Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

November 17, 2026

C – Celebrant A - Assistant **R** – Response

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Evening and Morning"* LBW #465

***INVOCATION**

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: Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ have mercy.

R: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. O God, by whose gift Saint Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and revered Christ in the poor, grant, through her example, that we may serve with unfailing charity the needy and those afflicted. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING **1 John 3:14-18**

A reading from First John.

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that anyone who is a murderer does not have eternal life remaining in him. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

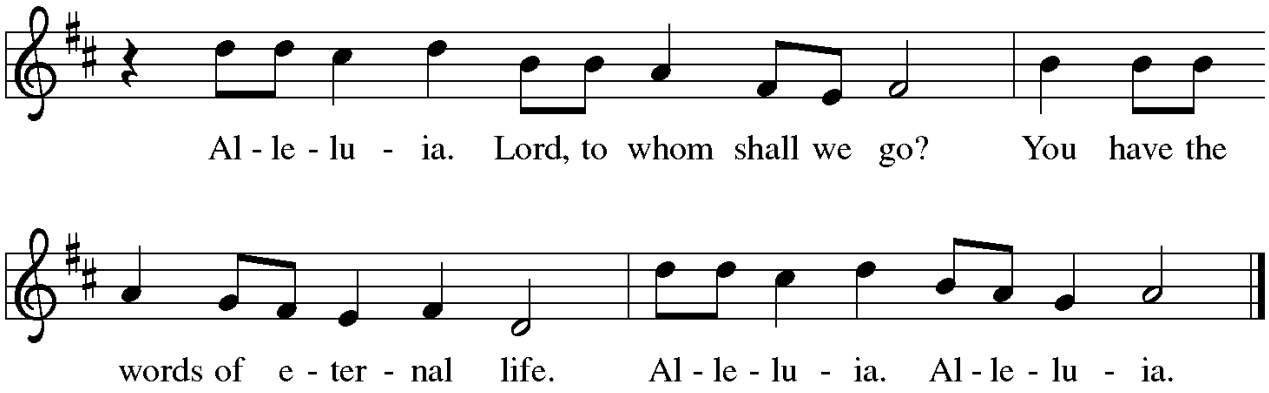
This is the Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10 *(sung responsively)*

I will bless the Lord | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
I will glory | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;*
let us exalt his | name together.
I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me*
and saved me from | all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.
Taste and see that the | Lord is good;*
happy are they who | trust in him!
Fear the Lord, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.

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 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 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

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** *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"* LBW #304

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: God's ways are not our ways. Because his justice and generosity exceed our standards, we can come to him in prayer, knowing that he listens and that he will act.

A brief silence.

A: For our Bishop, and all pastors and deacons who serve God's People, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those nations where justice and freedom are denied to working people, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For workers associated to maintain their rights and a just wage, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who promote the humane care of animals, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, 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 in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Loving Father, you are near to all who call on you. Welcome our prayers with your generous care, and show us once more your abundant compassion. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

MEAL

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *"We Worship You, O God of Might"* LBW #432

***OFFERING PRAYER**

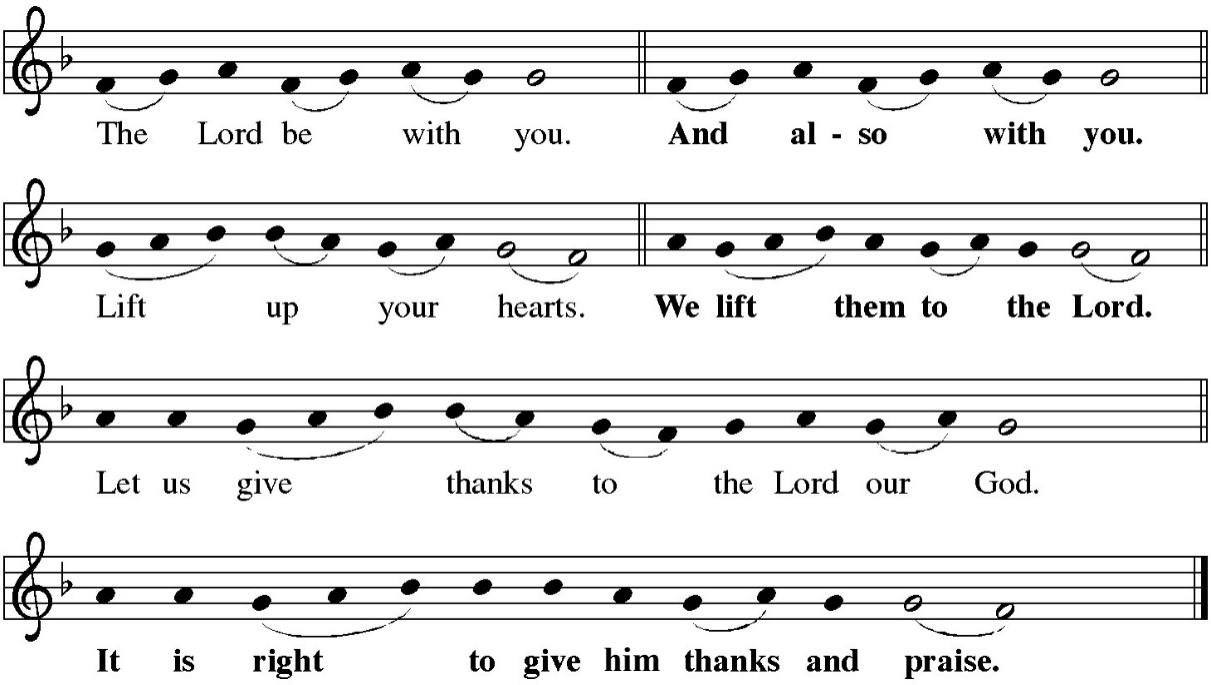
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

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.

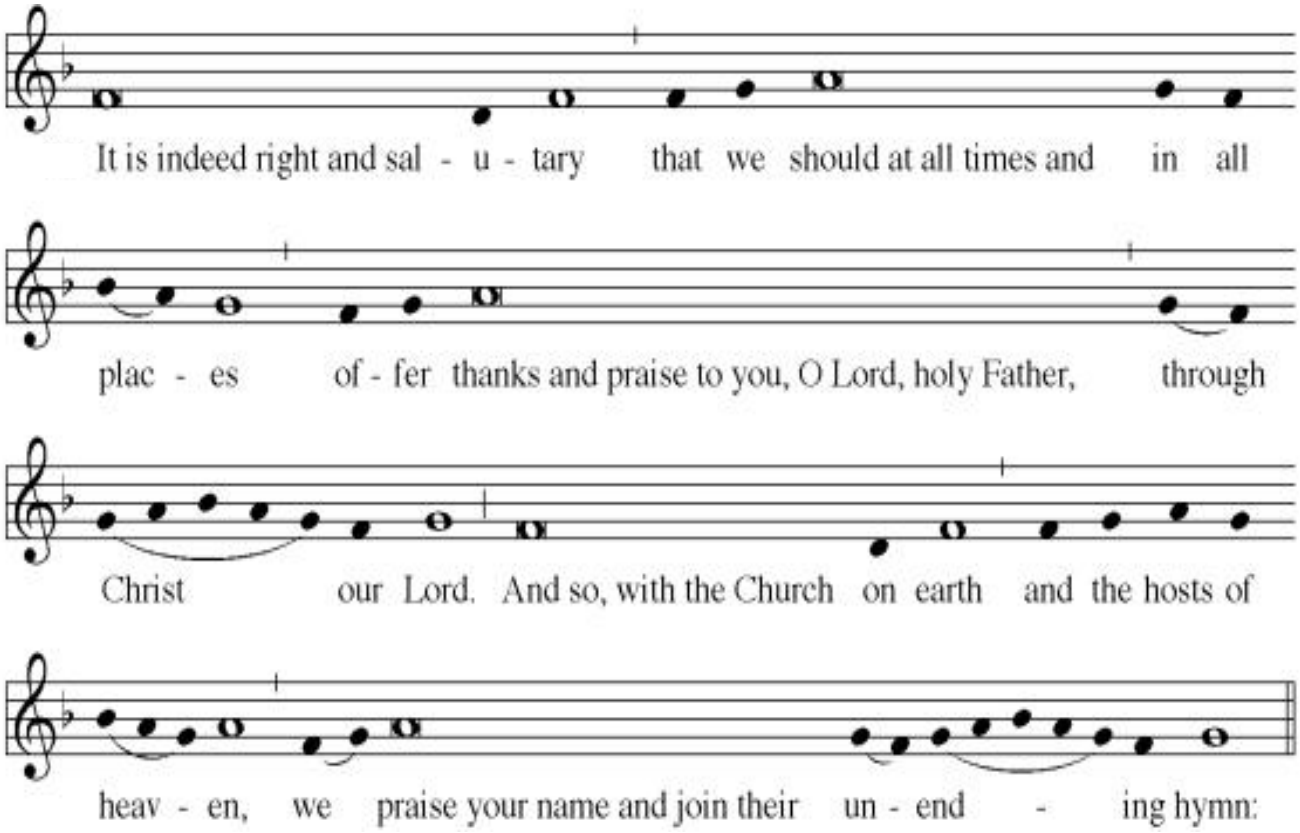
C: Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people, and grant that we who celebrate your Son's work of boundless charity, may, by the example of Saint Elizabeth, be conformed in love of you and of our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

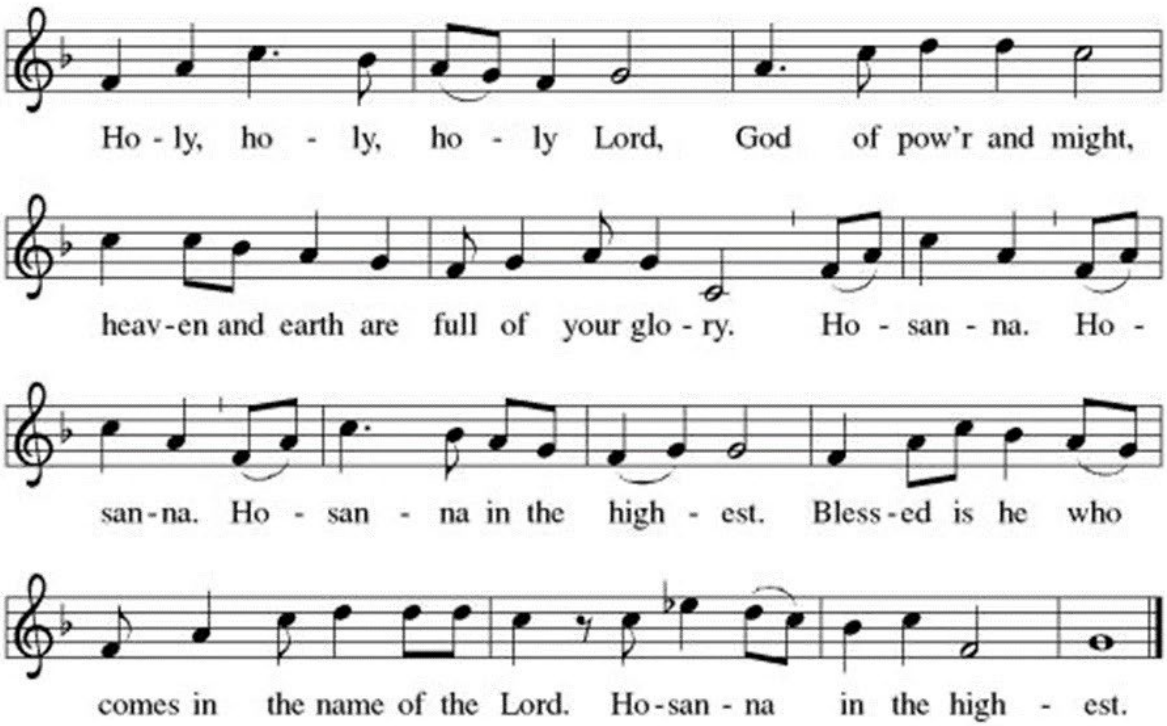
***DIALOGUE**



***PREFACE**



***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

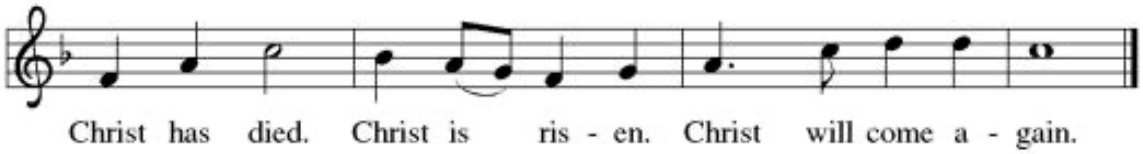
C: Father, you are holy indeed,
and all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
by the working of the Holy Spirit.
From age to age you gather a people to yourself,
so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.
We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.
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: Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation,
his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven,
and ready to greet him when he comes again,
we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church,
and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that
we, who are nourished by his body and blood,
may be filled with his Holy Spirit,
and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

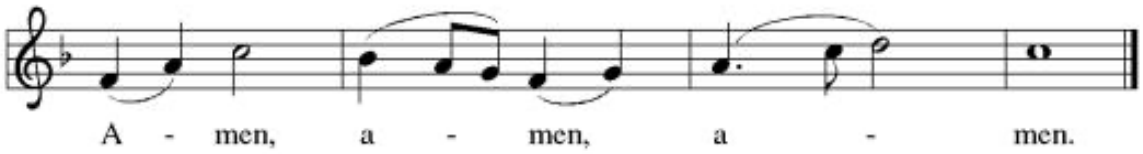
May he make us an everlasting gift to you
and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints,
with Mary the virgin Mother of God;
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant
Yehiel our Presiding Bishop,
Stephen our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.

Father, hear the prayers of the family you have
gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children
wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship, We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory,
through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

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.

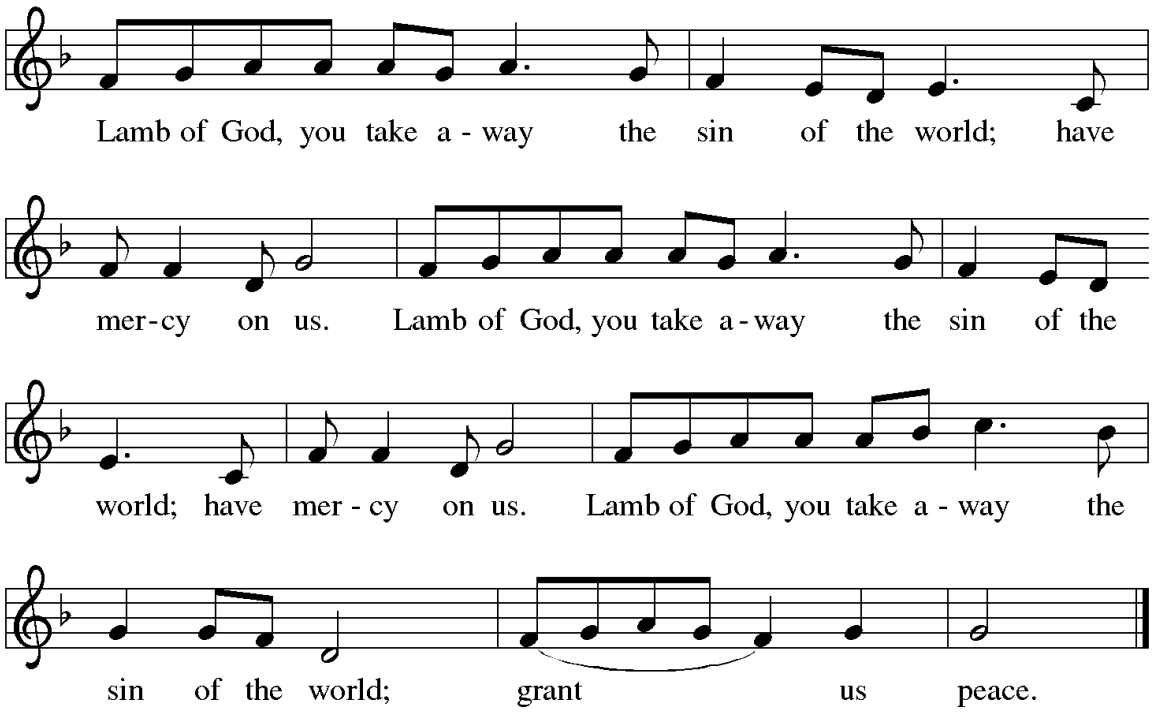
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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**



***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.

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. 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!*

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries, may follow the example of Saint Elizabeth, who honored you with tireless devotion and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people. Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

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

R: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!"* LBW #553

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING

Celebrant	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, *STS*
Homilist	The Rev. Peter Helmers
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Organist	Janice Mills

A special welcome to the Harrisburg Conference of Rostered Leaders!

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Grantville Food Pantry. 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.

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

Race Track Project: These are the items we are still in need of: Shampoo 22, toothbrushes 48, razors 83, deodorant (men & women) 35, shave cream (men & women) 61, combs 75. Any donations you can provide would be greatly appreciated. We will be collecting items until December 6th. Thank you

We are collecting new and gently used coats and blankets to be donated to Bethesda Mission and Downton Daily Bread. A grey bin is in the Narthex for your donations. Thanks for your continued support of this annual event. – Sherry Ulsh

Shells Church Family Fun Event to Hershey Bear Game. Sunday, January 3, 2027 @ 3 pm. $14 per ticket per person with $15 parking pass per car. (If you have a Hershey Park Pass, you won't need a parking pass for this date). Seats will probably be in Section 216. The Church is paying for a $5.99 snack voucher for each person. You **must** be able to walk several flights of stairs to sit in our assigned seats. We do have a few handicapped seats available, but they may not be directly above our regular seats. **Please sign up and pay by Sunday 12/13/2026. (cash or check to Shells Lutheran Church). Tickets are non-refundable. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex.** Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade or call 717-991-3212

…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.

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING *(October 31, 2026)*
2026 Approved Budget $306,815

General Fund Income: $285,307.64
General Fund Expenses: $243,368.85

Special Funds YTD Contributions
Grantville Food Pantry: $3,795.06
Capital Improvement Fund: $24,875
Downtown Daily Bread: $1,590
ELCA Good Gifts: $120
Love of Family: $43,078
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: $2,790
VBS - Kid 2 Kid: $900
Lutheran Disaster Response: $330
CROP Walk: $565
Campus Ministry @ WVU: $680



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"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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