LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2025

C – Celebrant D - Deacon

A - Assistant

L – Lector

 \mathbf{R} – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

"God Is Here!"

Hymn #526

*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,

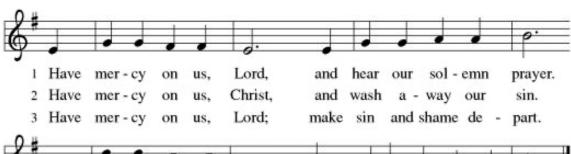
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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





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. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

L: A reading from Job.

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9 (sung responsively)

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;*

listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;*

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon | me by night,*

melt me down; you will find no impurit- | y in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as | others do;*

I have heeded the words | of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;*

in your paths my feet | shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;*

incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,*

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise | up against them.

Keep me as the apple | of your eye;*

hide me under the shadow | of your wings,

from the wicked | who assault me,*

from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING

L: A reading from Second Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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



D: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

D: 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 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Hymn #628

*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: How glorious is the peace and hope of resurrection! Let us pray with hearts set free from foolish doubt or hesitation, because we believe in the promise of the One who rose again in our frail flesh to eternal splendor.

A brief silence.

A: For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit of truth and faith in the Church today, 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, Nora, Douglass, Anna, Lauren and Lucas, 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 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 nations where freedom of religion is impeded by bigotry and ignorance, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For mutual respect and understanding between Christians and Jews and the followers of Islam, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who have entered their last hours on this earth, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who died in sure and certain hope of resurrection, 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., 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 the dead may be cleansed in the justice and mercy of Christ, especially – Sara, Samuel, Curtis, John, Oscar, Gayle and Alex, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of the living, to whom all are in fact alive, grant the petitions we bring before you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

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

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Senior Choir

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Please stand as you are able. "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn #686

*OFFERING PRAYER

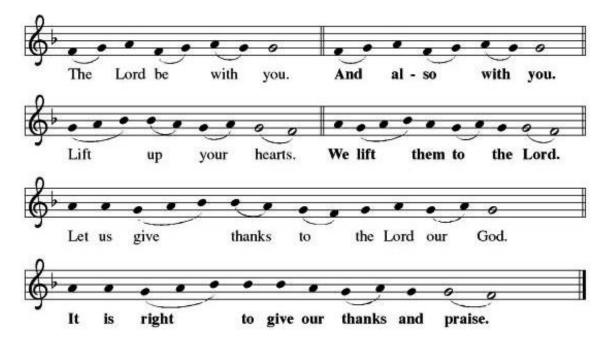
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

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.

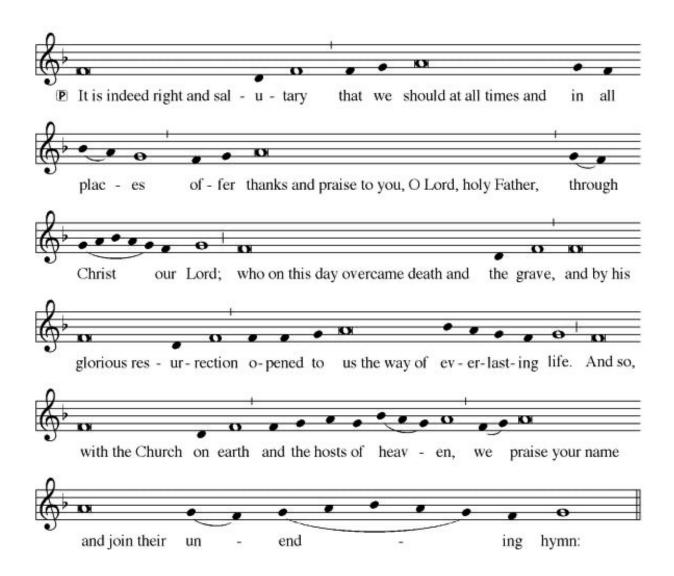
C: God of mercy, in this eucharist we proclaim the death of the Lord. Accept the gifts we present and help us follow him with love, for he is Lord forever and ever.

R: Amen.

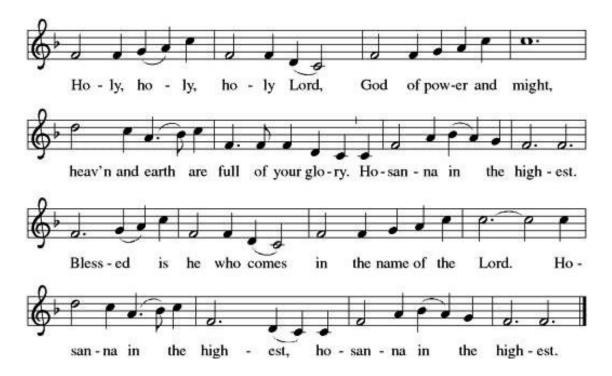
*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE



*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*EUCHARISTIC 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:

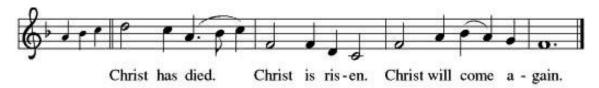
this is the cup of my blood,

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: Sara, Samuel, Curtis, John, Oscar, Gayle and Alex.* 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.

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

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

*LAMB OF GOD



*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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"	Hymn #484
"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	Hymn #494
"Take My Life, That I May Be"	Hymn #685

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

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for the nourishment you give us through your holy gift. Pour out your Spirit upon us and in the strength of this food from heaven keep us single-minded in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymn #638

*DISMISSAL

D: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, STS
Deacon/Homilist	Deacon Marsha Roscoe
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Gen Whitehaus
Acolyte	Evelyn Mende
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Rick & Linda Blair
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade

THOSE SERVING NEXT 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

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (October 31, 2025) 2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$218,318.61	Special Funds YTD Contributions
General Fund Expenses: \$248,482.52	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

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ken & Ruth Espenshade in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Gotshall Music Memorial \$6,437.25

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 *Dorothy Espenshade*, *Mary Kreiser*, *Richard O'Brien*, *Robert Strang Sr.*, *Margretta Ulsh*. 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.

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, 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!

Fall Fundraiser: Anna and Nora are taking orders for nuts and candy for Girl Scouts. There is an order form in the Narthex till Sun., Nov. 9. Checks may be made to Troop 11261.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

November 11 @ 7pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Blessing of Veterans)
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 Guadelupe (Deacon Kristen's Five Year Ordination Anniversary)

December 14 - Christmas Caroling

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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 13, 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 9 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In-Gathering and Noisy Offering
9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am - Adult Forum: Deacon Marsha Roscoe Brunch at Manda Hill

November 10 at 6:30pm – Bible Study @ St. John

November 11 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Blessing of Veterans)

November 12 at 2pm – Grief Support November 13 at 7pm – Senior Choir

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: Deacon Marsha Roscoe Brunch at Manda Hill

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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