

Worship at Greene Township Park
June 25, 2023

WELCOME

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

Large print bulletins for today's worship are available.

Feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

June 25 to July 2

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Worship in the Park
	12:00 p.m.	Congregation Picnic
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion Patriotic Music

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

The Spirit of God is in this place:
the same Spirit that swirled over the waters before the beginning of time;
the same Spirit that created light from darkness
and separated the day from the night... **And it was good!**

Look up! Imagine the expanse beyond what we can see.
The God we worship is even bigger!
This is the God who created sky, land, and sea;
plants and trees; sun, moon, and stars;
seasons, days, and years... **And it was good!**


Although we have created for ourselves a myth of scarcity,
God created abundantly!
Nowhere is this more evident than in the seas and the skies,
which God filled with all sorts of creatures... **And it was good!**

We listen for the rustlings of animals around us,
which remind us that we are not alone in world,
but rather invited in
by an infinitely creative God who made deer and squirrels, rats and snails...
And it was good!


God created each one of us to honor the Creator
by caring for the world around us.
We come together now
in awe that we were made in the image of God... **And it was good!**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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

“This is the Day”

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made!
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it!

This is the day that the Lord has made!
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made!

PRAYER

Forgiving Lord, we thank you for sending your Son to die on the cross so that those who believe will be saved. Thank you for the gift of forgiveness. Help us to be able to forgive other people more freely. In your name we pray. Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 130

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

²**LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
LORD, who could stand?

⁴**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶**my soul waits for the LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Melody: Windy*

Praise be to God, the Father almighty;
Praise be to God who came to this earth;
Praise be to God, the Spirit eternal;
Praise be to God forever! *(repeat)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

SKIT:

The Parable of the Perfect Son

by Ginny Neil

Narrator: Karen Maclay
Perfect Son: Joyce Ray
Dad: Gary Fleegal
Prodigal Son: Nancy Fricke

Followed by a Short Meditation and Prayer

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt. Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia 1844



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

CREED

Melody: Do-Re-Mi

We believe in one true God.
Praise the Holy Trinity.
To God's holy name we sing,
Join the praise of heaven's host.
God, our Father, made all things.
Jesus died for all our sins.
His Spirit helps us in our need.
Praise the Holy Trinity. (*repeat*)

PEOPLE PRAYERS

Groups of 3-4. In your group write the name of a person or a group of people on each paper person. For instance “People of Ukraine” or “Boy Scouts” or “Allison.” Then tell your small group why you would like prayers for that particular person or group. Maybe... Safety in war ... Attending camp– safe travels and a time of learning and fun.... Wedding... Healing... entering school... life transitions... retiring... starting new job... graduation... parenting... etc. Try to have each person in your group offer a name. You are allowed to write more than one name on each paper person if you have time.

- ❖ *At the end – we will present the prayers to God. No one except the people in your group (and God) will know the prayers.*
- ❖ *You are encouraged this week to continue to pray for the people named in your small group.*

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -
D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteousness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
every word that proceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Leslie Gotwald (7/5), Denise Heinbaugh (6/28),
Dalton Paul (7/22), Joe Pine (7/15), Garry Shatzer (7/20)

Long Term Care: Esther Beaver, Pat Dent, Austin Hunter, and Mid Kramer

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

World Concerns: War in Ukraine. Pennsylvania State Police (Grief)

ATTENDANCE June 18 73 in person 9 on line

THE SPIRITRUST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE has ended. If you are still interested in joining, please see Tudy Gates or Mary Beth Warne by July 2.

DISCOUNT CARDS Spiritrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards as a fundraiser. The cost is \$5 each. The money raised is used to help Hospice, Home Care, and The Inn. The card is active now through September 1, 2024. They may be used for discounts at various businesses in the area. If interested in purchasing please see Tudy gates or call (717) 264-6312



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY First Lutheran will be working with ReMEMBER Church Photo Directories this fall. Opportunity to reserve your one hour time slot for either **Monday, September 18 or Tuesday, September**

19 in the afternoon or evening will be coming in the late summer. When you have your photo taken it will be included in the directory which you will receive for free. You will also receive a free 8x10 and have the opportunity to order more photos which will be available in time for Christmas Gifts. It costs the church extra money if we do not have at least 75 family units included. It also costs additional money if a photo is submitted for inclusion rather than having a family unit have their photo taken at church. The Evangelism Committee strongly urges you to please consider having your photo included to enable all of us to learn people's names. It is especially helpful to our new members. Thanks. More details will be coming.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACK PACK PROJECT Suggestions for the month of June are: spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, beefaroni and lasagna. Thank you for your support of this project to assist school children with their weekend nutritional needs.



MEALS ON WHEELS are in need of the following items: jars of alfredo sauce, cans of carrots, wax/yellow beans, peas, cake mixes, pasta; spaghetti, elbow macaroni, dark colored dish clothes and paper towels. Please leave all donations on a table in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY at Luther Ridge. Pianists needed for Sunday afternoon worship at The Inn. (Pat Dent lives here.) The service is at 2pm and lasts 40 minutes. Contact Linda Beaver 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiristrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities.



MUSIC AT THE RIDGE The summer concert series at Luther Ridge. Concerts at 6:00. The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary Food stands begin at 5:00. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy! In case of inclement weather, the concert will move inside. Wednesday, July 19, The Flying Matlocks.



WHITE AWAKE *An Honest Look at What It Means to be White.*

This fall, Joyce Ray will facilitate a discussion on this book. Author, Daniel Hill, will never forget the day he heard these words: "Daniel, you may be white, but don't let that lull you into thinking you have no culture. White culture is very real. In fact, when white culture comes in contact with other cultures, it almost always wins. So it would be a really good idea for you to learn about your culture." Confused and unsettled by this encounter, Hill began a journey of understanding his own white identity. Hill is a pastor in Chicago. Through his writing, he does a beautiful job of interweaving these ethical, social, and theological issues as he brings us along on his journey of understanding. Please be in touch with Joyce if you would like her to order a book for you or you may order your own. The class will be on Sundays at 9:30 beginning mid-September for 5-6 weeks.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 25

July 2

July 9

Lector:	Nancy Fricke	Dia Schumacher	Rubens Paul
Soundboard:	Marlin Maclay	Scott Carbaugh	Rose Wilson
Communion Assistants:		Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick Becky Hoover	
Ushers:	Rick Gates Nicki Johnson Denny Love Mark Nicholson Bob Wildeson	Rick Gates Nicki Johnson Denny Love Mark Nicholson Bob Wildeson	Barb Evans Rick Gates Mark Nicholson Rob Willits Karin Woods
Greeters:	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	Becky Hoover	Becky Hoover
Altar Guild:	Nancy Lawyer Lori Palmer	Nancy Lawyer Lori Palmer	Nancy Lawyer Lori Palmer