

PRAYER WORKS: A ministry of prayer and care

Prayer Works is a weekly publication highlighting prayer requests of the Philadelphia congregation. Updates may be made via the Prayer Board in the narthex or by e-mail at philadelphialuth@charter.net Prayers will remain on list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern (9-6-2020)

HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE

Susan Laney.....At son's home

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS

Dave Boles.....Heart Attack.....Frye.....Friend of the Woodies
Kim Sherrill.....Max & Joan Sherrill's
Daughter-in-Law....Cancer
Johnny Perry.....Vertigo.....Recovering at home
Revonda Heavner.....Knee Issues
Tom Hensley.....Heart Issues

BIRTHS AND DEATHS



National POW-MIA Day is Friday, September 18, 2020

**FOR THE RECORD
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

Worship	19
General Fund Offering	2325.00
Building Fund	00.00
Bound Conscience	00.00
Other Contributions	1100.00
Total Contributions	\$3425.10

Pastor Rev. Diane W. Cline
828) 446-3392
(828) 212-1406
Music Director Ken Eidenmiller
Organist Judy Parker
Secretary Joanne Crunkleton
E-mail: philadelphialuth@charter.net
WEB: www.lifewithphiladelphia.com



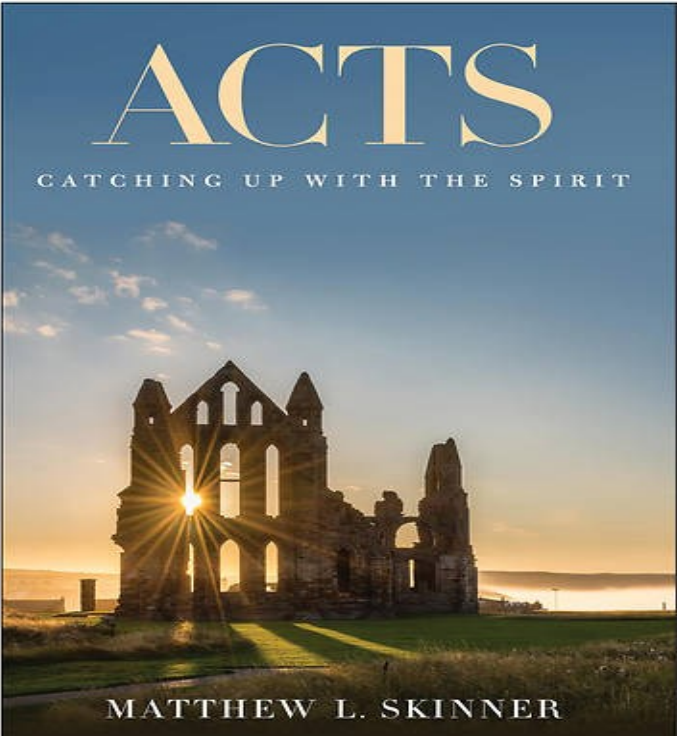
It has been six months since we have all been together. On Sunday, October 18th at 10:30 a.m. Philadelphia Lutheran Church will have a "Covid Style" Homecoming. We will worship "Together" in Cars, Church and viewing on Computers. The importance of this is that we get To "see" one another in worship "Together". We will practice social distance, wear masks, and stay in our cars unless we worship in the sanctuary. There will NOT be a meal for this year's homecoming. This will be a time for us to worship together and have Christian fellowship.

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH
“CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE”
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

52 Pinewood Road
Granite Falls, NC 28630
The Reverend Diane W. Cline

Ken Eidenmiller, Music Director Judy Parker, Organist

We welcome you to our service today! May God richly bless you as you worship here. If you are visiting for the first time this morning, we ask that you please sign the guest register found in the front entrance of the church.



ENCOUNTER GOD

WELCOME

WELCA-Women of the ELCA, LMIM-Lutheran Men in Mission, Boy/Cub Scouts, Children's Ministry,

You bring glory to God through your servant heart! Thank you for giving of yourself for the good of others! "Make Thy face to shine upon thy servant."

Psalms 31: 16

*With appreciation for your Ministry,
Pastor Diane*

Here I Am To Worship

*Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see,
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.*

Refrain:

*Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor. Refrain*

*I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross;
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. Refrain*

**(Denotes when congregation stands.)
(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)*



The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God and
in memory of
Bob Oxford &
Marshall & Faye McGee
by
Sharon Oxford

The sanctuary lamp is given to the
glory of God and
in memory of
Sinclair Deal
by
Malinda Clay



In reading Matthew Skinner's "Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit," we begin a new session by inviting you to bring a **photograph of a person you consider a "saint."**

- **Write a short paragraph of that person's importance to you—by including:**
 - 1) **Who is the person in the picture?**
 - 2) **Why is the person important to you and/or your family?**
 - 3) **What makes them a "saint" to you?**

- **Please encourage children and youth to participate!**

- **Choose a Sunday to place the photo and paragraph in the narthex:**

-September 13

-September 20

-September 27

(With your permission, the "saint and description" will "inhabit" the sermons.)

The church council voted to fully open up Sunday morning worship services and the use of the church to all church and outside group activities. For all activities, masks must be worn, social distancing observed, and contact surfaces to be cleaned. Please notify the office when your group such as WELCA, Prayer Team, Lutheran Men in Mission plan to resume so notifications can be put out on email, bulletins, and newsletter.

Pastor Cline will be contacting Sunday School teachers and getting feedback on how to resume Sunday School classes.

If you have safety concerns about in-person attendance, church services will still be available online and in the parking lot on FM Channel 94.3 for those who choose to attend.

***You Are Mine**

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light. Come and rest in me.*

Refrain:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!*

Refrain

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**
Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

God of mercy,

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.

Pastor: And now may the peace of Christ be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

Breathe

**This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe;
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread;
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I'm, I'm desp'rate for You.
And I'm, I'm lost without You.**

**This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe;
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread;
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I'm, I'm desp'rate for You....I'm desp'rate for you.**



Witness

Believe

Pastor: Let us pray together.....

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 36-37; 9 :26-28; 11:21-26

A reading from the 4th, 9th and 11th chapters of Acts

³⁶There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

²⁶When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.***

*BLESSING

Mothering God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

***A READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

ACTS 9: 36-42

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

THE MESSAGE

REV. DIANE W. CLINE

***For All the Saints**
*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the word confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Serve

Pastor: And now as we respond to God's Word, we confess our faith through the

THE APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

***the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayers of the People

Assisting Minister: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence....we kneel or sit.)

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Continued on next page.....)