

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

C – Celebrant

D - Deacon

A - Assistant

L – Lector

R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Hymn #461

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*GLORY TO GOD



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

L: A reading from Isaiah.

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 *(sung responsively)*

The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,*
slow to anger and [|] of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to [|] everyone*
and his compassion is over [|] all his works.

The LORD is faithful in [|] all his words*
and merciful in [|] all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all [|] those who fall;*
he lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,*
and you give them their food [|] in due season.

You open [|] wide your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every [|] living creature.

The LORD is righteous in [|] all his ways*
and loving in [|] all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call [|] upon him,*
to all who call up- [|] on him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of [|] those who fear him;*
he hears their [|] cry and helps them.

The LORD preserves all [|] those who love him,*
but he destroys [|] all the wicked.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

L: A reading from Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able in honor of the Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Hymn #515

***NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven**

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary and was made man;**

Our heads are raised.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again

according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and Giver of Life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: God's love is made visible in Christ Jesus, and the food of the Eucharist is the greatest gift of his love. Let us pray to the Lord who feeds us and answers all our needs.

Silence for reflection.

A: For the bishops, pastors, and deacons in their daily ministry of the Eucharist. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells – Douglass, Anna, Lauren, Lucas, Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, and Julia, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women and men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Sam, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, Ryan, John S., and John T., let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the nations and places where Christ is not known, that the Holy Spirit may bring them to trust the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for our missionaries: Richard, Emily, Ben & Courtney, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For governments and relief agencies helping to feed the starving people of our world, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For men, women, and children threatened or attacked because of their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who produce, prepare, and serve the food we eat, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Mildred B., Bobbie B., Diana B., Linda D., Sam D., Edward E., Betty E., Crist E., Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Lucas S., Larry S., Don W., Bev U. and Jack U., our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*), let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who have died and gone before us, especially Grace H., Shane G., Frances L., Robert S., and Irvin S., let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Most bountiful Father, grant the favors we seek, as we renew the covenant and look forward to the feast of the kingdom, in the celebration of this Eucharist. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

*Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration
and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.*

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn #491

*OFFERING PRAYER

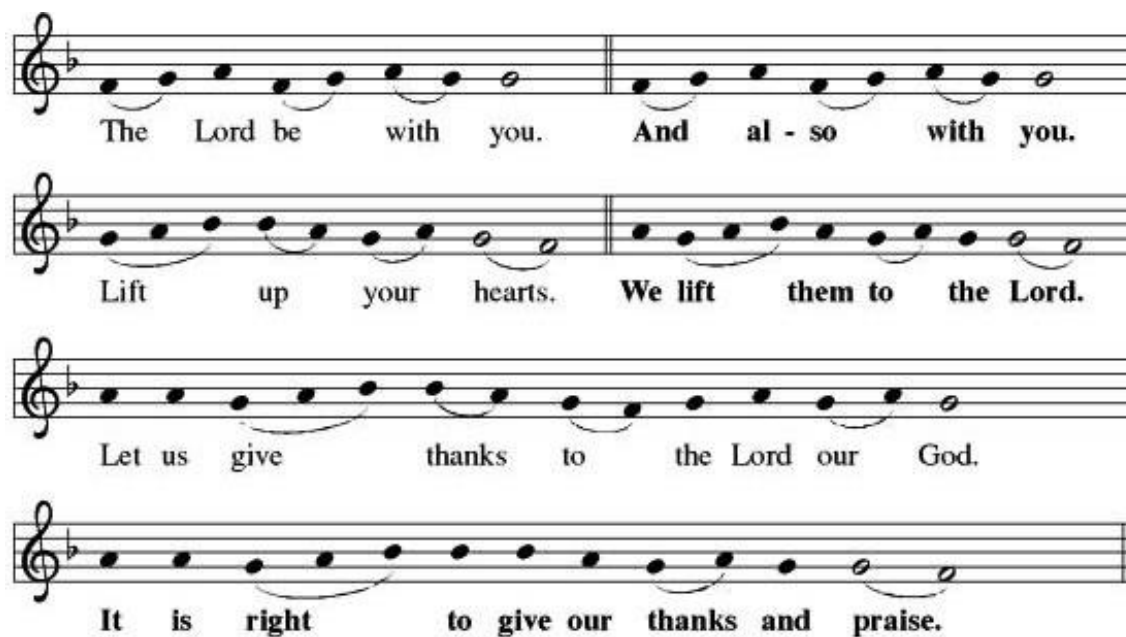
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: Merciful Lord, make holy these gifts, and let your grace make us an everlasting gift to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

*DIALOGUE



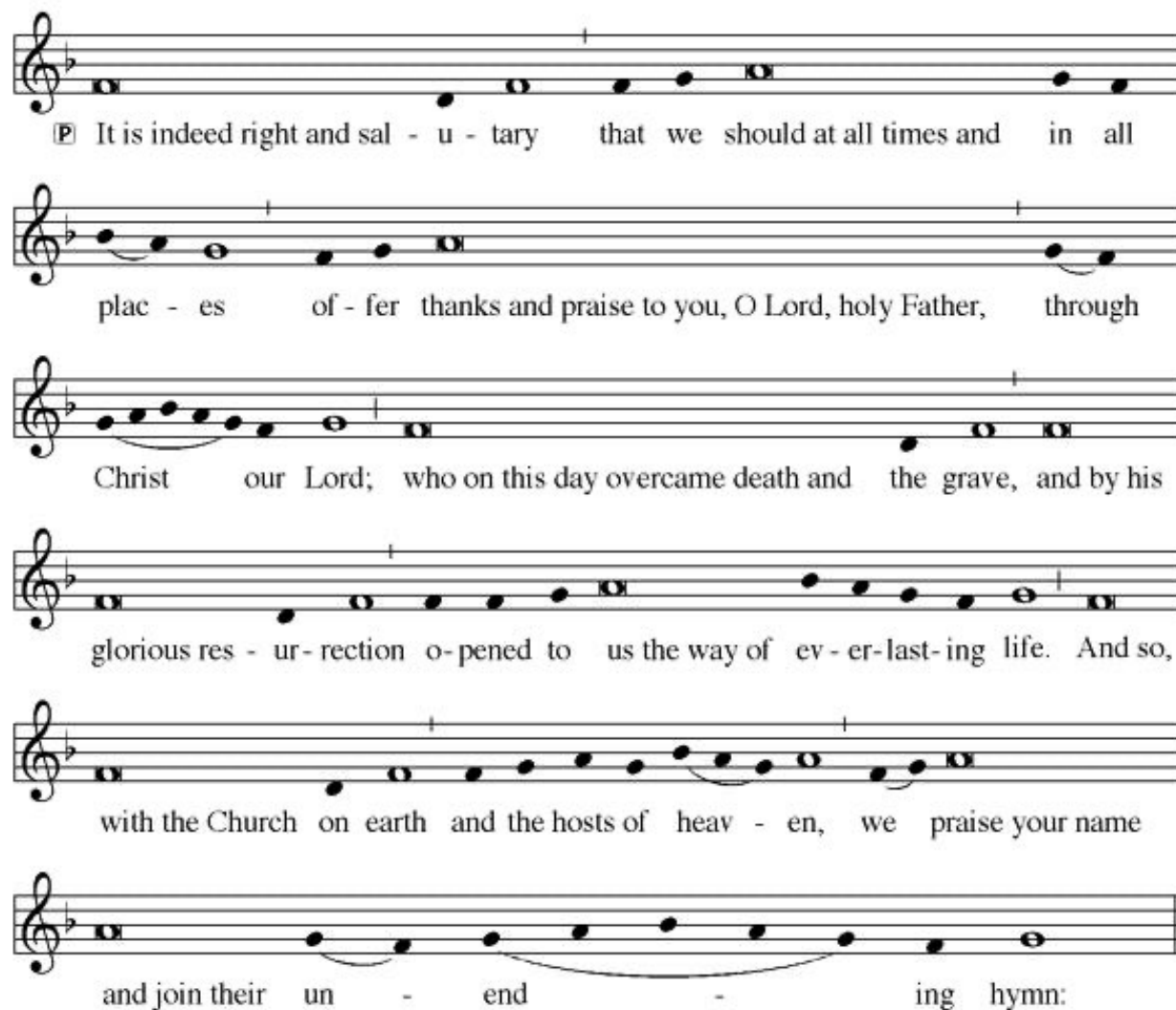
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

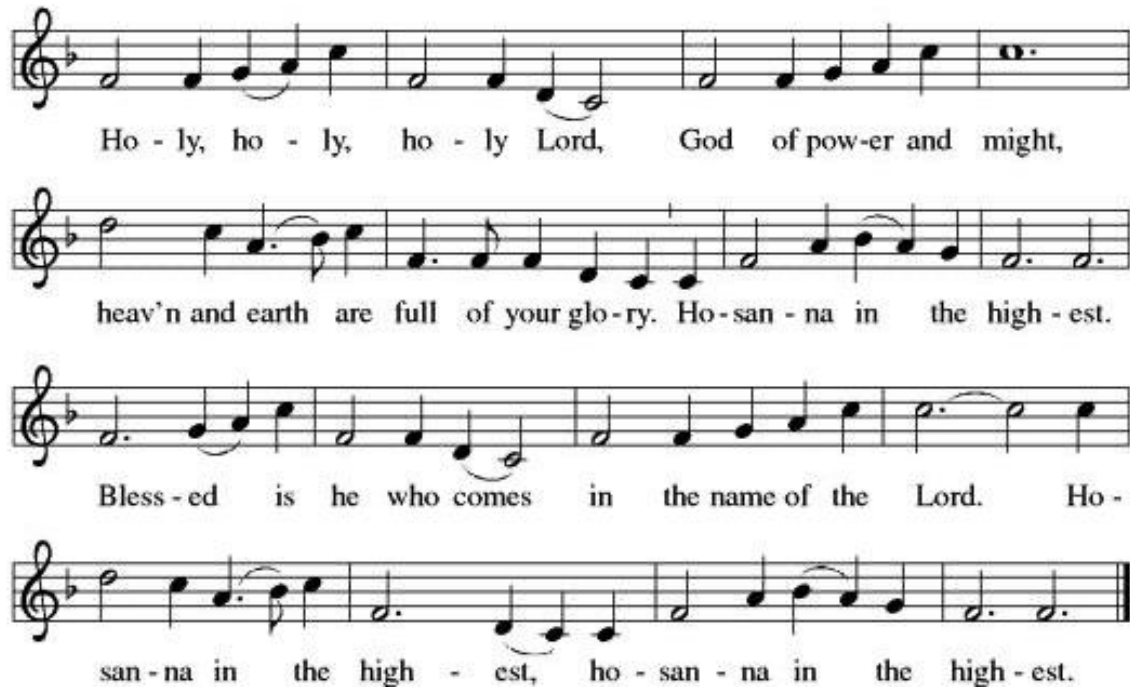
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his
glorious res - ur - rection o - pened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



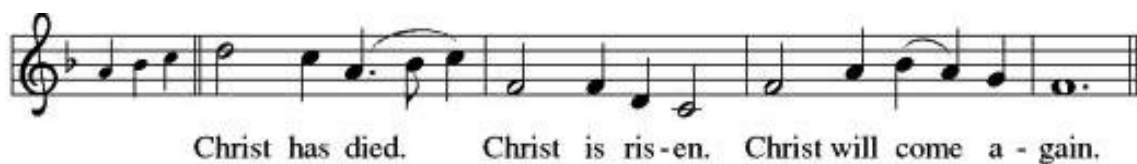
*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

C: Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.
Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy,
so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: In memory of his death and resurrection,
we thank you, Father, for this life-giving bread and this saving cup.
We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ
be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world;
make us grow in love, together with Yehiel our Presiding Bishop,
Stephen our Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest
in the hope of rising again, *especially: Grace H., Shane G., Frances L., Robert S., and Irvin S.*
Bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all;
make us worthy to share eternal life
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles, and with all the saints
who have done your will throughout the ages.
May we praise you in union with them,
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



*LORD'S PRAYER

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.**

*PEACE

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

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Please greet those who are seated near you with
the sign of peace using the words, "Peace be with you."*

*LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
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.

*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Low-Gluten Hosts are available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform the Celebrant. Mustum (sacramental non-alcoholic wine that was not left to ferment) is available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform one of the Assistants distributing the chalice. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Received the Living God"

Hymn #477

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Hymn #712

"When Peace like a River"

Hymn #785

Please stand as you are able at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, you give us the strength of new life by the gift of the eucharist. Protect us with your love and prepare us for eternal redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Hymn #674

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Don & Betty Espenshade in honor of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Grace Herd, Shane Gordon, Frances Lingle, Robert Schlott, Irvin Shertzer.*

This month's special offering will go to benefit Lutheran Disaster Response Fund. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Diane Gotshall
Acolyte	Abigail Blair
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiswender
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Nancy Iachini
Acolyte	Lily Iachini
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Diana Budd & Audrey Neiswender
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*June 30, 2026*)

2026 Approved Budget \$306,815

General Fund Income: \$200,727.84	Special Funds YTD Contributions
General Fund Expenses: \$151,524.48	Grantville Food Pantry: \$3,210.06
	Capital Improvement Fund: \$22,940
	Downtown Daily Bread: \$1,590
	ELCA Good Gifts: \$120
	Love of Family: \$42,163
	Lutheran World Relief: \$1,930.76
	Adult Forum: \$105
	ELCA World Hunger: \$90
	Abiding Memorial Fund: \$125
	Central Penn Food Bank: \$1,000
	Sarker/Lingle Missionaries: \$2,770

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: *Mildred Bower, Bobbie Boyer, Diana Budd, Linda DeMario, Sam Dupler, Edward Elliott, Betty Espenshade, Crist Espenshade, Cristin Espenshade, Nadine Espenshade, Mim Fake, Ed Fake, Herb Fisher, Diane Gotshall, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh and Don Whitehaus.* To have a name added or removed to this Sunday Prayer List please contact the Church Office.

It's never too early to start thinking about the start of the school year. We are blessed to have members of our congregation who teach our children on a daily basis. While some things are provided for the classroom, not everything is, so we'd like to help them out. Elmer glue sticks, scissors, pre-sharpened pencils, tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, EXPO markers, pencils and thick Crayola markers are always needed. We appreciate your help in supporting the important people in our children's lives.

SAVE THE DATES:

National Night Out is scheduled for August 4 from 6-8pm at East Hanover Township Park. We are in need of folks to be at our booth (combined with St. John Hoernerstown) to hand out snacks and we are in need of donations of individually wrapped baked goods/snacks. Please sign up in the Narthex.

You are invited to join in prayer with the Susquehanna Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity at Shells on August 24 at 9am for a half-day retreat. We will pray the Daily Office and close with a Liturgy of Holy Eucharist with the installation of our newly elected chapter dean. Shells Fellowship Ministry will provide a light brunch as well as a luncheon for the day. *Please contact Erna O'Brien if you are willing to help with fellowship for the day.*

St. John Lutheran Church Hoernerstown will be hosting another hog maw dinner on September 13 at 5pm. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex closer to the date.

Our Annual Women's Retreat with Christ Lutheran Church Elizabethtown is scheduled for September 18-20 at Gretna Glen (87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon Pa, 17042). Cost: \$170.00 (price includes 5 meals, lodging, and Bible study supplies. Balance due August 31 with a check made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Arrival time is 6pm Friday evening through 1pm Sunday afternoon. What to bring: twin sheets/bedding/pillow, towels, comfy clothes and comfy shoes, snack to share, bible/pen. Any Questions, please contact Celia Domines, 717-367-2786 or cell 717-449-0663 or education@christlutheran-etown.com

Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen: 5pm on October 9 – 1pm on October 11. Please sign up in the Narthex. There is no cost for this retreat and it is open for children/youth 5th-12th grade.

...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

As we tend to our daily schedules, we are more than aware that costs for basic needs have increased. We hear it on the news. We see the signs flashing dollars per gallon at the pumps. We taste the difference in the purchase of a less expensive cut of meat or chicken instead of beef. We smell the cost differences as we buy cheaper detergents. And, we feel these costs as it's necessary to adjust our spending to accommodate our needs with our income.

No one is excluded from the rising costs. However, some of us are able to absorb these changes with few differences in our daily lives. We at Shells are aware that today's economy is taking a toll on many families: families with whom we worship, families in our community.

The Love of Family Fund is a way to recognize needs and serve them. Please consider sharing what God has provided for you. If perhaps you feel that it seems like a mystery, please know that confidences are necessary for delicate situations. If you know of a need or have general questions direct them to Father Barnes.

This week at Shells:

August 2 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brunch at Manada Hill Diner

August 4 from 6-8pm – National Night Out

August 9 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brunch at Manada Hill Diner

SHELLS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed."

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