

# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 20, 2026

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### Longview, WA

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation **want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. **We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!**



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# Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*The Hymnal 1982, #690*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## Worship Leaders September 20, 2026

|                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>        | The Rev. Nic Mather            |
| <b>Musician</b>        | Riki Davis                     |
| <b>Acolyte</b>         |                                |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>     | Michele Waite, Robin Swecker   |
| <b>Reader</b>          | Alison Askeland, Rob Sudar     |
| <b>Greeter</b>         | Gretchen Niemi                 |
| <b>Chalice Bearer</b>  | Mary Hoover, Michele Waite     |
| <b>Usher</b>           | Greg Lopic                     |
| <b>Verger</b>          | Lisa Sudar                     |
| <b>Vestry Presence</b> | Heather Niemi, Lisa Harrington |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>     | Robyn Lewis                    |

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Song of Praise & Children's Procession**

*Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).*

# We Are Marching / Siyahamba

We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God. hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.  
2. march-ing in the light of, the hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen, kha - God. khos'.

We are march - ing, Si - ya - ham - ba,  
light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march-ing, Si - ya - ham - ba,  
march-ing, we are ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo march-ing, ham - ba, march-ing, ham-ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.  
march-ing in the light of God.

\*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

Text: South African  
Tune: South African  
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## **The Collect of the Day**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture.*

### **A Reading from Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.**
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.**
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.**
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.**
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.**
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.**
- Hallelujah!**

### A Reading from **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)**

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **Matthew 20:1-16**  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

**The Rev. Nic Mather**

**Nicene Creed**     *You are invited to stand in body or spirit*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, keep us ever mindful of your role in our lives and lead us into the generosity, compassion, and fulfillment of your kingdom as we pray for ourselves and the world, as we say Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Give all congregations, churches, and houses of worship the desire to be generous in time, talent and treasure and especially in forgiveness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give this nation eyes that are open to the truth that your ways are more loving and merciful than ours and create generations of leaders and servants who will strive to bring this lens to how we act in the world and with each other. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give each person a calling to live life in a way that brings joy and peace to others; that that same joy and peace may be reflected in our own hearts and souls. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and strength to those who advocate for others, work to cure or stand for justice. Bless our world with the spirit of your love and the vision of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give healing and peace to those who are ill, anxious, imprisoned, alone or in despair. Especially we pray for Ron & Harriet Byrnes, D. Rowley, Marge Ofstun, Jesse Lucas, Lois Larson, Anna Rangel, Charley, Susan Kovari, Dick Woods, and those you now name either silently or aloud. *pause.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give hope to the dying for the kingdom life that is to come, comfort those who grieve loss and restore relationships to those now separated, whatever the reason. Especially we pray for Thuy Vo and those you now name either silently or aloud. *pause.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* All this we ask in the name of your embodied love, Jesus the Christ, our only strength, and advocate, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sins**

*Please kneel in body or spirit*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(You are invited to stand in body or spirit.)*

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Give to the virtual offering plate by scanning or online @[sslv.org](https://sslv.org)*

Virtual Offering Plate



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.

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For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.

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God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
 done. In our world - wide task of car - ing  
 God. For the won - ders that a - stound us,

*This tune in a higher key, No. 218*

*Baptist Hymnal 1991 643*

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## For the Fruit of All Creation

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Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in  
 For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the har - vests  
 For the truths that still con - found us, Most of all, that

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earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
 we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 love has found us, Thanks be to God.

**Eucharistic Prayer B***You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Fraction

Ann Marie Long

Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu

ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us, There-fore let us keep the

feast. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Invitation to the Table

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the chalice bearer will intinct for you. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request. You may also place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. **Know that ALL who God calls to the table are welcome here this day.***

# Bread of Life from Heaven / Pan de Vida Eterna

## Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv-en, we  
*Pan de vi - da e - ter - na, nos das tu cuer - po y san-gre. †*

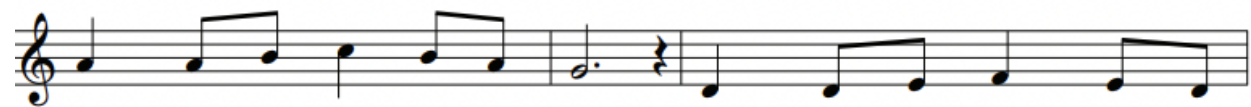


eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.  
*Has - ta que vuel - vas tú, Se - ñor, co - me - mos en tu a - mor.*

## Verses



|                                                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | Giv - ing          |
| 2. Seek not the food that will pass a - way;        | Set your           |
| 3. Love as the One who, in love for you,            | Gave him -         |
| 4. Take in the light that will nev - er dim,        | Taste the          |
| 5. Dwell in the One who now dwells in you;          | Make your          |
| 6. Drink of this cup and de - clare his death;      | Eat this           |
| 7. <i>Ven y com - par - te el di - vi - no pan;</i> | <i>De - mos</i>    |
| 8. <i>Es - te mis - te - rio es el máx - i - mo</i> | <i>Sa - cri -</i>  |
| 9. <i>Ven a la me - sa de com - pa - sión,</i>      | <i>Re - cor -</i>  |
| 10. <i>Hoy que co - me - mos del pan de a - mor</i> | <i>So - mos</i>    |
| 11. <i>Ce - na que nos re - pre - sen - ta hoy</i>  | <i>La vi - da,</i> |



|                                             |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.    | Eat, all of you, and be                 |
| hearts on the food that en - dures.         | Come, learn the true and the            |
| <u>self</u> for the life of the world.      | Come to the One who is                  |
| <u>life</u> that is strong - er than death. | Live in the One who will                |
| home in the life - giv - ing Word.          | Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly            |
| bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;        | Trust his re - turn and, with           |
| <i>gra - cias con gran cor - a - zón.</i>   | <i>Cris - to es sus - ten - to que</i>  |
| <i>fi - cio de fe y de a - mor.</i>         | <i>Pan que nos lla - ma a con -</i>     |
| <i>de - mos a Cris - to Je - sús.</i>       | <i>Él nos da vi - da con</i>            |
| <i>u - no en Cris - to Je - sús.</i>        | <i>Ce - na que es fuen - te de in -</i> |
| <i>muer - te, y re - su - rrec - ción</i>   | <i>De Je - su - cris - to, que es</i>   |



sat - is - fied; In Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing Way, That the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, That your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 come and then Raise you up at the last with the blest.  
 One of God, And be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, Praise the One in whom you are re - born.  
 u - ni - rá A los miem - bros de ca - da na - ción.  
 me - mo - rar Ya se - guir a Je - sús Sal - va - dor.  
 ple - ni - tud; Nos pro - te - ge y nos guí - a en su luz.  
 spi - ra - ción Pa - ra ser en el mun - do la luz.  
 nues - tro Dios Quien nos lla - ma y nos da sal - va - ción.

Text: Based on John 6; adapt. by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963  
 Tune: ARGENTINE SANTO, 9 9 9 9 with refrain; Argentine melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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## Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

*We offer a prayer from our community to those who are unable to join us as we send the sacrament to them carried by a minister of the church*

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. AMEN.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people,  
forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Hymn**

***Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour! If you are new today, please take a welcome packet (found at the front door)!***

## **Music Concert**

Come to a mini-concert (45 minutes) by FRIENDS (Mary Hoover and Jean Watson) on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 pm. It is held at River's Edge Condominiums, 4th floor, 1548 River Road, Longview. Doors will be opened from 3:30 to 3:55.

# Singing songs of expectation

*The Hymnal 1982, #527*



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

## **Community Invitations:**

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study: A Deep Dive Into Romans**

- Sundays Beginning September 20 @ 9am, RSVP to Fr. Nic
- ***Purchase “Into the Heart of Romans” by NT Wright***
- Read Chapter 2 for September 27

### **BUNCO NIGHT! Saturday September 26 4pm-6pm**

- Join us for BUNCO! Bunco is an easy-to-learn, all ages welcome, fast-paced dice game that is a hoot for all involved!
- RSVP so we have an accurate count on providing PIZZA during the event!

### **FISH Pet Food Drive, Sunday October 4**

- Help us celebrate the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' Death with a Pet Food Drive to support our FISH food pantry. Cat food and Dog food, wet or dry!

### **Fall Book Study: What Make You Come Alive by Lerita Coleman Brown**

- 5 Wednesdays beginning **October 7, 6pm @ Scythe Brewing**, RSVP to Fr. Nic

### **Women's Brunch, Saturday October 17, 10am-12pm**

- We are planning several women's events over the coming year with the goal of helping the women of the church get to know one another better, build connections, and create interest in an ongoing women's ministry. Our first event will be a Get-to-Know-Each-Other Brunch on October 17 from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM in the parish hall. We'll have a survey available at the brunch to learn more about what the women of the church would like to see from a women's group, including the types of activities, gatherings, and topics that interest them. We'll also ask for input on craft options for our next event.

### **Annual Chili Cook Off: Sunday October 25**

- Please bring a Chili, a Cornbread, or a Dessert
- Award given to People's Choice for Best Chili

### **All Saints Sunday, Sunday November 1**

### **Service of Remembrance, Monday November 2 @ 7pm**

### **Noonday Prayers for an Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 @ Noon, All Saints Chapel**