

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 23

October 9, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

What was so different in one leper's life in today's Gospel? All ten hoped they could be cured, but only he believed in Jesus personally. He lived out that faith in his thanksgiving, and he heard Jesus tell him, "Your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:19). In the Old Testament Reading, faith moved Ruth to decide to stay with Naomi and to announce, "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). What a change in her life, including becoming Jesus' ancestor! In the Epistle, Paul encourages Timothy to live out his faith even amid opposition. Today, God's Word asks us to review the faith the Holy Spirit has given us. How shall we live out that faith? In churchly words and music, in caring for people around us, in using our unique gifts to God's glory? The day is open for lively faith.

## PRELUDE "Across the Lands" -Townend

## HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.  
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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:15, 17; 70:1*

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

**People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**People: O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *2 Timothy 2:10*

Pastor: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

**People: Gracious God, We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

**KYRIE** Setting 1, *LSB* p. 152

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "We Praise You, O God" *LSB* 785

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;

We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;

Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.

When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,

And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!  
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### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ruth 1:1–19a* (Widowed Ruth stays with Naomi and moves to Bethlehem with her.) In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** *Psalms 111:1-10*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

**People: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord,

**People: studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

**People: and His righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

**People: the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear Him;

**People: He remembers His covenant forever.**

Pastor: He has shown His people the power of His works,

**People: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

Pastor: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

**People: all His precepts are trustworthy;**

Pastor: they are established forever and ever,

**People: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

**People: He has commanded His covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is His name!**

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**People: all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**His praise endures forever!**

**EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1–13** (Paul encourages Timothy to be a good soldier for Christ.) You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19** (Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old” *LSB* 846

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
Was strong to heal and save;  
It triumphed over ills and death,  
O'er darkness and the grave.  
To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
The palsied and the lame,  
The lepers in their misery,  
The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
Gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
Revealed You, Lord of light.  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
Almighty as before,  
In crowded street, by beds of pain,  
As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 O be our great deliv'rer still,  
The Lord of life and death;  
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
With Your life-giving breath.  
To hands that work and eyes that see  
Give wisdom's healing pow'r  
That whole and sick and weak and strong  
May praise You evermore.

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**SERMON**

**CATECHISM** *The First Article of the Creed*

Pastor: For the next three weeks, as Reformation Day approaches, we will take an in-depth look at our Christian faith with the Small Catechism. The hope is that we see all the depth and meaning of the words and confession of the Creed. Today, we start with what is called “The First Article,” which focuses on God’s work for us in body and soul. When we confess the opening line, we also confess what Luther points out as he explains.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** “Great Is the Lord” -Paul and Betsy Hanson

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

**PREFACE** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

Holy holy holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not only created us to live in this life, but You have also worked faith in our hearts so that we may have eternal life, knowing and trusting You for health, protection, and forgiveness.

Grant us true faith now as we respond to our Lord's bidding and in, with, and under the bread and wine, receive His body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

Keep us strong in faith throughout our earthly sojourn until we join Naomi and Ruth, Paul and Timothy, and unnamed saints and angels at the wedding feast of Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away

All the sin of the world

Oh Lamb of God have mercy on us

And grant to us your peace

## **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"What Wondrous Love Is This" *LSB 543*

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.  
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“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB* 685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.



4 Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN** “Rise, Shine, You People” *LSB 825*

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
With grace unbounded.

2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
Of Jesus’ glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation  
His new creation.

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### **POSTLUDE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name Up High” -Paul and Betsy Hanson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Luke 17:19 – 19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’ ”* Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please join us on Sunday, October 23 for our congregational meeting. Look for the announcement about our fall potluck happening too!

**WINTER COATS NEEDED:** Jehovah Lutheran Church is collecting new and gently used winter coats, hats, and gloves to give to adults and children in need. Please bring donations to Emmaus **by Monday, October 31** so they can be delivered to Jehovah before the distribution day. Please place items in the box in the narthex. Jehovah is also happy to have volunteers on the distribution day (Sat., Nov 5th) to assist. There will be hours for sorting in the morning and for giving away in the afternoon. Please contact Jehovah if you are interested in volunteering your time: 651-644-1421.

**KICK OFF FOR QUILT TYING** is just around the corner. Thursday, October 13th from 1-4 p.m. will be the first of monthly get-togethers in our Social Hall that will continue through May on the second Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in helping with the final touches in making comfortable...warm...colorful...useful quilts from donated fabric and supplies is welcome. The community-based Quilting Queens have filled a shelf in the quilter’s cabinet with tops that will be layered with batting and a backing. Scissors, needles and tying cotton are provided but donations of sheets or large lengths of fabric are appreciated. Contact Renata B. with any questions.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Look at Me” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8)

**THE COMMUNITY IS CORDIALLY INVITED** to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> annual polka service and Bavarian dinner at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington Street NE, Columbia Heights, on Saturday, October 29. The service begins at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner following immediately afterwards in the church’s fellowship hall. Chuck Thiel and his Jolly Ramblers from Lester Prairie, MN are featured musicians for the event. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 and are available by calling the church office at 763-788-9427.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Free Conference on October 29 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2719 3<sup>rd</sup> St N., St. Cloud, from 9:30 to 3:30. The theme is “The State of Education in the USA: What Can Christians Do?” The speakers will be Dr. Ryan MacPherson, Professor, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN; Rev. Dr. Christian Preus, Pastor, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Casper, WY; and Dr. Gregory Schulz, Professor, Concordia University, Mequon, WI. Registration is \$30, which includes coffee, rolls, and lunch (\$10 for high school and college students). Though the fee is not due until you attend, for meal and refreshment planning, please RSVP to Redeemer on or before Monday, October 24: 320-252-8171 or [office@redeemerstcloud.org](mailto:office@redeemerstcloud.org).

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR:** The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 12, and registration is open for crafters and vendors. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!



**Fall Potluck  
October 23**



Oct. 23 after the Church Service and short Congregational Meeting

There will be activities for children during the meeting.

Bring your favorite Fall, Harvest, Halloween, or Oktoberfest food dish to share. Feel free to drop off your dish in the kitchen before the service. We can keep it warm or cold as needed.

Volunteer Sign Up for serving and clean-up will be posted in the Narthex.