Matthew Brumback	

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 OFFERING

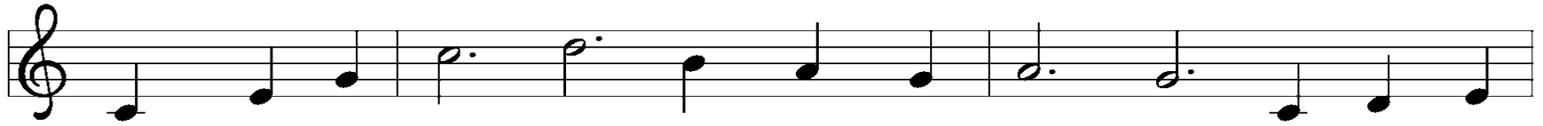
P: It’s Offering time! C: **Praise God!**

(A plate is placed on the table by the altar for offerings. 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 cont. p. 8) #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

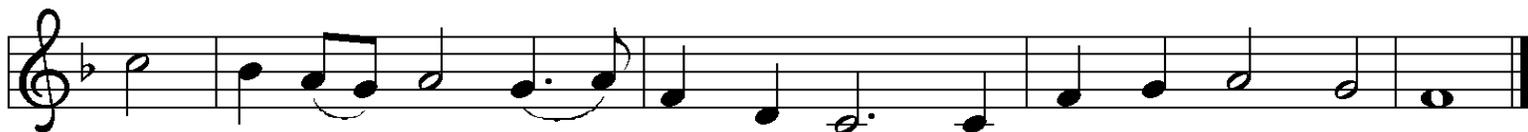
Since the church of Christ strives for universality, we practice Eucharistic Hospitality. ALL persons are welcome to receive communion. We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Sacrament. This is God's gift of strength and forgiveness offered to all God's children. Please come forward to receive our Lord's gift. At parents' discretion, children may receive communion or a blessing.

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.

“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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#471



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

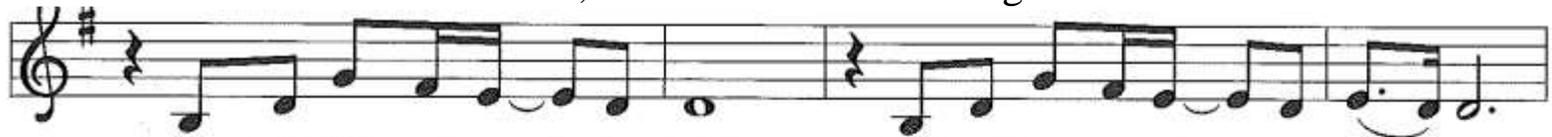
BLESSING

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 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

#857



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

POSTLUDE

(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 18, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Nancy Newkirk
Lay Reader	Elaine Michael
Keyboardist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Piper Meredith

We also Remember in Prayer:

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

*Readings for next week: **Sept. 25, 2022** – Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps. 146, 1 Tim.6:6-19, Lk.16:19-31*

Serving God's People next Sunday morning: September 25, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Marge Cunningham
Lay Reader	Nancy Newkirk
Organist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Raeleigh Dorsey
Ushers	Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes, Georgi Kauffman

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.

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS STARTED A NEW YEAR OF ADVENTURES LAST SUNDAY BUT OOPS we forgot to give you your SPARK Family booklet so you can continue to learn about our Lord each week at home with your family. We have them here at worship today and next Sunday. Be sure to pick yours up! We'll see you for another adventure together on Sunday, October 2.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet for fellowship, study and discussion of Scripture on Thursday, September 22, 10 am in the parlor. The study can be found in the September/October issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will be available on the mobile message board or from Elaine Michael.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOSHOOT/RETAKES will be **NEXT Sunday, September 25th immediately following the Worship Service.** If you haven't already signed up on the Sign-Up Central board at church, PLEASE call (301-733-5056) or email (havenoffice@havenlc.org) the church office so we can plan appropriately. Thank you!



DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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).

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."