CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HELLERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

September 14, 2025

10:00am

~ The Reverend Philip C. Spohn ~

As you enter the worship space, feel free to go to the altar and light a candle representing your life and the light you are to the world. May you shine brightly throughout the week.

Order of Worship

"God's work. Our hands."

Organ Prelude

Steve Wysocki

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

Welcome & Announcements

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence.

Chime~

Silence~

Prayer~

Opening Song: You Say Praise Band

I keep fighting the voices in my mind that say I'm not enough. Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up. And I more than just the sum of every high and every low? Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know.

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing. You say I am strong when I think I am weak. You say I am held when I am falling short. When I don't belong, Oh, you say I am yours. And I believe, Oh, I believe what you say of me. I believe.

The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me. In you I find my worth. In you I find my identity.

You say I am loved...

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet. You have every failure, God. You'll have every victory.

You say I am loved...

Time for All Ages

Josh Gulotta

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-4

April Rose

Jeremiah the prophet is disappointed by the Kings of Israel he calls "Shepherds". They are not taking care of the people of God, but rather, they are exiling them. God will be the shepherd who searches and finds them and returns them home.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gospel Acclamation: Go

Praise Band

Go, tell it on the mountain! Go, sing it in the streets. Blessed are the feet of those who bring good news, Announcing the gospel of peace.

Go, tell it on the mountain! Go, sing it in the streets.

Do not keep silent. Do not hold back.

Release the gospel of peace. Release the gospel of peace. [Repeat All]

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-7

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

September Special Offering

Praise Band

supporting the position of Youth & Family Minister Josh Gulotta

Offertory: Your Grace is Enough

> Great is your faithfulness, Oh God. Great is your love and justice, Oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us by still waters into mercy. You lead us in the song of your salvation. And all your people sing along. And nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember your people. You grace is enough. Remember your children. I'm covered in your love.

Remember your promise, Oh God. Your grace is enough for me, for me...

Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.

Your grace is enough for me.

Offering Response: We Are An Offering **Praise Band**

> We lift our voices All that we have We lift our hands All that we are

We lift our lives up to you All that we hope to be

We are an offering We give to you, we give to you

We lift our voices Lord, use our voices We lift our hands Lord, use our hands

Lord use our lives, they are yours We lift our lives up to you We are an offering...

We are an offering

Prayers of the Church

Carolyn Raudenbush

After each petition: We know your love for us, O God.

We will reach out across the divides to all people.

Erna Branco, Nicholas Blake, Steven Portnoy, Kim Osmonson, Dawn Phillips, Nancy Klinedinst, Chuck Coe, Leona, Tammy Harding, Mark Rambo, Deanna Benner, Michel Daage, Tim Willard, Bill Bergstresser, Paige Sharrer, Bill Tone, Keith Schaedel, Gary Brandt, Bob Uttard, Tiffany Weddle, Kyle

Finally, and together: We entrust these prayers to you, O God,

in the name of Jesus, whom we love and follow.

Amen.

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 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.

Closing Song:

He Reigns

Praise Band

It's the song of the redeemed, rising from the African plain. It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain. The song of Asian believers, filled with God's holy fire. It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, A love song born of a grateful choir.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns!"

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.

Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.

Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.

Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns!"

And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard. Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.

When all God's children sing out, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns!"

Benediction: Go In Peace to Serve the Lord **Praise Band**

Go in peace to serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*Go in peace to serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*He has spoken, opened our eyes. Live in the light of God.
Go in peace to serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"God's work. Our hands." This IS the gospel of our Lord!







