

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

P – Presider

A - Assistant

L – Lector

R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn #796

*INVOCATION

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

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

R: Amen.

*GREETING

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God forever.

R: Blessed be God forever.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, 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

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *(sung responsively)*

Sing to the LORD | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his | holy arm*
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

The LORD has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

**Sing to the LORD | with the harp,*
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

**Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,*
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to | judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he | judge the world*
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

L: A reading from Second Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

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**

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymn #597

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

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

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

Our heads are raised.

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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**

P: Time and human history are moving to God's final day. As our prayers go out in charity for others, so we seek his merciful judgement

Silence for reflection.

A: That bishops, pastors, and deacons will continue to proclaim the one redeemer in the face of contradiction and opposition, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells - Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, Julia, and Nora, 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, John, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, and John, 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, Stephen & Jodi, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That the suffering caused by war and terrorism may be ended by courageous and just people, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That the unemployed may find gainful employment, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That, in a world of turmoil, we may witness to the Good News that Christ is coming again, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Diana B., Sam D., Betty E., Crist E. Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Blane M., Iva R., Rena S., Amber S., 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: That Jesus, Son of righteousness, will shine with healing rays on those who have died, especially – Sara, Samuel, Curtis, John, Oscar, Gayle and Alex, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

P: Father of all times and seasons, your Son has revealed to us the final struggle between good and evil. May these prayers give us courage, and help us to preserve in goodness. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

OFFERING

MEAL

“Canticle of the Turning”

Senior Choir

*Please stand as you are able while consecrated bread and wine,
the Body and Blood of Christ, are placed from the Tabernacle on the Altar.*

*** HYMN**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Hymn #686

***LORD’S PRAYER**

P: 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**

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

R: And also with you.

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

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*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

P: 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

"Abide with Me"

Hymn #629

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Hymn #465

"Eat This Bread"

Hymn # 472

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Father, may we grow in love by the eucharist we have celebrated in memory of the Lord Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

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

P: May the Lord bless us, ☩ protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn #632

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Presider/Homilist	Seminarian Seth Roseman
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Raelene Smith
Acolyte	Mary Shellenberger
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Raelene Smith
Lector	Diane Gotshall
Acolyte	Julia O’Brien (+), Abigail Blair, Ellie Frye
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiswender
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (October 31, 2025)

2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$218,318.61

General Fund Expenses: \$248,482.52

Special Funds YTD Contributions

Grantville Food Pantry: \$5,753.74

Capital Improvement Fund: \$41,775

Adult Forum: \$754

ELCA World Hunger: \$2,555

Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$1,445

Lutheran Disaster Response \$2,870

Central PA Food Bank \$1,000

Kid to Kid (VBS): \$600

Love of Family \$5,968

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$52,375

Gotshall Music Memorial \$6,437.25

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tom & Sandy Mader in honor of Brittany Jurell's birthday.

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

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Sara Rhoads Bostdorf, Samuel Garrison, Curtis Gussler, John Lingle, Oscar Lingle, Gayle Shifflett and Alex Suhr.* To have a name added to this list please fill out one of the remembrance cards in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. Names are typically remembered around the loved one's birth date, death date, or baptismal anniversary.

Our Annual Congregation Meeting and Potluck will be held on December 7. A sign-up for the meal is in the Narthex.

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: *Diana Budd, Sam Dupler, 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, Blane Moreland, Iva Rodemaker, Rena Sattazahn, Amber Sherman, 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.

The racetrack project will be collecting items each month this year Items still needed include bath towels, chap stick / lip balm, shampoo, shave cream, deodorant, cube shape tissue boxes. This year we will be providing 100 toiletry bags for the Race Track. 60 Men and 40 Women and we will be assembling them on December 14th. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You!

COAT and BLANKET DRIVE: For the month of November we are collecting coats, blankets, scarves, gloves and hats. There is a box in the narthex or you can hang them up next to the box. We will distribute these items to Downton Daily Bread. Please reach out to Sherry Ulsh if any questions.

The 2026 Altar Flower chart is in the Narthex.

A sign up sheet for the Advent wreath lighting is in the narthex.

Advent Prayer Partners 2025: Please fill out the half sheet of paper in the Narthex to be a prayer partner for this Advent. Place your completed form in the offering plate. During the Season of Advent, you will pray for the person whose name you receive as part of your daily devotions and then mail them a card after Christmas letting them know who was praying for them. You can submit your name and address up to the start of 9am worship on November 23 (Christ the King). During the following week, Theresa will contact you with your prayer partner's name.

Anna Holler is taking orders for Christmas wreaths from Stauffers for GS Troop 14017. There is an order form in the Narthex till Sun., Nov. 16. Checks should be made to Troop 14017.

Thank you very much for your generous donations to Susquehanna Service Dogs!! We collected over 51 rolls of paper towels, \$75 in gift cards, 2 packages of mailing address labels, and numerous packages of dog treats! It never ceases to amaze me how generous our congregation is! Thanks again! Kathy Espenshade

As always, the generosity of our members is heartwarming. We were able to provide 404.4 pounds of food to the Grantville Food Pantry. Also, the Noisy Offering collected \$446.81. Many of our neighbors will benefit from your generosity. Thank you very much for your continued support.

SAVE THE DATES:

December 3 @ 7pm – Advent Vespers at Shells

December 6 – St. John Hoernerstown Christmas Marketplace

December 7 @ 9am – The Second Sunday of Advent with the Welcome of Catechumens

December 7 after worship – Annual Congregation Meeting and Advent Family Event

December 7 @ 5:30pm – Parish Cookie Bake

December 12 @ 7pm – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Deacon Kristen's Five Year Ordination Anniversary)

December 14 – Christmas Caroling

December 17 @ 7pm - Advent Vespers at St. John Hoernerstown

December 24 @ 4pm – The Nativity of the Lord at St. John Hoernerstown

December 24 @ 7pm – The Nativity of the Lord (Family Liturgy)

December 24 @ 10pm – The Nativity of the Lord (Traditional Liturgy)

December 25 @ 10am – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

January 6 @ 7pm – The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 23, 2026 - Family Game Night at Shells

February 20, 2026 – Hershey Bears Hockey Game

March 22, 2026 - Concert at St. Patrick Cathedral Harrisburg

April 18, 2026 - Walk at East Hanover Township Park

May 17, 2026 - Mini Golf

June 20, 2026 - Knoebels

This week at Shells:

November 16 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30am Hand Chime Choir

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am - Adult Forum

Brunch at Manada Hill

November 17 at 5pm – Race Track Meal

November 17 at 6:30pm – Bible Study @ Shells

November 18 at 9:30am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Harrisburg Conference of Pastors (All are welcome to attend)

November 19-21 – Food Pantry

November 19 at 2pm – Grief Support

November 20 at 7pm – Senior Choir

November 23 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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