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August 9th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 9th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

Liam Lawton

(Congregation – Please join on the second time)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) from Psalm 34 (NIV)

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me;

All: *Let us exalt his name together.*

Women: *I sought the Lord, and he answered me;*

Men: *God delivered me from all my fears.*

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: *Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, you alone are worthy of worship. Yet we confess that we turn to makeshift gods and their false promises. Although you have already given us all we need, we desire more. We seek approval from others, rather than living in the light of your unchangeable love. And we fear the future, forgetting that no matter what disasters may come, we can never be separated from you. Forgive us, and through your Holy Spirit, strengthen our trust in you. For we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 840

“When Peace Like a River”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 93, page 549

ANTHEM

Lowell Mason

“Master Speak, Thy Servant Heareth”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33, page 16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Kathryn Dudley

“Only for the Faint-Hearted”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 35 of hymnbook

“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Joachim Neander

“Fantasia on Unser Herrscher”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 837

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of August 9th – August 16th

Today: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Rev. Kathryn Dudley

Wednesday: 5:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Karen Allen
11:15 a.m. Session Meeting

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome back Rev. Kathryn Dudley as she brings forth the message this morning.

The Session will meet next Sunday, August 16th at 11:15 a.m. Please note the date change that was previously listed for August 2nd.

The PW will be collecting items for Carthage Elementary School from July 27 – August 15. Items needed are: Kleenex, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Please contact JoAnn Wahala with any questions.

Phillip Warmbrod has a new address for anyone wishing to send him a card or a letter. Phillip Warmbrod - Hyde Correctional Institution # 0764662 - P.O. Box 247 - Phoenix, MD 21131.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

The office hours for the week of August 9th are as follows: Monday, August 10th the office will be closed but Sonya will be available remotely. August 11th the office will be open from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 13th, 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, August 14th and emails will be checked periodically.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by JoAnn & Dale Wahala.