

September 21, 2025

10:15 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Preacher: The Rev Bryan J. Penman, SEPA Synod Bishop

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Werde Munter, (Be thou glad) - Percy Whitlock

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love

We begin our worship in the name of
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW 870 We Praise You, O God

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: I Timothy 2:1-7

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 710 Let Streams of Living Justice

APOSTLE'S CREED

Together with people of faith in all times and places, we profess our faith with the words of the creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Chimings of Great Joy - Edwards
Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY ELW 467 We Place upon Your Table, Lord



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 786 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW 501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 826 Thine the Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the faith!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Bishops' Promenade - Norman Coke-Jephcott

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PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Katie Knowles, Fred Swavely, Marie Wolfe and Erik Ockenlaender.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, September 22	5:30pm Soup & Study 7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal 7:30pm Executive meeting
Wednesday, September 24	7pm First & Second Year Confirmation Kick off
Sunday, September 28	9am Sunday School 10:15am Worship

Join the Choir! Choir is back! Join us on Thursdays at 7pm for rehearsal.

We need your help! Our A/V team needs more people. Please volunteer to help our worship services reach out those who are unable to attend in person. Please help.

Heavenly Helpers is in need of donations of gift cards to Lowes and Walmart or Visa gift cards in any denomination are being collected between this Sunday and October 19. All gift cards will be used to purchase supplies, window AC units, doors and baby supplies for the family. Gift card donations can be dropped in the donation box outside PB's office.



God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work, Our Hands **Sunday, September 28**

Following a brief worship experience at 10:15 AM, the congregation will disperse to use their hands to do God's work in three different projects.

The project descriptions are below. There will be sign up sheets available outside PB's office this Sunday. Online sign ups are available below. PLEASE only sign up in one location to avoid taking slots from others.

If you have a yellow God's Work, Our Hands tshirt, you are invited to wear it to worship and service on September 28.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Project One - Gift Bags for Meals on Wheels Recipients - folks who sign up for this project will gather in the fellowship hall to work on creating small gift bags for all the recipients of Meals on Wheels. Creativity is not needed - just an ability to follow directions in putting together the bags.

Project Two - St. John's Clean Up - folks who sign up for this project will use their hands to serve at the church on a variety of projects that may include window cleaning, cleaning out storage areas and weeding.

Project Three - The Center Clean Up - folks who sign up for this project will use their hands to help do some outdoor clean up at the Senior Center in East Greenville. This team will head out from St. John's around 10:45 AM and serve for two hours at the Center doing power-washing, raking and parking lot clean up.

To sign up Goto

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-58303150-gods#/>



FALL 2025
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN & FRIEDENS UCC
JOIN TOGETHER FOR

SOUP & STUDY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Mondays from 5:30PM to 7PM
September 22 - November 10
at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

We will enjoy a simple soup supper
and then discuss the book,
**Appreciate These Things:
Eight Ways of Cultivating
Compassion by Jill J. Duffield**

**Please see Pastor Stephanie or
Pastor Becky to purchase a book**



Questions? Reach out to
Pastor Becky via email at pastorbecky74@gmail.com or
Pastor Stephanie via email at pastor.friedensucc@gmail.com

This fall, the Reformed churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley will offer a more contemplative, mid-week worship opportunity

3rd Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Sept 17 – St. Paul’s, Red Hill

Oct 15 – St. Mark’s, Pennsburg

Nov 19 – St. John’s, Sumneytown

Dec 17 – New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville

Jan 21 – Friedens UCC, Sumneytown

All are welcome!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FALL CONCERT SERIES

St. John’s Lutheran Church 3104 Main Street Green Lane, PA

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2:00 P.M.

Robert Mouland

“Well there’s something you don’t hear
everyday!”

*Historical melodies and song on unusual instruments,
including Baroque violin, c. 1760; Baroque flute, c. 1795,
English guitar, c. 1760-70 and others*



Save the Date!

Sunday, October 19th

Fall Fling and Trunk or Treat

2-4pm

St. John's Online Photo Directory Coming Soon!

St. John's is launching an online member directory!

Each member/family will be able to create an account and add a photo.

Don't worry, if you don't have a photo, we will take your picture!

If you don't have access to a computer or a smartphone, we will add your photo!



Photo Directory at Your Fingertips!

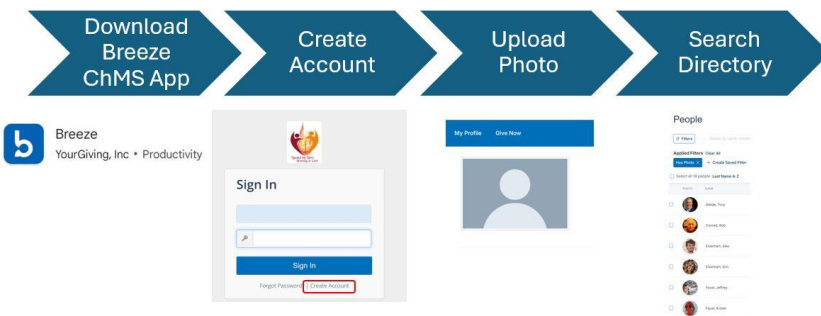
Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



Get your picture taken any Sunday in September, there will be someone available to take individual and family pictures following worship!



Open Your Account on St. John's Photo Directory Today!



Use email on record at St. John's. If prompted for church name, we are "stjsumneytown."
On any device, login at: <https://stjsumneytown.breezechms.com/login>

Contact the office with any questions!