



Psalm 27:1, 13–14

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?... I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”



Transition Prayer: Courage in the Waiting

Navigating an interim period requires patience and a steady heart. Psalm 27 reminds us that as we wait for the next chapter in the life of Emmaus Road, we do so not in doubt or fear, but grounded in the light and strength of God. Waiting on the Lord is an active, faithful posture—one that gives our congregation courage to trust His timing and expect His continued goodness in our shared future.



“O Lord, you are our light and our stronghold, and in your care we find our peace. As our Council and congregation move through this season of transition, give us strong and courageous hearts. Grant us patience in times of waiting and clarity as we discern the path ahead. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on your goodness and to walk together in faith and unity. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Ask the Pastor

Do you have questions about liturgy or worship, the Bible or why we do something the way we do it? We are introducing a new regular feature where you can get answers directly from Pastor Brown! Drop your written questions in the collection basket on Sunday morning or email them to her at brownsj@msn.com or just speak to her when you see her.. Watch upcoming newsletters to see your questions addressed!

Here's one that was asked recently:

In the Prayers of the People, we ask God to hear our prayer. Shouldn't it be hear our prayers or hear my prayer?

Each petition we pray is a single prayer, and we are praying as a collective, so each time we ask God to hear our prayer, it is one collective prayer, thus "our" and a singular prayer. In the closing petition of those prayers, we make it plural, hear our prayers, because then we are asking God to hear all of what we have just prayed.

Homeless Meal Ministry: Planning Meeting Set

We are preparing to resume our ministry of hosting sit-down meals for our neighbors in need in partnership with AHTN (Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need)!

A planning meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 6th immediately following worship for anyone interested in helping. Whether you would like to assist with organizing the program, preparing food, setting up, or serving meals, please join us to discuss available dates and logistics. If you have questions before the meeting, please see John Stewart.

Upcoming Bible Studies

- Emmaus Road Bible Study: Our next Sunday session will meet August 30th right after worship.
- Immanuel Bible Study: Meets Wednesdays at 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM via Zoom, diving into the Book of Habakkuk.

Support Clipper's Recording Project

Pianist Clipper Erickson will be traveling to England late this August to record his new album project, "Sonatas of the Nations." If you would like to help support and fund this exciting musical endeavor, you can scan the QR code on the flyer located in the church foyer.

Community Events

Peace Lutheran Picnic Dinner & Sundae Bar

This Saturday, August 22nd | 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Join our friends at Peace Lutheran Church (3900 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem) for an all-you-can-eat summer picnic! The menu features burgers, hot dogs, sides, drinks, and a build-your-own ice cream sundae bar.

- Tickets: \$15 Adults | \$10 Children

Joint Concert: A Wing and a Prayer & Bristol Community Band

Sunday, August 30th at 2:00 PM

Catch the final performance of A Wing and a Prayer Brass Ensemble's program, "A Tribute to American Composers, Singers, and Songwriters," presented alongside the Bristol Community Band!

- Location: Free Mason's Hall (221 Cedar Street, Bristol, PA)

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event	Time / Details
Thursday, August 20	 Council / Transition Meeting	7:00 PM via Zoom
Saturday, August 22	 Peace Lutheran Picnic Dinner	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Sunday, August 30	 Emmaus Road Bible Study following worship	
Sunday, August 30	 A Wing & a Prayer / Bristol Band Concert	2:00 PM
Sunday, September 13	 God's Work, Our Hands Project	



Stay Connected & Worship Options

- Worship From Home: Can't make it in person? Join our sister congregation, Immanuel, for Sunday worship at 10:15 AM via [Zoom](#) or phone (1-646-558-8656, ID: 889 0160 7206 #).
- Synod News: Stay updated with regional ministry news by visiting [MinistryLink Weekly](#).



Holy Humor Corner

The Children of Israel

The boy listened closely as the rabbi read the Bible. “May I ask a question?” he asked.

“Sure. Go ahead. Ask your question,” replied the rabbi.

“Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, the children of Israel built the temple, the children of Israel did this, and the children of Israel did that. Didn’t the grown-ups ever do anything?”

Transformed by God's grace, we are a grateful faith community seeking to love, learn and serve together