

# Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

#### WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, vet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In 

← Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.



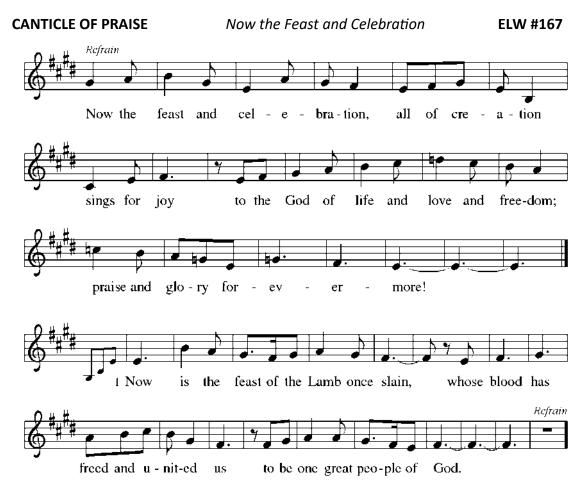


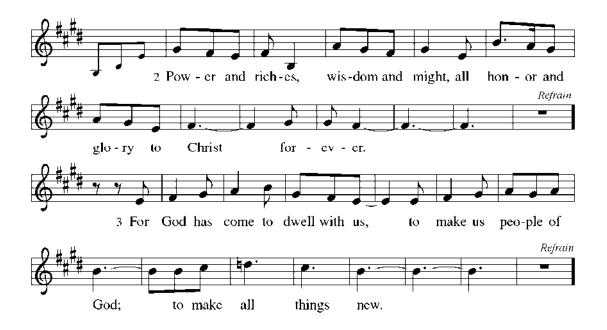
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#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.





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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste: it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel. and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 80:7-15 READ RESPONSIVELY

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

- <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- <sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
- <sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven:
- <sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

### SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,

a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

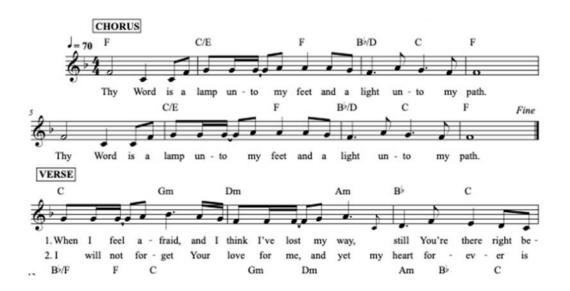
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Thy Word* (v.1) Words and Music by

\*\* Pronouns changed to plural possessive Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith





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#### GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

#### **PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC**

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth er, Je sus Christ is liv ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and come from rest-less - ness and come from lone - li - ness and co



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-

is our food. love have stood. grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

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#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

#### THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG** — Lord I Lift Your Name On High (V, C, V, C, Tag)

**Rick Founds** 

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VERSE:

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

TAG:

Lord I lift your name on high

#### **CHORUS:**

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

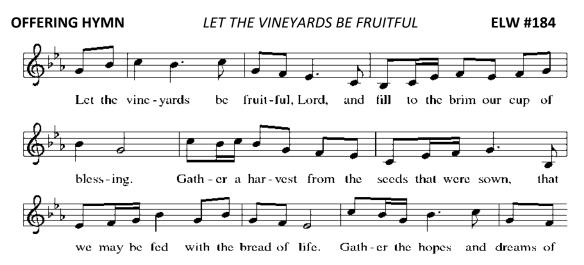
From the cross to the grave

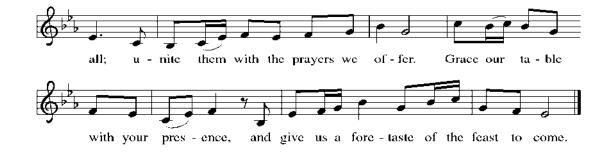
From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

#### + THE MEAL +

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#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

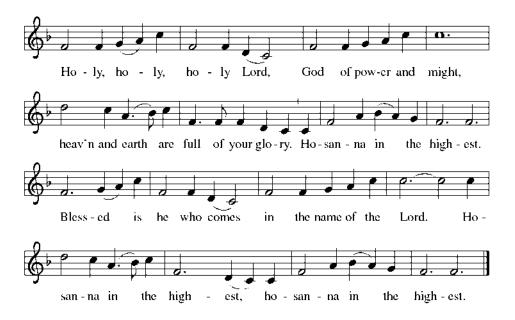
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. LAMB OF GOD ELW P. 208





you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### **COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS** Cornerstone

We Come to the Hungry Feast Here is Bread

ELW #479 ELW #483

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The God of glory,

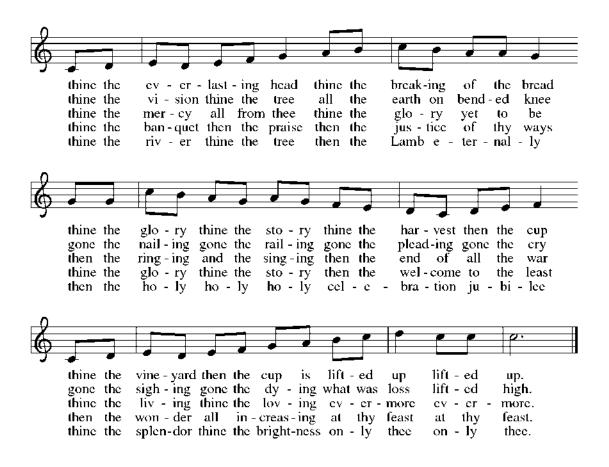
I Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Thine the Amen ELW #826



5 Thine the glo-ry in the night no more dy-ing on-ly light



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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

#### Thanks be to God.

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## **ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT**

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL READING, JESUS TELLS A VINEYARD PARABLE, WHICH SERVES AS AN IMAGE OF ISRAEL, THE PROPHETS' MISSION, AND CHRIST'S DEATH. FOR CHRIS-

TIANS, THE VINEYARD ALSO SPEAKS OF GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, GIVEN TO US FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. GRAFTED ONTO CHRIST THE VINE AT BAPTISM, WE ARE NOURISHED WITH WINE AND BREAD SO THAT WE MAY SHARE CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS AND KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.

## THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, HERB KIEL, PASTOR MARY, RON WEBER

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

## **ASSISTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8:**

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

**ASSISTING:** CARTER KIM

**USHERS:** MIKE AND SANDY BARKER

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE CAMERA: JANET KOCIS MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE—CAKE FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

FLOWERS: ANNIE ALLEN-JONES — IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR

4TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



BIG SHOUT OUT TO PASTOR MARY! HAPPY PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CONGREGATION.

YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED TODAY AND EVERYDAY!!

## **ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM FAITH FORMATIONN — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 QUILTERS—6:00PM

BOOK STUDY—THE INVITATIONAL CHRISTIAN—6:00PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMM. MEETING — 5:30PM (ZOOM)

LADIES BREAKFAST — 8:30AM

FAITH FORMATION COMM. MEETING — 5:30PM (ZOOM)

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 EVANGELISM/FAITHFUL INNOV. COMM. MTG. 5:30PM

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

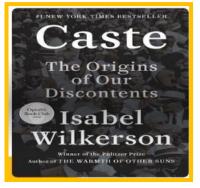
FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)

## WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS. THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

Matthew 6:21



Be sure to return your Estimate of Giving Card by Sunday, October 15, 2023.



#### SUNDAYS@6

Join us for Sundays@6 as we go through a book study on <u>Caste The Origins of our Discontents</u> by Isabel Wilkerson. Sunday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting is in News You Can Use. Contact Pete or Debi Ellertsen 217-793-2587 for more information.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

We still need a sponsor for December 31, 2023. We are now taking sponsors for the 2024 year. Please call the church office at 217-546-7646 and sponsor your Sunday now! Cost \$35.00.

#### **PEACE MICRO PANTRY**

We are always taking donations for our Micro Pantry. For a list of suggestions, please see News You Can Use. This will be especially important for the winter months. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate.

## Reformation Oktoberfest Lunch



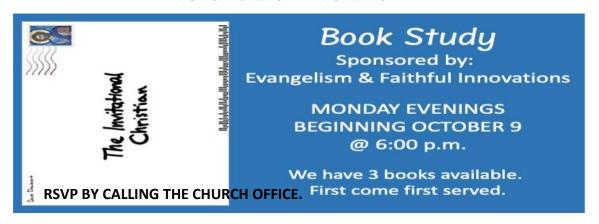
## Sunday, October 29 after worship Join us for food, fun and fellowship!



Faith Formation/Fellowship committees are hosting a Reformation Oktoberfest potluck. Brats, hotdogs, hamburgers (condiments and buns included) and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share OR if you would rather offset the cost of meat, monetary donations will happily be accepted.

There will also be fun activities!





Ladies of Peace Breakfast - Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Linda Rice.



On November 5, All Saints Day, we will once again remember those disciple/members of Peace Lutheran who joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day, as well as friends and family members who are now part of the Church Triumphant. Newly baptized individuals will also be named in prayer.

If you would like a family member or friend's name to be remembered during the worship service on November 5<sup>th</sup> please call or email the church office. Include name of the loved one and the year that they joined the Church Triumphant.



REMEMBER TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

#### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL KITS**

As we begin sewing quilts for 2024, here's a reminder about used sheets. Every one of our 73 quilt tops needed a soft used sheet for a ""back". If you are cleaning out your linen cabinet or closet and have some old sheets in the back, we would gladly use them for this project. They can be any size-we even use pillow cases to patch corners on fitted sheets. There will be a labeled tub in the room we store finished quilts for donations. Ann Becker or Tracy Scaduto know where they go if you need help. Thanks.

#### CROSS GENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION



Disciples/Members of all ages are invited to join our Little Lambs and Young Disciples in the Narthex following worship on October 8th for a cross generational Fall Faith Formation activity! We will learn about self-acceptance and join together in a fun activity about things we love about ourselves, our families, our church family, our community, and God's creation to create a fall display for our Narthex!



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If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary or you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone at 920.671.4338.