

# LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 5, 2026*

C – Celebrant    D - Deacon    A - Assistant    L – Lector    R – Response

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## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

\*GATHERING HYMN      *“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*      Hymn #620

### \*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. God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; 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**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

L: A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 145:8-14** *(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.**

All your works praise | you, O LORD,\*  
and your faithful | servants bless you.

**They make known the glory | of your kingdom\***  
**and speak | of your power;**

that the peoples may know | of your power\*  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;\***  
**your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

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

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

L: A reading from Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.

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 11:16-19, 25-30**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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**

*“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”*

Hymn #777

**\*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: The Father reveals the mysteries of the kingdom to little ones. Let us pray to our God, who shows such love for small and simple folk.

*Silence for reflection.*

A: For the Church in her work of charity for the poor and overburdened, 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 leaders who will listen to even the humblest citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: O God, hear us.**

A: For people who have shut God out of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: O God, hear us.**

A: For the children who discover God in our community, 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., Angie G., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Erna O., Kevin O., 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 been called through death to eternal rest, especially Robert B., Ray L., Helen L., Patricia O., Charlie R., Norma S., Arlene S., Thomas T., Wally T., Adeline T., and George U, let us pray to the Lord.

**R: O God, hear us.**

C: Lord of heaven and of earth, gathered in obedience to your Son's command, your people ask you to accept their prayers, 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

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### \*OFFERTORY HYMN

*"Come, Let Us Eat"*

Hymn #491

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

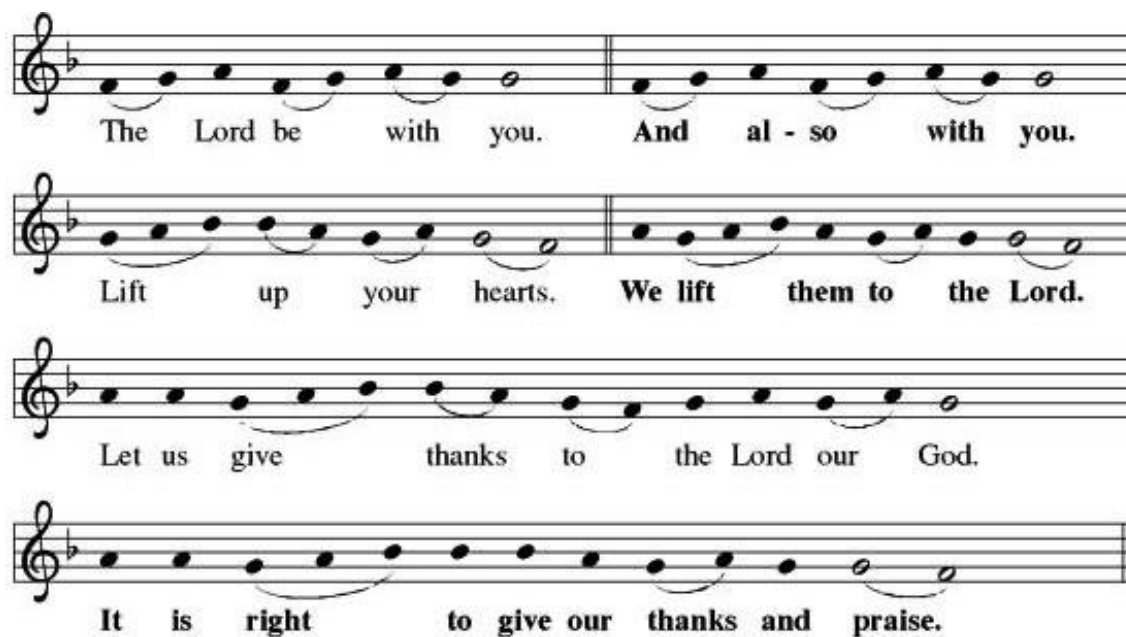
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**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: Lord, let this offering to the glory of your name purify us and become a means of your grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R: Amen.**

#### \*DIALOGUE



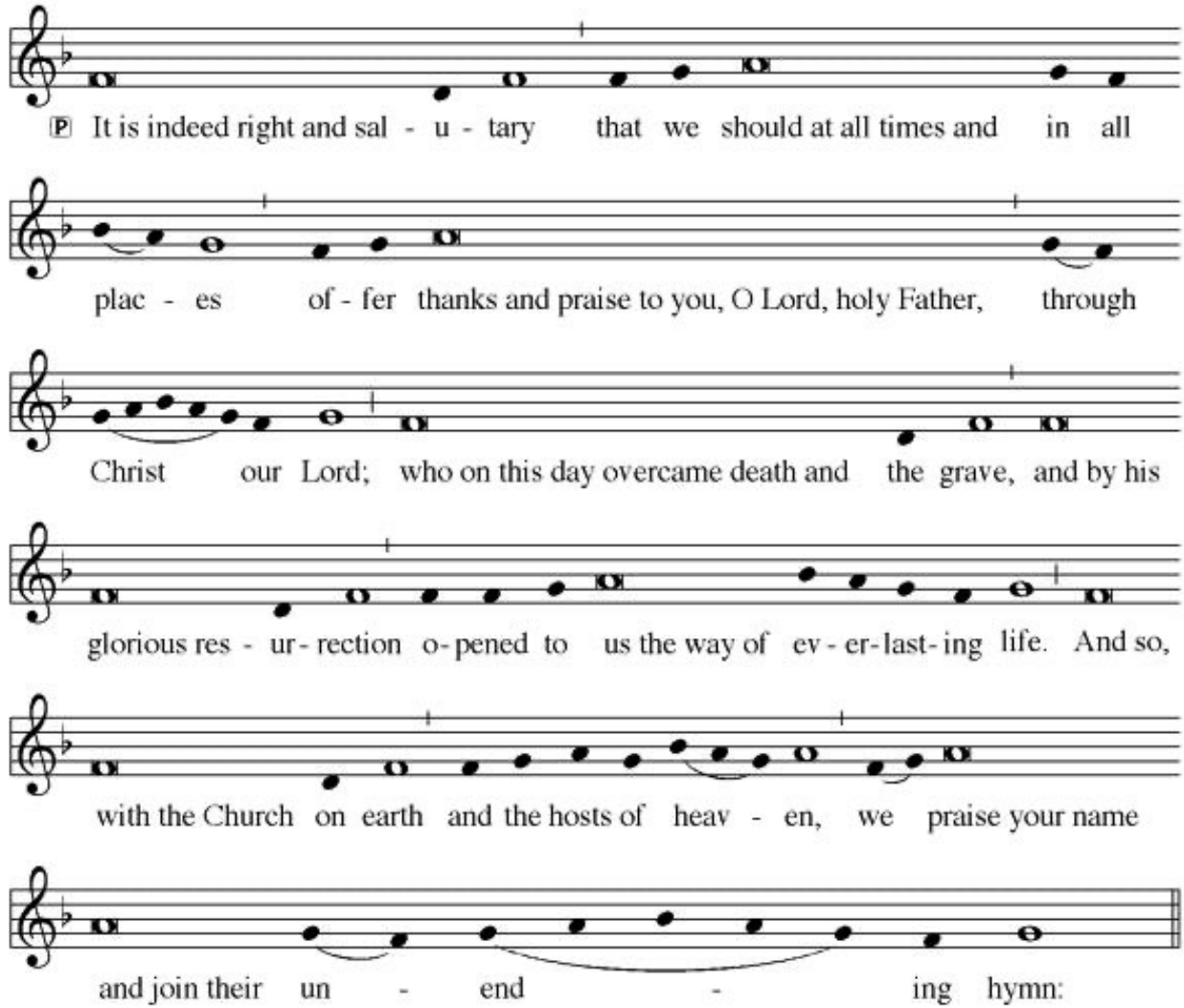
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

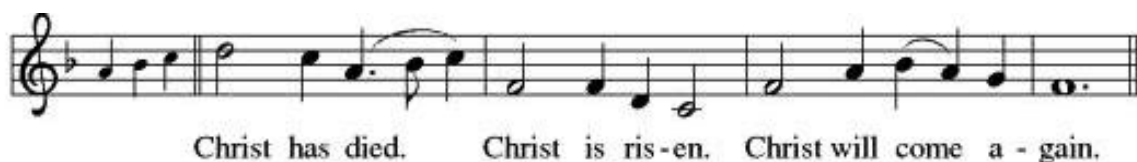
**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 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: Robert B., Ray L., Helen L., Patricia O., Charlie R.,  
Norma S., Arlene S., Thomas T., Wally T., Adeline T., and George U,*  
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>"As We Gather at Your Table"</i>	Hymn #522
<i>"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"</i>	Hymn #608
<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i>	Hymn #742

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

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, may we never fail to praise you for the fullness of life and salvation you give us in this eucharist. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE**

C: Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R: Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* Hymn #888

**\*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** *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* Hymn #765

**\*DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Celebrant	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Homilist	The Rev. Benjamin Erzkus
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Brenda Frye
Acolyte	Mary Shellenberger (+), Ellie Frye, Darby Sims
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiswender
Greeters/Ushers	Diana Budd & Audrey Neiswender
Organist	Janice Mills
Altar Guild	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler, Bobbie Boyer

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**THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK**

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Sherry Ulsh
Lector	Karen Gussler
Acolyte	Lexi Frye
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

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**STEWARDSHIP/GIVING** (*May 31, 2026*)

**2026 Approved Budget \$306,815**

General Fund Income: \$181,361.04	<b>Special Funds YTD Contributions</b>
General Fund Expenses: \$128,837.76	Grantville Food Pantry: \$2,085.06
	Capital Improvement Fund: \$22,380
	Downtown Daily Bread: \$80
	ELCA Good Gifts: \$120
	Love of Family: \$41,603
	Lutheran World Relief: \$260
	Adult Forum: \$105
	ELCA World Hunger: \$90
	Abiding Memorial Fund \$125

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**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Karen Lingle & family in loving memory of Charlie Reddinger.

**With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith.** This month we remember *Robert Bostdorf Sr., Helen Lingle, Ray Linge, Patricia O'Brien, Charlie Reddinger, Norma Shelahamer, Arlene Spangler, Thomas J. Terry, Adeline Tloczynski, Wally Tloczynski, George Ulsh.*

**This month's special offering will go to benefit our missionaries VBS: Kid 2 Kid.** Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

**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, Angie Gonzales, Diane Gotshall, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Erna O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, 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.

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**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Hymn Sing at St. John Lutheran Church Hoernerstown on July 26 at 3pm.** An ice cream social will follow in the social hall.

**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.

**This week at Shells:**

**July 5 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist**

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Brunch at Manada Hill Diner

July 9 at 5:30pm – Council Picnic

**July 12 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist**

*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Brunch at Manada Hill Diner

**July 12-16 from 5:15pm-8:15pm - VBS**

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## **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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