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Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahn

**Welcome, Friend!  
You Have Come To The Right Place!  
Jesus Loves YOU!**

**WELCOME**

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future.

For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church,  
please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or 414-254-6093.

For information on our K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian day school please contact  
our Principal, Jason Schapekahn at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

**Worship Theme**

**MEANINGFUL MINISTRY**

**Not Glee and Gratitude, But Rejection and Resentment**

**EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY**

If ministry involves serving others with love and compassion, you would think that people would respond only with glee and gratitude for the help they received. Sometimes, but not always. If you offer to help a family member who is having trouble paying his bills, he might be offended, wondering if you are implying that he is not a good provider. Likewise, if you try and share the gospel with someone, he might resent the message that he is a sinner in need of salvation. You are trying to minister to this man’s greatest need. Your intentions are loving.

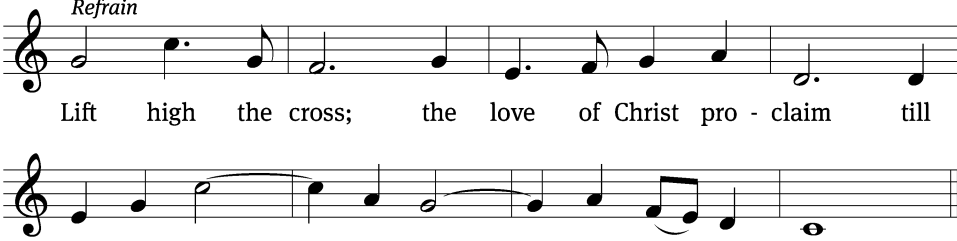
Yet he responds with rejection and resentment.

When our ministry efforts are met not with glee and gratitude but rejection and resentment, we are in good company. The prophets, apostles, and even Jesus himself all had those who responded negatively to their ministries. When that happens to us, it doesn’t mean our ministry is no longer meaningful. For if others do not appreciate our efforts to serve them, God still appreciates our efforts to serve him.


# 900 Lift High the Cross

CW 900

*Refrain*




Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim till  
all the world adore his sacred name.



1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
2 All new-born soldiers of the Crucified  
3 Let every race and every language tell  
4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

*Refrain*



our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

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*Stand*

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you. (*spoken*)

## **Confession of Sins**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *(spoken)*

## **Oh Taste and See** *(sung)*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;  
It stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 2:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”  
<sup>2</sup>As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup>He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’  
<sup>5</sup>And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup>And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. <sup>7</sup>You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm of the Day – 27A The LORD Is My Light** *(Read responsively)*

Reader: The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?

**Congregation: The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?**

Reader: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

**Congregation: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

Reader: To gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

**Congregation: He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

Reader: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Congregation: Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

**Reader & Congregation:**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Second Reading**

*2 Timothy 2:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup>Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup>Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a

criminal. But God's word is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;  
<sup>12</sup>if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.  
If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;  
<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot disown himself.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Ezekiel 2:7*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
You must speak my words to them,  
whether they listen or fail to listen.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mark 6:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.  
<sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?  
<sup>3</sup>Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



# 872 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CW 872

*Please rise for the final stanza.*



- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.  
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my shall he lead  
Ye that are brave, now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;  
To him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
let cour - age rise with dan - ger and strength to strength op - pose.  
where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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**Sermon Text – Mark 6:1-6**

**Sermon Theme – God’s Word Is Not Chained.**

*Stand*

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

**Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.**

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

**Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.  
Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

## 774 God Bless Our Native Land

CW 774



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand  
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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**Lay Reader**

Mr. Thomas McNeal

**Piano**

Miss Abigail Berg

### **In Our Prayers**

Joyce Vernon  
Kitty Henderson  
Natasha McCants  
Susan Berg  
Gabriel Jasper  
Glen Thompson  
Sheila Kimbrough  
Reyes Family  
Michael & Delores Gipson  
Jada Irving & Jasmine Walker  
Nyla Washington & Keshena Walker

**Next Week: July 14, 2024**

**Lay Reader:** Mr. Thomas McNeal

**Piano:** Miss Abigail Berg

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S**

**Sunday, July 14**      **Worship with communion 10:30AM**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 28**

Church Picnic after worship.

The picnic will be held at Veterans Park with a "Western Theme Barbecue".

If you are interested in helping with games please reach out to  
LaRaine Patterson.

**Sunday, August 18**

Faculty Installation and Fellowship after worship

**Wednesday, August 21**

First day of the 2024-2025 School Year

## **MEANINGFUL MINISTRY - SERIES EXPLANATION**

“Ministry” is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for “service.” Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called “compassion ministry.” Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called “gospel ministry.” We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do. While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

In this worship series we will see our efforts to meet the needs of those God brings into our sphere of influence as meaningful ministry. In our service to them, those people see God’s love and God sees our faith. Our worship follows this pattern.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Not Glee and Gratitude, but Rejection and Resentment*

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Sent with God’s Own Authority*

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Jesus Models a Compassionate Shepherd’s Heart*

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*God Meets Our Needs to Meet Others’ Needs*

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You*

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**TO FRIENDS AND VISITORS**

*This is the house of God. In His Name we welcome each and every person. May His Word bring you closer to your Savior, assuring you of the forgiveness of all your sins through Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*If you are without a church home or have recently moved to the area, our pastor will be happy to call on you or answer your questions about church membership. If you are burdened with sorrow or trouble, we invite you to call on the pastor at any time.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*St. Philip's congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School for the thorough training of the whole child. We want each child to know, not only how to deal with this life, but to know their Savior and prepare for eternal life. The school is called St. Philip's Lutheran School and is located at 3012 N. Holton Street.*

**School Office Phone: 414-263-7614**

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**Church Service – 10:30AM**

**Bible Class – 9:30AM**