

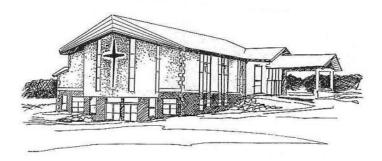
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Living as Wheat among Weeds



"I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD."" Psalm 122:1



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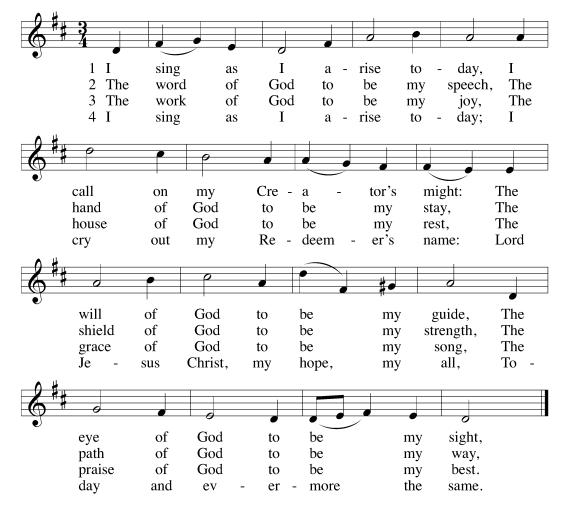
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

July 23, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CWS 779)

I Sing as I Arise Today



Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

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Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, London, 1778, adapt.

STAND

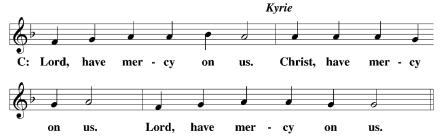
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- C: (sing) All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills – To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling! For death he gave me life indeed, and kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me – To God all praise and glory! (CW 236:1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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THE WORD

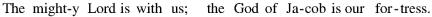
FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-11

⁶ This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says. I am the first, and I am the last. Except for me, there is no god. ⁷ For who is like me? Let him declare it. Let him recite in order for me the things that took place since the time I established an ancient people. Or let them declare what is yet to come, and what is going to take place. ⁸ Do not tremble, and do not be frightened. Did I not announce this to you, and declare it already long ago? You are my witnesses. *Is there any god except me?* There is no other Rock. I am not aware of any other. ⁹ All those who form an idol are good for nothing. All the things which delight them provide no benefit. As for their witnesses—they do not see. They know nothing, so they will be ashamed.

¹⁰ Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit? ¹¹ Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.







The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by de<u>liv</u>erer;* my God is my rock, in whom I take <u>ref</u>uge.

He reached down from on high and took <u>hold</u> of me;* he rescued me from my powerful <u>en</u>emy.

He brought me out into a <u>spa</u>cious place;* he rescued me because he delight<u>ed</u> in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp <u>burn</u>ing;* my God turns my darkness <u>in</u>to light.

You save the <u>hum</u>ble* but bring low those whose eyes are <u>haugh</u>ty.

You give me your shield of <u>vic</u>tory,* and your right hand sustains me.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

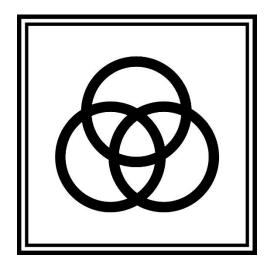
Refrain

SECOND LESSON

¹⁸ Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. ¹⁹ This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident among them. ²⁰ In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, ²¹ because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened. ²² Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things. ²⁴ So, as they followed the sinful desires of their hearts, God handed them over to the impurity of degrading their own bodies among themselves. ²⁵ Such people have traded the truth about God for the lie, worshipping and serving the creation rather than the Creator, who is worthy of praise forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Alleluia.

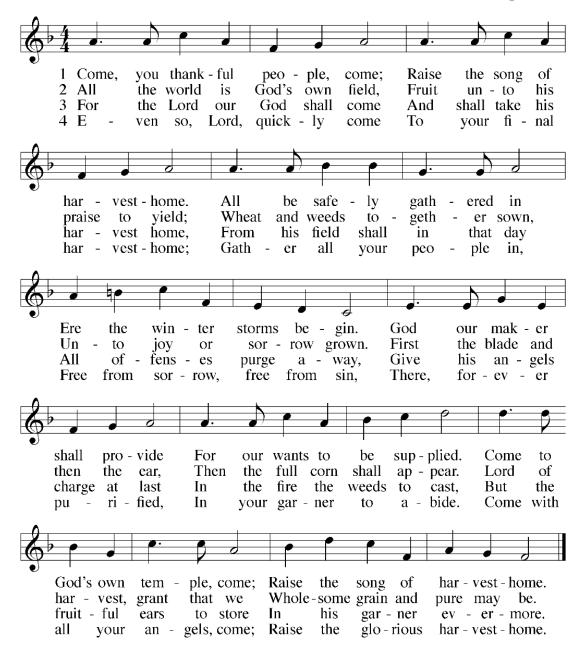


STAND

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Text: Henry Alford, 1810-71, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

SERMON

²⁴ He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?'²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?'²⁹ 'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."'"... ³⁶ Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

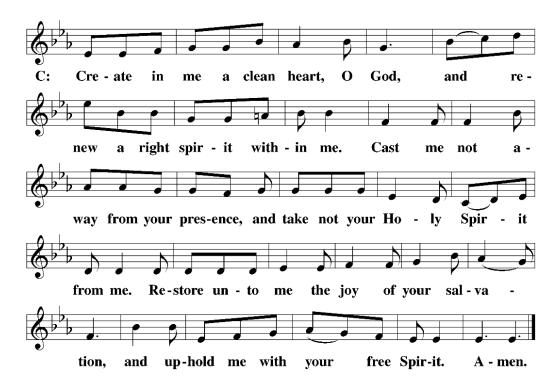
³⁷ He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus will Take Care of the Weeds...and the Wheat



STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For wisdom to steward God's creation well, until new life supplants the groanings of this age, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who care for the elderly in their homes or other facilities, that they might be instruments of comfort and company to the lonely, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not repent or believe, that God would be patient with them, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and that he would send his Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all leaders, that in the face of conflict and discord they would work for peace and justice, especially protecting the weak and defenseless, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness, *[especially _____,]* that their faith would be preserved and their sufferings be considered incomparable to the glory to be revealed in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who receive the Lord's Supper, that we may come with hearts free of pride, presumption or any profaning sin; and that, hoping for what we do not see, we may receive his forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you have called us according to your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when you gather your wheat into your barn; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



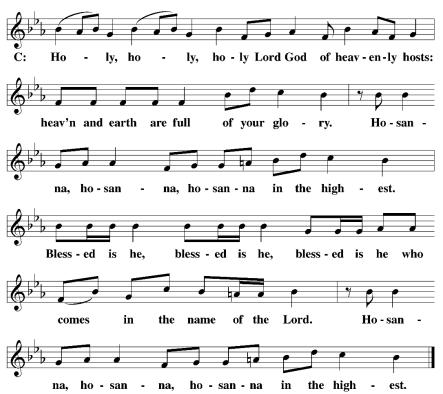
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

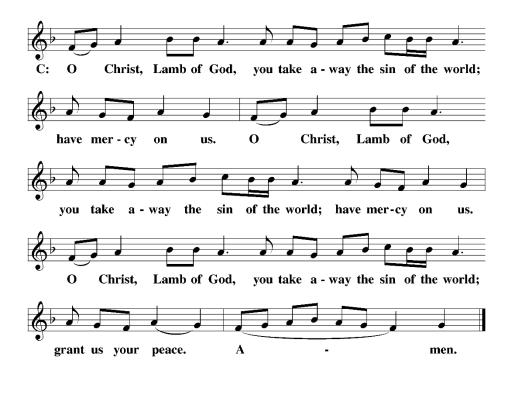
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



Sanctus

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future. **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 416)

How Firm a Foundation



Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, abr., alt.

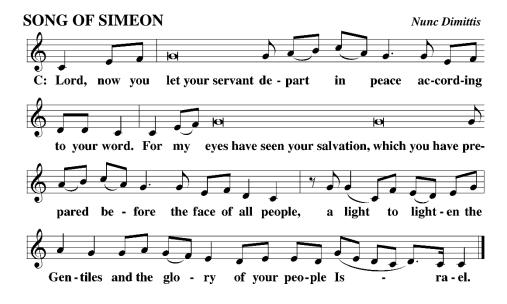
Tune: FIRM FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Bernhard Schumacher, 1886–1978.



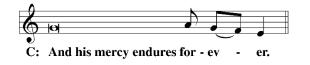
Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745-88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

THANKSGIVING



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



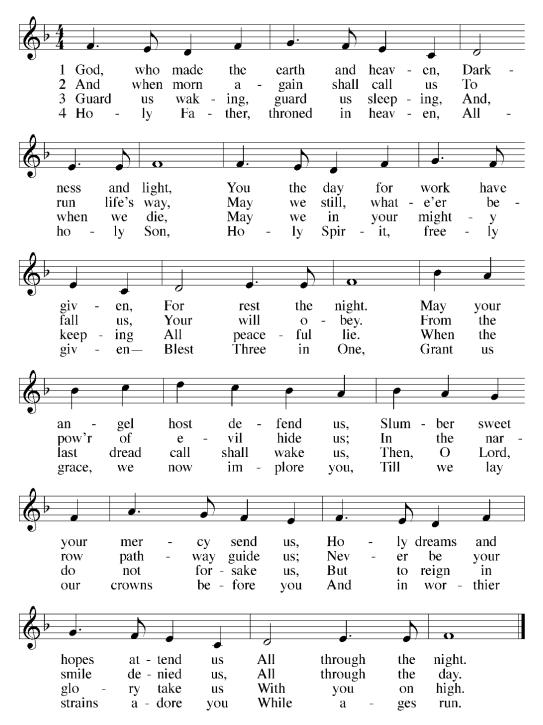
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CLOSING HYMN (CW 590 v. 3-4)

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven (see page 21)



590 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



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Personal Prayers for Worship



Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Family Bible Nights: August 9 & 16 Children PreK and up and adults invited 6:00—7:30 pm.



Children will get to learn about God's incredible sea creatures, have a Bible lesson, craft, games and closing ice cream/snacks for kids and adults. There will be an adult Bible class as well. Middle school/high school students can be helpers. Mark your calendars, sign up as you enter church and join us as we **Dive In!** Note date change, no Family Bible Night on July 26. There will be Bible study that evening at 6:30 pm.

Bible Studies this week

Sunday 8:00 am: Lord's Supper, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Song of Songs, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Bible Parables and Word Pictures, downstairs

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am: Matthew

Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45. DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday July 23: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 9:00 am with Holy Communion 8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Mike Wilson
- Ushers: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech and Kourtney Zech
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Roger LaGrange
- Refreshments: Sally Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach · A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

10:30 am: Annual congregational meeting, sanctuary

Sunday July 30: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:00 am 8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson
- Ushers: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: The Heath Family
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach

• A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kathy Wilson (7/24), Sally Kaalberg (7/25), Madelyn Ruplinger (7/25), Terra Patterson (7/28) and Nicole Immel (7/29) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Gregg & Roxanne Andler (7/28) and Elena & Michael Turnbull (7/28) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this Friday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sisterin-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Offerings July 9 - 15:

- General Fund: \$5,309
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(July 9 - 15: In the totals listed above, \$1,543 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)

Looking ahead:

- August 3: Ladies Friendship Circle outing—Tour of Epicenter and lunch following. Leave church at 9:00 am, tour at 10:00 am.
- August 6: WELS Wind Ensemble "Celebrate America!" summer concert. Osthoff Resort near Elkhart Lake. Free admission. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. 2:00 pm.
- August 9: Family Bible Night, 6:00 7:30 pm
- August 13: WELS Wind Ensemble "Celebrate America!" summer concert. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall Beaver Dam. Free admission and hot dog supper. Air conditioned. Ample parking. 4:00 pm.
- August 16: Family Bible Night, 6:00 7:30 pm
- September 3: Sunday Worship services return to 8:00 & 10:30 time.
- September 10: New school year for Sunday school and teen class begins.
- November 10 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip