

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

September 29, 2025

C – Celebrant

D - Deacon

A - Assistant

L – Lector

R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***GATHERING HYMN** “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

GREEN #254

***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,

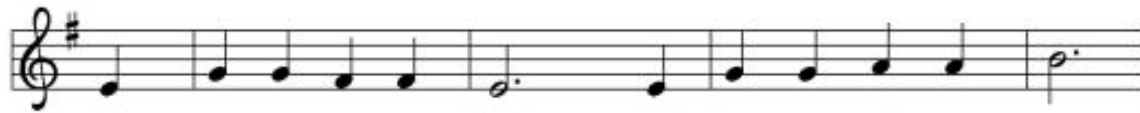
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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. Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

L: A reading from Daniel.

A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days. “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-5, 20-22 *(sung responsively)*

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.

**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and forget not | all his benefits.**

He forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your infirmities;
**he redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**

he satisfies you | with good things,
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who | do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice | of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all | you his hosts,
you ministers of his who | do his will.

**Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of | his dominion;
bless the Lord, | O my soul.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 12:7-12

L: A reading from Revelation.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand 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 10:17-20

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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** "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

GREEN #281

All first responders, hospice workers, and medical staff are invited to come forward during the singing of the Hymn of the Day. Family members representing workers may come forward as well.

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

C: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: Who made heaven and earth.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us pray. Almighty God, you lend your strength to all those who are there for us in times of crisis, fear, and hurt. Give courage to the first responders, hospice workers, medical staff, and all who serve in the armed forces. Give them the strength to look beyond the risks they face for the sake of those who need your help and protection. We give you thanks for the many ways they give of themselves - their skills, knowledge and help in troubling times. Protect them, O Lord, in their vocation. Extend your shielding hand over them and comfort their hearts when they are tired and heartbroken. Gracious Father, we also lift up prayers of thanksgiving and comfort for their families and all who support them. Give them hope and courage. Surround them with your loving presence and give them peace when their loved ones run toward uncertainty. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

***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: Our Master teaches us that discipleship means a radical rejection of evil. Our prayers today are offered with a will to make sacrifices to follow the Lord.

A brief silence.

A: For God's Holy People struggling to reject all that is evil in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For nations where children suffer because of their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For people who have let possessions lead them away from God, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For friends who work with us, but who do not share our faith, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our blessed dead, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Almighty God, the people called to follow your Son confidently bring their supplications before you, asking for courageous faith, 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.
"God Himself Is Present"

GREEN #249

***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, by the ministry of your angels let our sacrifice of praise come before you. May it be pleasing to you and a sign of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our 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

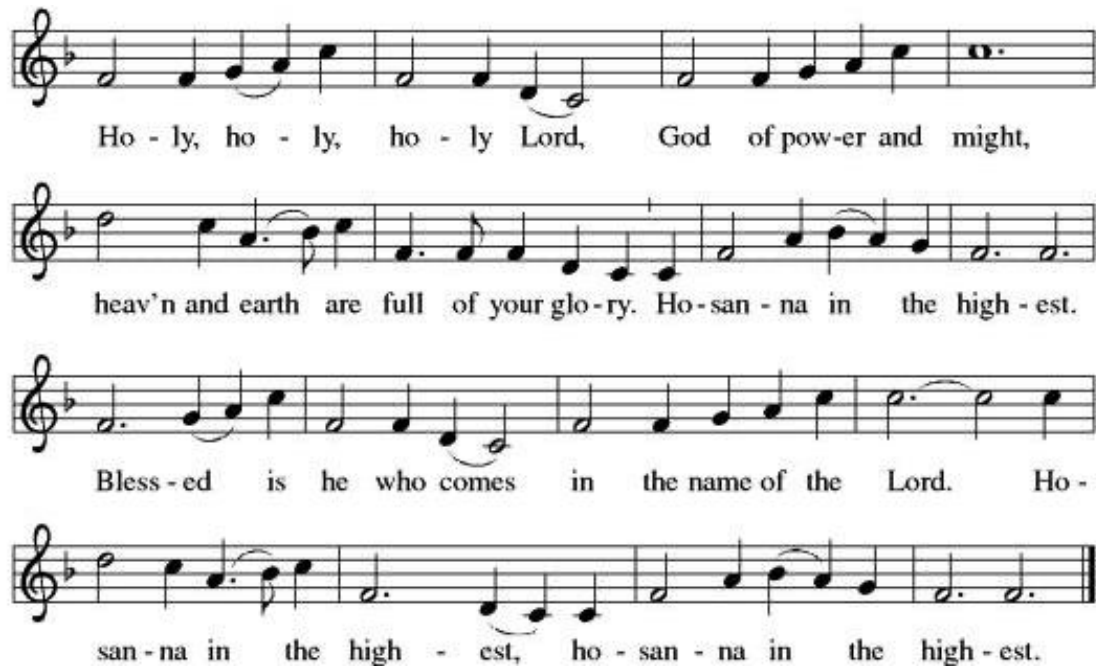
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his

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



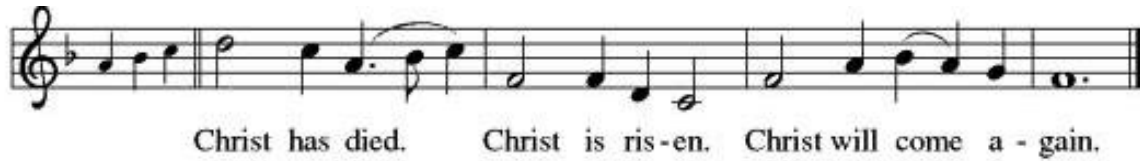
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 the Presiding Bishop,
Stephen the Synodical Bishop, and all the clergy.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest
in the hope of rising again, *especially: Sara, David, Kendra, Harry, Anna Mae, Michael,
Edgar, Frieda, and Michael.*
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 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

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. 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

"O Worship the King"

GREEN #548

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

GREEN #175

Please stand at the direction of the Celebrant.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, head the prayers of those you renew with this bread of life. Made strong by the courage it gives us and under the watchful care of angels, may we be more aware of your gift of salvation. 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.

***PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL**

R: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

GREEN #509

***DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

THOSE SERVING

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Raelene Smith
Lector	Ed Fake
Acolyte	Douglass Howard, Jacob Mende (+), Mary Shellenberger
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Carol Gordon
Organist	Janice Mills

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*August 31, 2025*)

2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$179,001.95
General Fund Expenses: \$198,288.40

Special Funds YTD Contributions

Grantville Food Pantry: \$5,513.74
Capital Improvement Fund: \$40,450
Adult Forum: \$479
ELCA World Hunger: \$2,555
Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$1,025
Lutheran Disaster Response \$2,870
Central PA Food Bank \$1,000
Kid to Kid (VBS): \$600
Love of Family \$5,770
Abiding Memorial Fund: \$51,325

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Love of Family Fund. 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 *Sarah Fogelsonger, David Kirkpatrick, Kendra Kramer, Harry Mader, Anna Mae Metzger, Michael A. Nickle, Edgar Plouse Jr., Edgar Plouse Sr., Frieda Terry.* 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, 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. September & October will be bar soap & combs and November & December will be tissues and lip balm. Thank you all for all of your help and continued support of this worthy cause.

We will be hosting a grief support group in the Social Hall on the following dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17, January 7.

For the month of October we are collecting items for Susquehanna Service Dogs as an offering for the Blessing of the Animals liturgy. Here are the requested items: **Gift Cards** (Amazon, Giant Food Stores, Chewy, Home Depot, Weis Market, Lowes, PetSmart, Target, Tractor Supply Co., Visa gift cards). **Dog Treats** (Charlee Bear Cruncher Dog Treats). **Dog Toys & Supplies** (Benebone/Wishbone Chew Toy – Size: Large (any flavor), KONG Classic (Red), Size Large, Extreme (Black), Size: Large, West Paw Toppl, Size Large, West Paw Zogoflex Zwig, Outward Hound Slow Feeder Bowl, Size Large). **General Supplies** (Safari Professional Nail Trimmer for Dogs – Size Large, 18 gallon or larger storage totes, Paper Towels – Brawny or Bounty, Postage Stamps, Avery 5160 1” x 2-5/8” Address Labels, Avery 5163 2” x 4” Shipping Labels). Please bring your donations to the Narthex during the month of October.

The National Acolyte Festival will be held on October 11 in Washington DC. We will depart from Shells at 6am in our rental van and aim to return after dinner at 6:30pm. Be sure eat breakfast before arriving and bring a packed lunch. Dinner will be provided on the way home. While we hope all of our acolytes sign up to be a part of this event, we strongly encourage our confirmation students to take part in the festivities. We will also need chaperones as well. Please reply to this email by September 28th to sign up your acolyte or to be a chaperone. The festival runs from 9am to 2:30pm, and begins as participants join in the longest and most colorful procession imaginable—the Grandest of Processions—as we prepare to gather around Christ’s table for a festival Holy Eucharist. Following the service, participants are invited to spend the afternoon exploring the Cathedral, the grounds, or join a variety of fun workshops and offerings: perfect your thurible techniques, help build the LEGO® Cathedral, create a liturgical streamer, take a look at Cathedral treasures, or peruse exhibitors.

The Grantville CROP Walk will be October 12th at 1:30pm at Memorial Lake. Please pick up a packet in the Narthex to receive sponsors.

SAVE THE DATES:

September 29 @ 7pm - Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (*Blessing of First Responders*)

October 4 @ 3:30pm – Feast of St. Francis (*Blessing of the Animals*)

October 11 - National Acolyte Festival in Washington DC

October 12 – 1:30pm Grantville CROP Walk @ Memorial Lake

October 18 at 7pm – Feast of St. Luke with Healing Liturgy

October 25 from 5-8pm – Annual Fall Festival

November 11 @ 6:30pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (*Blessing of Veterans*)

This week at Shells:

September 29 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

*The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
(Blessing of First Responders)*

October 1 at 2:00pm – Grief Support

October 1 at 6:30pm – Family Fun Task Force Meeting

October 2 at 7pm – Senior Choir

October 4 at 3:30pm – Blessing of the Animals

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 5 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children in Worship

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:30am Hand Chime Choir

10:45am - Adult Forum

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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