CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HELLERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

November 2, 2025

~ The Reverend Philip C. Spohn ~

10:00am

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

All Saints ~ Communion Sunday

Prelude Steve Wysocki

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

Welcome & Announcements

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

Temple Talk: "Growing in Giving" Brenda Tarulli

Chime~ Silence~ Prayer~

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! **ELW #873** (Verses 1 - 4)

Time for All Ages Josh Gulotta

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10-17

Jeanette Boos

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,

you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates: they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil. ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Gospel Acclamation: So Shall the Word

NATIONAL HYMN Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

So shall the Word, still like a burning fire, Be all the truth and wisdom we require, Flashing new insight, making vision clear, Revealing Christ among us now and here.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Prayers of the Church

Tim Brown

After each petition: Help us God, to seek out and save the lost among us.

Deanna Benner, George Suarez, Jack Sitka, John Conover, Kurt Rank, Meghan, Michel Daage, Kris Richard, Bill Bergstresser, Gary Milla, Tammy Harding, John Snyder, Erna Branco, Steven Portnoy, Leona, Mark Rambo, Bill Tone, Keith Schaedel, Gary Brandt, Tiffany Weddle, Kyle Condolences to the Family & Friends of Mary Clarke

Finally, and together: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,

trusting in your grace and unyielding love; in the name of Jesus,

whom we love and follow. Amen.

Remembrance of All Saints

We remember the following saints who entered life eternal this past year:

Carole L. Ackerman, Dorothy (Loncaric) Anderson, Patricia Apple, Ruth Belky,
Walter T. Brzezinski, Dave Byington, Mary Clarke, Anne Drabic, Bob Flynn, Christian Flynn,
Clare Flynn, Aloma L. Fulmer, Christine N. Henson, Anthony T. Herstich, Jr.,
Alfred L. Horvath, George Kalinsky, Paul Otto Kogelmann, Ethel M. Israel, Paul J. Kauriga,
Patricia A. Keefer, Kathryn T. Kulscar, Janet R. Mills, Reverend Charles John Orem,
Frank E. Podleiszek, Donna (Deysher) Rader, Kenneth W. Sem, Jr., Richard Smith,
William Weirback

We remember the saints who have died in years passed:

Alfred Apple, Jerry Barnett, Charles & Helen Bloss, Pearl Bodor, Barbara Brown, Charles Wesley Coe & Florence Coe, John Del Re, Kelly Dishmon, Harold & Evelyn Frey, Walter & Addie Frey, James Flynn, Claudia Frederick, Pamela Ganssle, Eric Grube, Janet Gruver, Sr. Florence Guinther, Betty Gustavsen, Donald Hagey, Leon Hill, Walter Hotzhafer, Don & Elaine Hunsinger, Kenneth Kaiser, Lois Kimble, Richard & Regina Kardos, Martin Knappe, Robert Kostbar, Ruth Kostbar, William Lawler, Gary Marshall, Lane McNeish, Carolyn Meier, Anna Jane Miller, Richard Musselman, Jaxon Phetsavanh, Wilbur & Dorothy Rambo, Dennis Raudenbush, Joyce & Charles Raudenbush, Shawna Reed, Jack Reiss, Rod Routhermel, Nancy Shankweiler, Roberta Smock, Paul Spohn, Bruce Staats, Thomas Stern, Wanda & Leo Stern, Estrella Suarez, John & Georgia Toth, Maynard & Florence Weirback, Howard Weidemoyer, Hal & Dulcie Wolfson, Joanne Young, Alan Zavacky, Cheryl Zavacky

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Choir Anthem: Living Word, Living Bread Marty Haugen (b.1950)

Bonnie Banks-Beers, flute Ursula Merriman, violin

Offering Response: God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together, following Jesus to places unknown, Raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

Words of Institution: (Please kneel if able)

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for all." (Mark 14:22-24)

We gather at this table and remember how on the night when Jesus was handed over, he gathered with his disciples in the upper room and together they shared in an ordinary meal that had extraordinary implications.

For at this table,

Jesus broke bread and shared wine with one who betrayed him.

At this table,

Jesus broke bread and shared wine with one who denied him.

At this table,

Jesus broke bread and shared wine with those who fled from him in his time of need. At this table,

Jesus broke bread and shared wine with people from all walks of life.

And so whenever we gather at this table to share the bread and the cup in this community of faith, we proclaim Jesus' life, which affirms there is a place at the table for all people, for the love of God transcends every power that tries to contain it. (The Awakening Church Service)

The Lord's Prayer

Preparation Hymn: Baptized in Water **ELW #456** (Verses 1 & 3)

Come to the banquet where no one is turned away, and there is always enough for everyone.

Distribution Hymn: Eat This Bread **ELW #472** (All Join Refrain)

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, as we received this bread and wine, we receive the presence and life of Christ within us, so that the spirit of Christ might work through us. Amen.

Closing Hymn: For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW #427

Benediction: Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW #543 (Verse 3 Only)

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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