



A few words about hymns...

A hymn is a wonderful vehicle to express our faith in worship. Hymns have been used since bible times, which we know from Colossians 3:16 - "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs". Scripture contains hymns, such as 1 Timothy 3:16:

He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

God has always used melody and text to facilitate worship, as we know from the psalms. And not all hymns are old - new hymns are being composed all the time. Our faith has both a strong heritage and a bright future of singing hymns.

Most of us have at least a couple of favorite hymns. These often are hymns that were sung at a time that we can identify God's activity in our lives. For example, the hymn "O Zion, Haste" (ELW 668) has special meaning to me. We sang that hymn every evening at campmeeting one year when I was a teen, and I sensed God calling me to deeper faith during that week. That hymn always brings me back to a welcome place in my spiritual development.

I would love to hear your stories about your favorite hymns. I'm sure you would enjoy hearing them in worship, but I will not know what they are unless you tell me. If you would email me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org and tell me your hymn story, I would welcome it. (If you put Hymn Story in the subject line, I will be able to spot it easier.) Please let me know which hymn(s) are most meaningful to you, but also, please tell me a little about why they are meaningful.

In addition to requesting it at a hymn sing, here are some ways you can hear your favorite hymn in worship -

- Most commonly, it could be played during the prelude (starting ten minutes before the service)
- The congregation may sing it, depending on the season and liturgical needs of our services
- It could also be a meditation, offertory, or postlude

While I can't promise that we would sing your choices in the worship service on short notice, I will work on getting them into our worship so you can hear them. If you include your phone number in your email, I'll call you to schedule your requested hymn on a week you will be present.

I look forward to receiving some hymn stories in my inbox! I would love to hear from all ages on this - children and youth can have favorite hymns just as much as their parents and grandparents. Please consider sharing your story with me.

Yours in Christ,
Tom



Dear instrumentalists,

On Sunday, August 27, we will be having a

Psalm 150 experience in our worship. Psalm 150 names numerous instruments used to praise the Lord. I would like to invite you all to bring your instruments that morning and play the hymns while the congregation sings.

Here are the details:

Wednesday, 8/23 - rehearsal in the sanctuary, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. This rehearsal is mandatory if you'd like to play on Sunday 8/27.

Sunday, 8/27 - warmup and tune at 7:30 a.m., play hymns at both services

The parts for the hymns are not difficult, and with some practice could easily be played by instrumentalists (brass, woodwinds, strings) in grades 7-12. This invitation is to all who play - middle and high school students, as well as adults. Also, some of you have instruments you used to play in your attics (I know who you are), or perhaps you also play the bassoon (yes, you). This is a multi-generational, meaningful, and fun opportunity to praise the Lord with your talents. All are welcome!

Email Tom.Berdos@stpeterslutheran.org to let me know if you will participate, and I will make arrangements to get your music to you prior to our rehearsal on 8/23.

Let me know if you have any questions, and would love to have you play with us on 8/27!

Tom

Worship for August 13

Time after Pentecost

Traditional Worship
8:00 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

**Traditional Worship &
Communion**
9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

New Day Worship
9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Upcoming Worship Schedule August 13

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Diane Gegg;
Greeter: Gene Olson; Ushers: Bob
Courtois & Tom Rothfus; **Welcome
Center:** Kathy Burke; **A/V:** Angela
Moshos.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Greg Hand
Greeter: Thompson McConnell;
Ushers: Scott & Sharon Breeden;
Welcome Center: Mark &
Darla Cardin; **A/V:** Bob Preston;
Communion Assistants: Judith
Logan & Shirley Gorner; **Altar Guild
Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori
Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Lis Wolf.

Flowers Deliverers: Christine Smith &
Debbie Shue.

August 20

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Steph Gerber;
Greeter: Tom & Pat Badorf; Ushers:
Jo Boltz & Cindy Milley; **Welcome
Center:** Tom Rothfus; **A/V:** Tom
Chever; **Communion Assistants:** Bret
Hoffmaster & Susan Ketchum; **Altar
Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue
& Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Susan
Chever.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Beth Glassford;
Greeter: Craig & Lisa Rodenberger;
Ushers: Alan & Beverly Swanson;
Welcome Center: Pat Conlon; **A/V:**
Dave Tilley.

New Day — Communion Assistant:
Debbie Stover.

Flowers Deliverers: Kathy Burke &
Cheryl Oeschger.

Quick Notes

SEEKING PART-TIME SEXTON — Part-time, temp sexton/custodian needed for a 4-hour day shift. No regular Sunday hours, but must be willing to work occasional nights and weekends for church and outside group events. Contact Parish Administrator, Paul Schultz, churchadmin@stpeterslutheran.org or 717-569-9211.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC — Join us, Sunday September 10, after the 10:30 am service on the Delp Road side. Food will be provided. Come for a time of fellowship, games and conversation. This will be a great way to get back in gear for fall! The picnic will be held indoors in the event of inclement weather.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER — A reminder from your prayer chain... We gladly accept prayer requests year round and feel honored you trust us with your requests. However our mailbox at church doesn't always get checked weekly. Please, if you have a request, the best & quickest way to get it to us is by calling the request in to the church office or by filling out a prayer request card and putting in the offering plate. We certainly do not want anyone missed. As always, any questions should be directed to Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406.

HONORING PASTOR CLECKLEY — Please join us as we celebrate the 40-year anniversary of ordination for our former associate pastor, Pr. Walt Cleckley on Sunday, August 27 in traditional worship. We will have some light snacks and a cake celebrating this milestone in Pr. Cleckley's ministry.

PRESCHOOL IS REQUESTING — Gently used tricycles or riding toys for the upcoming school year. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Heather Cramer at 717 569-9211 or email heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

SAGES RECOGNITION SERVICE — Sages, please join us in worship on August 27 at either traditional service as we recognize and honor you for your service to the church. A reception will be held in the Narthex between services. No need to R.S.V.P. and please invite family or friends. If you need a ride or have questions, call the church office or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949.

DRIVERS FOR SAGES RECOGNITION — A Sage might need a ride to the recognition service on Sunday, August 27. If you might be available, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949. Thank you.

Rev. Craig Ross, Senior Pastor • Sister Dottie Almoney, Director of Education & Outreach
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