



Dillingersville Pilgrimage Worship Service

Dillingersville Schoolhouse, Zionsville PA

The 79th Annual Pilgrimage paying tribute to the unity in mission and spirit of the Lutheran, Mennonite, and United Church of Christ in the Zionsville community.

June 29th, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Ecumenical Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

to celebrate the partnership of the Lutheran, Mennonite, and
United Church of Christ communities in the Zionsville area

Sunday, June 29th, 2025 @ 10:30^{AM}

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The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Ringling of the School Bell

Tolled to call the children to the school for class, so now we toll the school bell to bring the gathered community to worship.

Welcome & Announcements

During the announcements, we recognize those within the gathered community who have come from great distances, the oldest and youngest among us, those who once attended the Dillingersville school, and other special attendees.

Announcements from the various churches are welcome at this time.

Muhlenberg's Liturgy 1748

As possibly used at the Dillingersville Schoolhouse

Translated from the German by John C. Kunze (1744-1807)

<https://archive.org/details/hymnprayerbo00kunz>

Edited and Revised by T.D. Busteed (b.1986)

TITLE: "Concerning the manner of public worship, in the united congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

I. Gathering

Prelude

"O Worship The King"

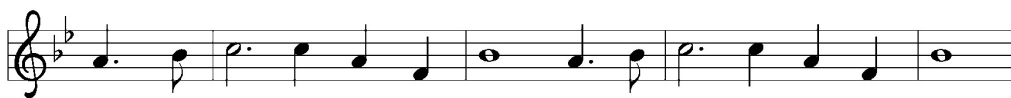
setting by Joel Raney

Gathering Hymn

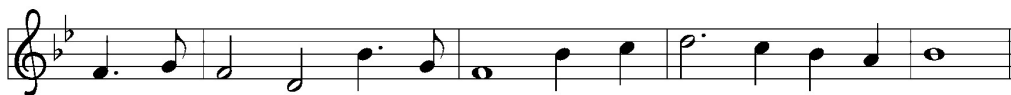
"Rock of Ages"



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Public worship is always to be introduced with a verse (or a few verses) of a suitable hymn; after the singing of which the minister steps before the altar, and addresses the congregation as follows:

Dearly beloved,

Thus says the high and holy one, that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with them also that is of a contrite and holy spirit; to revive the spirit of the humble, and the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, nor will I be always angry; therefore, acknowledge your misdoings and confess your sins before the Lord your God."

For he has promised that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All ye then that are present, confess with me your sins in the following manner:

I your poor sinner acknowledge before God my heavenly father, that I have sadly, deeply, and in a manifold manner sinned against you; not only with outward sins, but more abundantly so with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, sinful self-love, evil desires, covetousness, private envy, hatred and ill-will, together with many other evil deeds, which are all well-known to God, and which alas I myself cannot perfectly know. And now, O Lord, these things grieve, and cause me sorrow, and I desire fervently to receive forgiveness and grace through your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ; making now a fresh dedication of myself to you, with a sincere promise through the assistance of your holy spirit to live more holy and obedient unto you. Amen.

**Lord God our heavenly Father have mercy upon us.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Ghost have mercy upon us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

II. Word

The minister further addresses the congregation as follows:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Here the minister prays again a suitable prayer [such as the Prayer of the Day].

[Collect for 2nd Sunday after Trinity: "O Lord, who never fails to help and govern those whom you bring up in your steadfast fear and love: Make us to have a perpetual fear and love of your holy Name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**"]

Anthem

“With a Voice of Singing”
by Martin Shaw

Scripture Reading

Epistle: 1 John 3:13-18

Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

The Parable of the Great Dinner

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ ²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”]

Hymn of the Day

"The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Sermon— Rev. Thomas D. Busteed
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte, Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

III. Prayers

The Universal Church-Prayer

Most merciful and gracious Father in Christ, who has promised to hear the prayers of the poor and not to turn your ears away from their cry! We come united before your face, the whole congregation for this purpose has assembled itself together; but you have commanded us to pray not only for ourselves, but for all humankind; yes you have graciously promised to hear our weak prayers, and to fulfill our humble petitions; we obey your command, and in deep humility represent your promise before you; show yourself as the father of humankind, whom your Son dearly purchased with his own blood; remember those who are enveloped in darkness, and those upon which the light of your gospel has not yet shined; break the bands of satan, and let the light of your knowledge prevail over all the earth.

Remember your Church; help that therein may be found both name and power. Destroy the power of bigotry and superstition, and work a deliverance against the power of unbelief. Let your evangelical Church be particularly favored, and grant, that all who belong to it may experience the power of her evangelical doctrines in their hearts.

And as we have the commandment in your word, to pray for all those that rule and are in power in the world, so we recommend to your favor all who govern, grant them all true qualities of leadership, that your fear may be before their eyes and in their hearts. Praised be you that you have broken the chains, that others thought to bind us; praised be you for the freedom which your powerful arm has obtained for us; praise be to you for the freedom which we now enjoy; but protect us for Christ's sake, that this may not lead us to unreasonable contempt of danger. Keep your eyes constantly over this your people, whom you have chosen as your heirs; to this end, fill those who govern this land with the spirit of wisdom and the fear of the Lord. Grant that peace and union may through their endeavors be extended over and continued in the land, and that the honor of your name, and the prosperity of the kingdom of your Son, may be the uttermost care

of their hearts. Help that these United States may constantly continue in the bonds of peace and love, that their bond may be a bond which shall continue until the end of days. Remember, O Father in particular the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, crown our leaders with wisdom and the love of righteousness. Fill our lawgivers with your spirit, that all the laws which are, or shall be made may tend to the happiness of the citizens of this commonwealth. Help that right and justice may be observed by our judges without particularity or respect to persons. Cleanse the land from vice, and let much fruit of true Godliness be perceived in the land. Help that wickedness may hide its face from Godliness, and that it may have no reason to fear on account of vice.

In particular be gracious to our congregation[s], that peace and brotherly love may be kept in the same. Bless the officers of the church, bless parents and children, and especially bless our schools.

Bless the cultivation of land, bless all business that are pleasing to you both by sea and by land.

Receive under your gracious protection all that are pregnant and nursing, all widows and orphans. Help every individual in their need, and be gracious to all in any place who cry to you, keep us in your love, and let everything work for our good. Turn away from us in mercy all richly deserved land troubles, war, hunger, and fearcity; fire and water perils; pestilence and other evils on humankind and cattle, and everything else which our sins have richly deserved.

Grant us pleasant weather and let the fruits of the earth prosper abundantly. Be a savior of all people, especially those that believe. You holy God protect us from sin and shame, and assist us with your good spirit, that we may not forfeit your blessing by our transgressions, nor draw down your righteous judgements on us. We acknowledge O Lord that when you deal according to your longsuffering toward us, that it was not our righteousness that draws you unto it (for we are unprofitable servants before you) but it is purely on account of your own free and undeserved mercy, according to which be still gracious unto us, and draw our hearts in love toward our neighbors, to sorrow with all who are in distress, that we may never forget to do good to everyone, even to our foes, that we may thereby manifest ourselves to be children of God. Protect us from sudden death, and prepare us more and more, through your spirit and grace for a happy end. To this end teach us to seek no desire but your love, no profit but the gifts and graces of your holy Spirit, no honor but that we should be your children and made one with you, no adornment but the righteousness of Jesus Christ, no life and support but your grace and union. Especially in the last hour of death keep satan with all his temptations from us, and increase our faith in your Son Jesus Christ, that thereby we may overcome all the fears and terrors of death. When our ears can no longer hear, let your holy Spirit bear.

witness with ours that we as your children and the coheirs of Christ, shall soon with Jesus be in Paradise. When also our eyes can no longer see, then grant that the eyes of our faith may be open, that then we may see your heaven open, and the Lord Jesus at the right-hand of his Father

When also our tongues can speak no more then let your spirit make intercession for us before you with unutterable groanings, and teach us to call upon you Abba! Dear Father! In your hand I commit my spirit. Grant also most faithful God, that we may live in your fear, die in your grace, depart in your peace, rest in the grave under your protection, be raised again through your power, and then heir the glorious hope of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, your dearly beloved Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy-Ghost, be ascribed all honor praise and glory now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Petitions for the Sick

The Our Father

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 power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

After all this is accomplished, the minister concludes with the following sentence:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind, in Christ Jesus, unto everlasting life.

Amen.

IV. Almsgiving and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory:

“Nearer My God to Thee”

arr. Tim Duran

John Binde, piano

Donald Heminitz, flute

Susan A. Marin, handbells

Hymn

"I Love To Tell The Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

After the last hymn, the minister goes again before the altar, turns their face to the congregation, and says:

The Lord be with you!

And with your spirit!

Let us pray: O Lord, Lord our God, preserve us through your word, that we may live, and let us never be brought to shame concerning our hope: strengthen us that we may recover, then shall we have our desires to your laws, through Jesus Christ your dearly beloved Son, our Lord.

Amen.

V. Sending Blessing

And they conclude with this blessing:

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord enlighten his countenance upon you, and be gracious unto you!

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

In the name of God the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Choral Benediction *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*
by Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude *“This Little Light of Mine”*
setting by Mark Hayes



Worship Leaders

Clergy

The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville

The Rev. Lori Esslinger
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

Musicians

John Binde
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville

Donald Heminitz
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville

Susan A. Marin
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville

Combined Choir Director

Carolyn Rhoads
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ

Following the Service

At approximately 11:30^{AM}, there will be a PA Dutch style picnic lunch available for a donation. There will be bake sale, too. The Schoolhouse will be open; it is only one room but full of history! Donations/bake sale proceeds will go to support the preservation of the Schoolhouse.

At 12:30^{PM} join us for an hour of lively folk songs, blending PA Dutch, Pälzisch (Palatine German), and English with the Pälzer Krischer un der Blohbariyer (Scott Reagan). Scott is a Northampton County native and Martin Guitar employee, and met and performed with the Pälzer Krischer (Palatine Criers) in Germany in October 2024. The band, Pälzer Krischer, will be joining us from Altrip, Germany, the "sister city" of Kutztown, as part of their Hiwwe wie Driwwe Pennsylvania Tour 2025! Kummt do un singt mit uns!