

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 25, 2019**  
**Service of the Word**



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# ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Gathering

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**Welcome and Announcements** *(Hymns can be found in separate booklet inserted in the bulletin)*

**Greeting** **L:** We begin our worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**C:** *Amen.*

**L:** We gather in the presence of our God to celebrate the blessings of life.

**C:** *We gather to respond to the call of God and share our common faith which binds us together as the body of Christ.*

**L:** Let us worship and give praise to God who calls us to commitment.

**C:** *God of love, we thank you for the gift of life and the beauty of creation. We worship you. We praise you. We give thanks to you!*

**Confession and Forgiveness** **L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** *Amen.*

**L:** Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

God of mercy,

**C:** *we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things,*

*and we fail to love you above all else.  
We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.  
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**L:** When we were laid low by sin and guilt,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us † all our trespasses  
by taking our sins to the cross.  
For freedom Christ has set us free:  
Rejoice in this good news!  
**C: Amen.**

**Gathering**

**Hymn** “We Are Called”

**ELW 720**

**Sharing of  
the Peace**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** *And also with you.*

**L:** Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Song/Psalm**

Psalm 103: 1 - 8

*(with Sarah and Dave as leaders)*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God’s benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R**

**Prayer of the Day** O God of compassion and mercy, who hears the prayers of all, spoken and unspoken, Give courage to seek you when we cannot see, to follow when we cannot walk, and to wait when we are anxious. For our trust is in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

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**Gospel** *Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*  
**Luke 13: 10 -17**

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Song** “Healer of our Every Ill”

**ELW 612**

**Affirmation of Faith** *I believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within me. I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant life. I believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling me to faith, giving me gifts, and empowering me for service. I believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God’s Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People** **L:** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**L:** God our provider, awaken hunger for your truth in the church around the world so all are fed with your love and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**C:** *Your mercy is great.*

**L:** Give rain to the fields that supply our bread, and care for those who tend the crops. Hear us, O God.

**C:** *Your mercy is great.*

**L:** Raise up leaders who love truth and seek justice. Prosper the work of those who supply and oversee feeding programs in our community and around the world. Hear us, O God.

**C:** *Your mercy is great.*

**L:** Comfort those who fear that they will not be able to feed their children. Send them healthy food and surround them with people who care. With your Spirit, strengthen those who are unsatisfied, lonely, rejected, or ill (*especially Hanna Berndt, the family of Janet Biernacki, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hughes, Mark*

*Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Eleonore Ritthaler, and Elga Smidt and all whose names we speak in our hearts....*). Hear us, O God.

**C: *Your mercy is great.***

**L:** Strengthen our congregation in its partnership with FoodShare and St. James Food Basket and bless the efforts through our Neighbourhood Table and Community Food Works programs. Open our eyes to your abundance when we see only scarcity. Hear us, O God.

**C: *Your mercy is great.***

**L:** With all the saints, root and ground us in love until we know the breadth, length, height, and depth of fullness in your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**C: *Your mercy is great.***

**L:** Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

**C: *Amen.***

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***Thanksgiving***

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**Offering**

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**Song** “Change My Heart, O God”

**ELW 801**

**Offering**

**Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Lord’s  
Prayer**

*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 forever. Amen.*

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**Commission and Blessing** L: Go to the hungry, waiting to be fed, and to hurting neighbours who need comfort.

**C:** *Our worship is made whole as we serve the least among us.*

L: May the church strive to build better relationships in the community.

**C:** *We seek to live in peace with all people, and we ask for God's help in this endeavour.*

L: Be affectionately devoted to one another; and extend that love beyond this circle.

**C:** *We need help to develop genuine love in which we really see and hear others.*

L: Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

**C:** *We renew our commitment to love our neighbours as ourselves.*

L: Amen.

**Sending Song** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

**ELW 798**

## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU:** We Thank Sarah and Dave Pascoe for leading in worship today as Pastor Tuula is at Youth/Confirmation Camp at Camp Kintail with some of our youth from August 24 - 31.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Please contact Rev. Susan Climo during Pastor Tuula's absence for confirmation camp. She can be reached at 416.573.5372.

**HOLIDAYS:** Victoria Mlynko will be away from August 26 - September 3; Margaret Isaacs will be away from September 3 - 6.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Sarah McCutcheon will cover for Margaret in the office during her holidays. Regular church office hours will resume in September: Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**LABOUR DAY:** The church office will be closed on **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



**50+:** There will be a welcome back potluck luncheon on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm**. Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**SPLC Book Club:** There will be a gathering on **Wednesday, September 18 @ 12:30 pm** to discuss the latest book. New members are welcome at any time.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group

### VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

# We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

# Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

# Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

# Will You Come and Follow Me

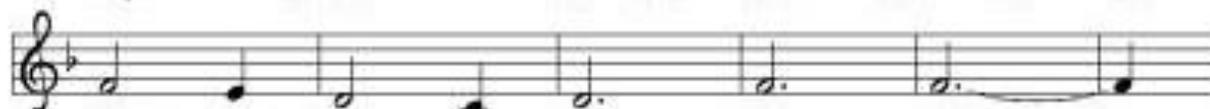
## *The Summons*



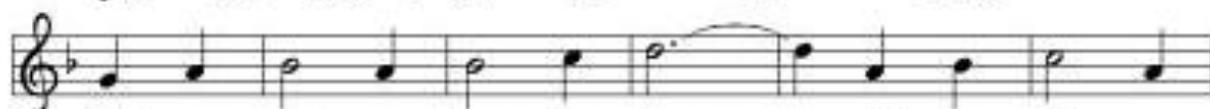
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



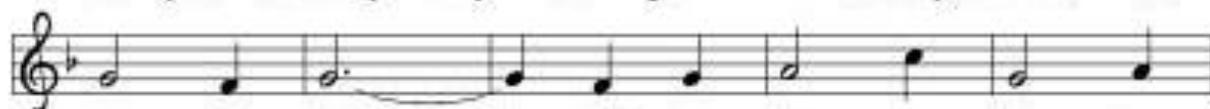
your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



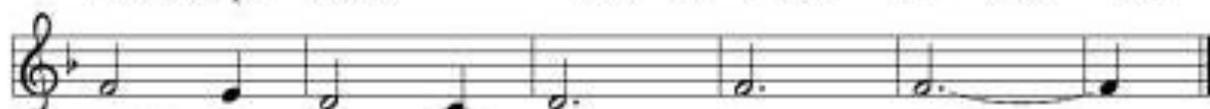
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?  
 pray'r in you and you in me?  
 mean in you and you in me?  
 sound in you and you in me?  
 grow in you and you in me.