

**Morning Worship
24th Sunday of the Year - Rally Day**

10:30 A.M.

September 13, 2009

Prelude (Titles of our organ Prelude, Offertory, & Postlude are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer this morning.)

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Richard Ellis

Introit(166)*

Psalm 19

"The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise"

**Note: when the Introits have a number in () the congregation may read along with the words of the hymn.*

Invocation (Unison)

Word of life, speak to me, that I may answer You. Call on me, and strengthen me, that I may do Your will. You have made me for Yourself, and I am Your servant, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in Whose Name I pray. Amen

*Hymn "God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life" **167**

Service of Confession

Silent Prayers

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear God our Maker, forgive our sin, and do not hold against us our selfishness and faithlessness. Do not despise our effort to pray, nor turn from our seeking peace with You and righteousness before You. Accept us for the sake of Jesus Christ, and help us to be faithful to what Christ has accomplished for us, that we may faithfully serve you in His Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer (Debts)

Choral Response

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries aloud in the street; in the markets she raises her voice; on the top of the walls she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

Give heed to my reproof; behold, I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, and you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way.

For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil."

Dedication of the Teaching Ministry of the Church

(various groups will be asked to stand, followed by this prayer in common)

God, through Whose Image and Word we are made to seek to comprehend and create, bless all these involved in this church's work of teaching. Help us to trust Your Spirit and see Your presence in those among whom we teach, learn, and wonder, and assist us to grow through the time, care and thought we give each other, that we more fully understand Your love for us and what it means to be Your children. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

(the rest of the congregation will be asked to stand, in various groupings, followed by this prayer together)

Our God, by Whose grace we are called together to serve You in this place, we pray that our public worship and private devotion, our enjoyment of art and practicing prayer, our acceptance of responsibilities, the continuity of custom and refreshment of inspiration-- that You use every role we play in this community to open our hearts and minds to better knowing and serving You, In Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Service of Giving

*Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" **383**

*Sentences

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology **592**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Service of Reflection

Children's Message

Scripture James 3: 1-12

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" **142**

Gospel Mark 8: 27-38

Anthem "The Heavens Resound" Beethoven

Sermon "Wisdom Cries Out"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "O Word of God Incarnate" **327**

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**Christian, rise and act thy creed,
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
Raise thy work and life anew. Amen.**

*Postlude

Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Today

Acolyte

Lisa Craddock

Ushers

Mike Wilson - Captain, Evan Wilson,

Frank Siler, Carol Vargas

Greeter

Kathy Morris

Reader

Richard Ellis

Nursery Claire Rapp & Sue Rapp
Junior Church Lisa Scott
Flower Delivery Carol Vargas

**This Sunday, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m., followed by
Rally Day Picnic in the Founder's Room.
Everything provided, plan on attending.**

Notice

Please remember to check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the back hallway, to see if we need help on Sunday mornings in coming weeks

This Week

Today	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship Nursery provided
	11:30 a.m.	Rally Day Picnic
	7:00 p.m.	Discussion Group
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Comm. meet.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group in Library
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons' meet.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Comm. meet.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will start up again this **Sunday, Sept. 13th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly.

Board & Committee Meetings this week

Worship Committee, Mon., Sept. 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Deacons', Wed., Sept. 16th at 7:30 p.m.
Discipleship Committee, Thur., Sept. 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume **Tues., Sept. 15th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. All women are welcome to come and join this group.

The Lewisburg Area **CROP Hunger Walk** is **Sunday, October 4th** registration starts at 1 p.m. and the walk at 2 p.m. Its 10 K (or 1 mile) circuits will begin and end at the New Hope Lutheran Brethren Church on South 14 Street. Registration packets in the office.

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For Your Prayer

Bill Bobb is at Geisinger. Martha Zeller is at RiverWoods rehab; The Rev. Jesse Blankenship, Herman Howard Jr., Ken Bollinger, Judy Ellis and Violet Dietrich are at home.

Beverly Fisher, Evelyn Reed and Helena Rivoire are at RiverWoods. Gloria Miller is at Rolling Hills Manor; Harriet Littell is at ElmCroft. Frank Molinaro is at Orangeville Nursing Home.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being part of a prayer chain, please contact Jan Rolecki at 523-6074 or Kathryn Morris at kmorris1@dejazzd.com.



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Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, September 18th, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm there will be a blood drive at RiverWoods, 3201 River Road, Lewisburg. Call 534-0400 for an appointment

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