LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn #504

*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



*GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (sung responsively)

God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present | help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;

though its waters | rage and foam,*

and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

The LORD of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of | the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;*

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the king- doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,* what awesome things he has | done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of | hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

L: A reading from Romans.

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

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 John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Hymn #517

*NICENE CREED



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: With contrite and humble hearts, we stand in the presence of God. Let us pray sincere and honest prayers to our Father who welcomes us in grace.

A brief silence.

A: That the Church may be a sure haven for sinners and outcasts, 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: That those we elect to office in the state may protect widows, orphans, the aged, and the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That believers may deepen their prayer and spiritual practices, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That we may be free from spiritual pride, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Diana B., Sam D., Betty E., Crist E. Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Iva R., Rena 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 Christ will give his crown of righteousness to our dear departed ones, especially – Dorothy, Mary, Richard, Robert, and Margretta, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Father, you search our hearts and discern our needs, even before we ask. In your mercy, hear our prayer, 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

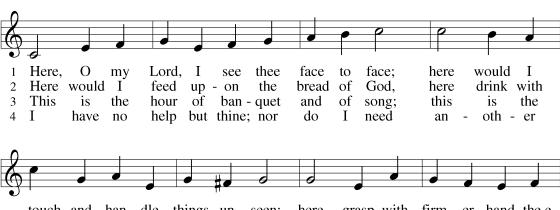
OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

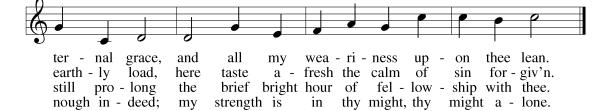
Senior Choir Deacon Kristen Barnes, Trumpet

Please stand as you are able.

*OFFERTORY HYMN



han - dle things un - seen; touch and here grasp with firm - er hand the ewine of heav'n; here would I thee the roy - al lay a - side each ta - ble heav'n-ly spread for me; here let me feast and, feast-ing, arm save thine to lean up - on; it is e - nough, O Lord, e -



- 5 Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood; here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but thou art here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by; yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

*OFFERING PRAYER

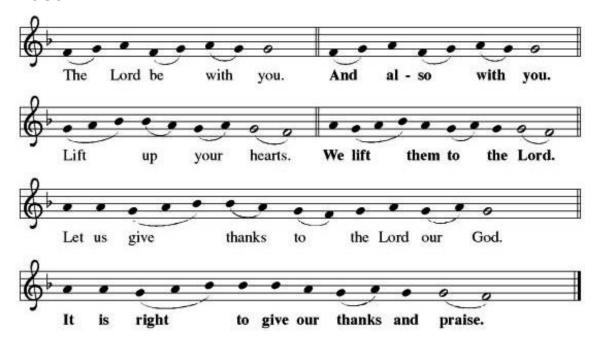
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

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.

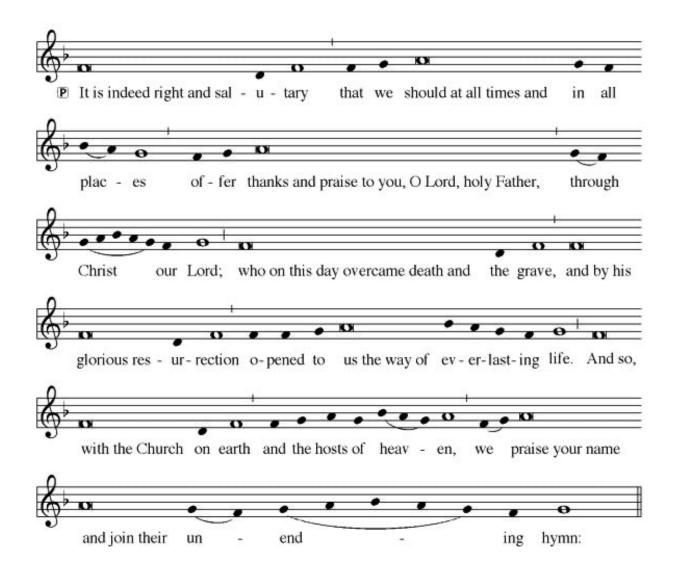
C: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offer himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

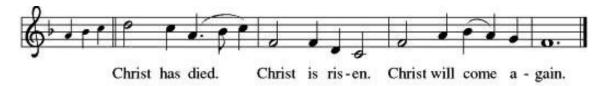
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

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: Dorothy, Mary, Richard, Robert, and Margretta*. 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

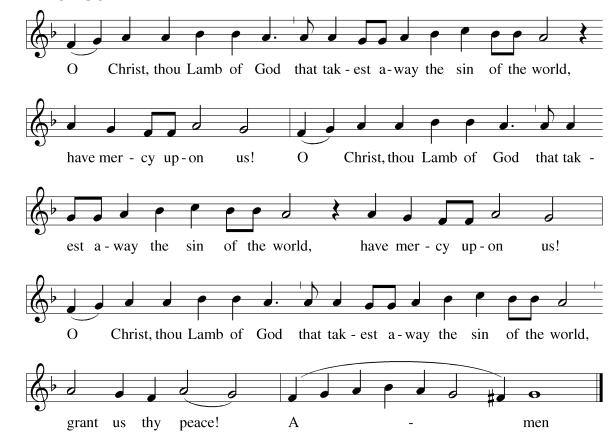
C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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



*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

"As We Gather at Your Table"

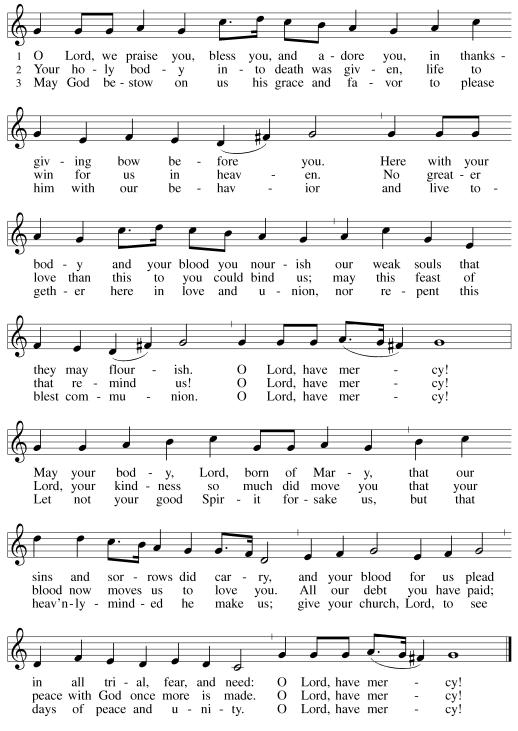
"Listen, God Is Calling"

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymn #522 Hymn #513 Hymn #654

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

*POST-COMMUNION HYMN



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

"Built on a Rock"

Hymn #652

*DISMISSAL

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, STS
Raelene Smith
Erica Strang
Mary Shellenberger (+), Lucas Terry, Douglass Howard
Louise Murphy
Bert & Karen Gussler
Barbara Dupler
Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler, & Bobbie Boyer

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, STS
Assistant	Karen Gussler
Lector	Lexi Frye
Acolyte	Emma Jurell (+), Julia O'Brien, Ellie Frye
Communion Assistant	Audrey Neiswender
Greeters/Ushers	Amber Sherman & Family
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (September 30, 2025) 2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$195,676.69 **Special Funds YTD Contributions**General Fund Expenses: \$219,053.26 Grantville Food Pantry: \$5,633.74

Capital Improvement Fund: \$40,875

Adult Forum: \$667

ELCA World Hunger: \$2,555

Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$1,025

Lutheran Disaster Response: \$2,870

Central PA Food Bank: \$1,000 Kid to Kid (VBS): \$600

Love of Family Fund: \$5,968

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$52,175

Randy Gotshall Music Memorial: \$5,537.25

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rick & Karen Elliott in loving memory of Dorothy Espenshade.

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Lutheran Campus Ministry of WVU. 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, 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!

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.

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 October and 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.

In-Gathering and Noisy Offering will be November 9th. As you start to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner, please consider shelf stable items that could be put toward our friends and neighbors of the Grantville Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving dinner. These items can be put in the basket in the Outer Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for the Noisy Offering. Thank you for helping our neighbors at the Grantville Food Pantry. Any questions please see Connie or Sheryl.

Deacon Marsha Roscoe will be preaching and serving as deacon on November 9 at 9am Worship. Following the liturgy, she will present in the Adult Forum on spiritual practices using her program "Breathing in Christ."

Our Sincerest "THANK YOU" to all of our Shells Church family for the endless kindness and prayers that we received after Randy's death and at his Memorial Music Benefit. Our hearts are filled with so much appreciation to all of you. We especially give thanks to God for Father Barnes, Deacon Krsiten Barnes, Jeff Buse, Donna Buse, Nathan Buse, Barb Dupler, all who donated to the Abiding Memorial Funds, all who donated to Randy's Memorial Music Benefit, Amedisys Hospice, our dear caring and loving friends, West Hanover Township Recreation Center, Shells Fellowship Ministry, all of the donors for the music benefit raffle, Hershey Medical Center, and the Shells Grief Share group. God bless all of you.

With love and Gratitude,
Diane (Layton) Gotshall and Family

SAVE THE DATES:

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

This week at Shells:

October 26 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Reformation Sunday

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation
Food and Fellowship after Worship
10:45am - Adult Forum
Youth Group
Brunch at Manda Hill
October 27 at 6:30pm - Bible Study @ St. John

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November 2 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

All Souls Day/Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Children iun 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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