

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

C – Celebrant

D - Deacon

A - Assistant

L – Lector

R – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Hymn #769

*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,

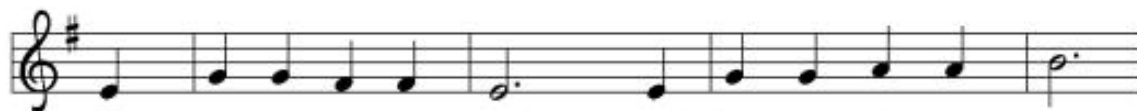
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; 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

Genesis 32:22-31

L: A reading from Genesis.

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.'

PSALM 121 *(sung responsively)*

I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*

from where is my | help to come?

My help comes | from the LORD,*

the maker of heav- | en and earth.

He will not let your | foot be moved*

and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel*

shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

the LORD himself watches | over you;*

the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,

so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,*

nor the | moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;*

it is he who shall | keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,*

from this time forth for- | evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

L: A reading from Second Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 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 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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**

"Give Me Jesus"

Hymn #770

***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: We are called to trust God continually and never lose heart. Our God will see justice done to his chosen ones, who cry to him day and night. Encouraged by this teaching of our Lord, let us come to the Father with our intercessions.

A brief silence.

A: That our Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons may proclaim the gospel message, refute falsehood, correct error, and call us to obedience, 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 men and women in authority will respond generously to the poor and helpless, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That judges and lawyers be guided by Divine and natural law, and act fairly, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That our private prayer may be simple, persistent, and regular, 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 the dead may be cleansed in the justice and mercy of Christ, especially – Dorothy, Mary, Richard, Robert, and Margretta, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Almighty God, judge of the living and dead, accept the prayers we bring before you, with the merciful compassion you revealed in the pierced heart of your Son, 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

"Psalm"

Senior Choir
Jacob Mende, Flute

***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: Lord God, may the gifts we offer bring us your love and forgiveness and give us freedom to serve you with our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

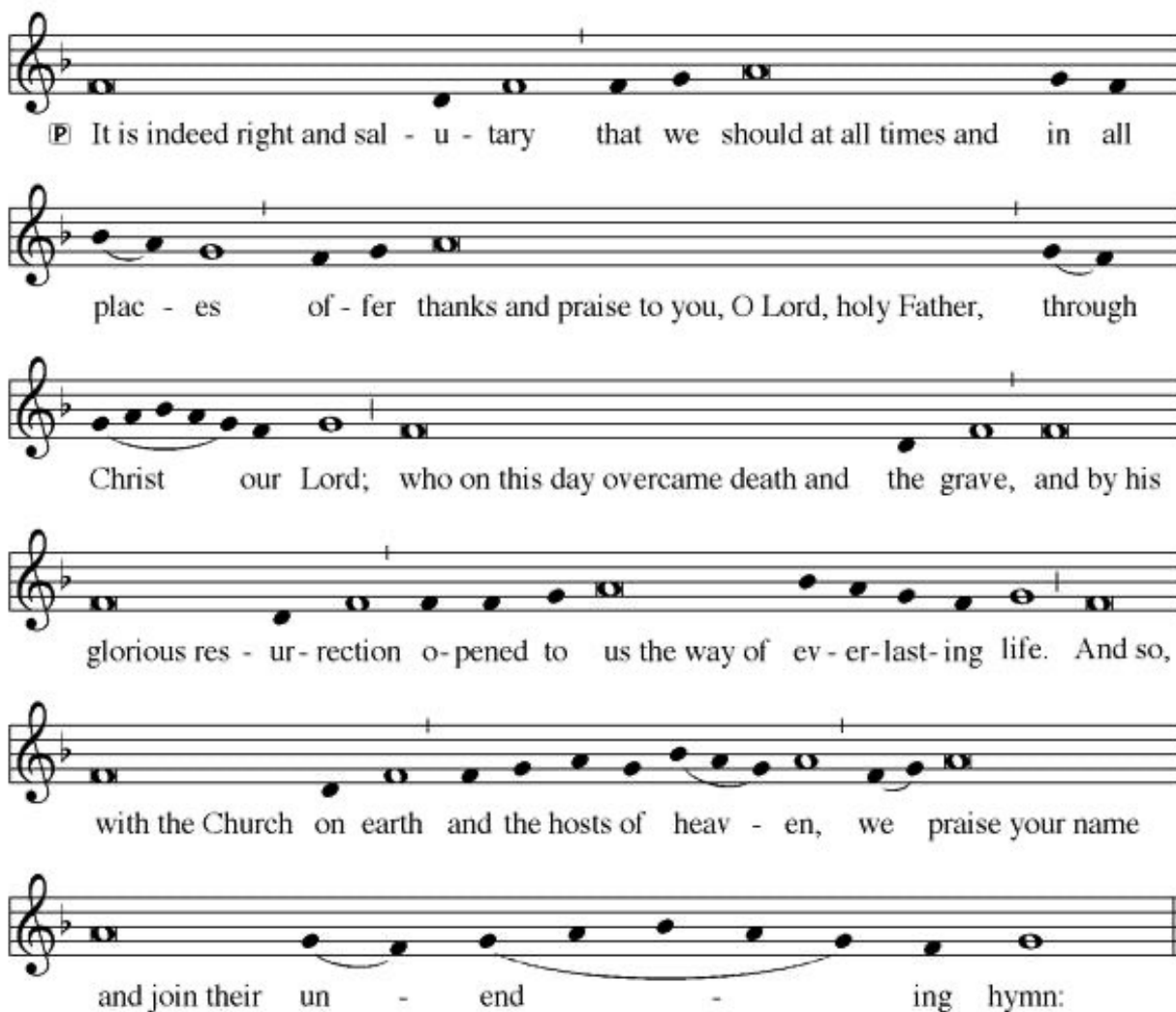
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

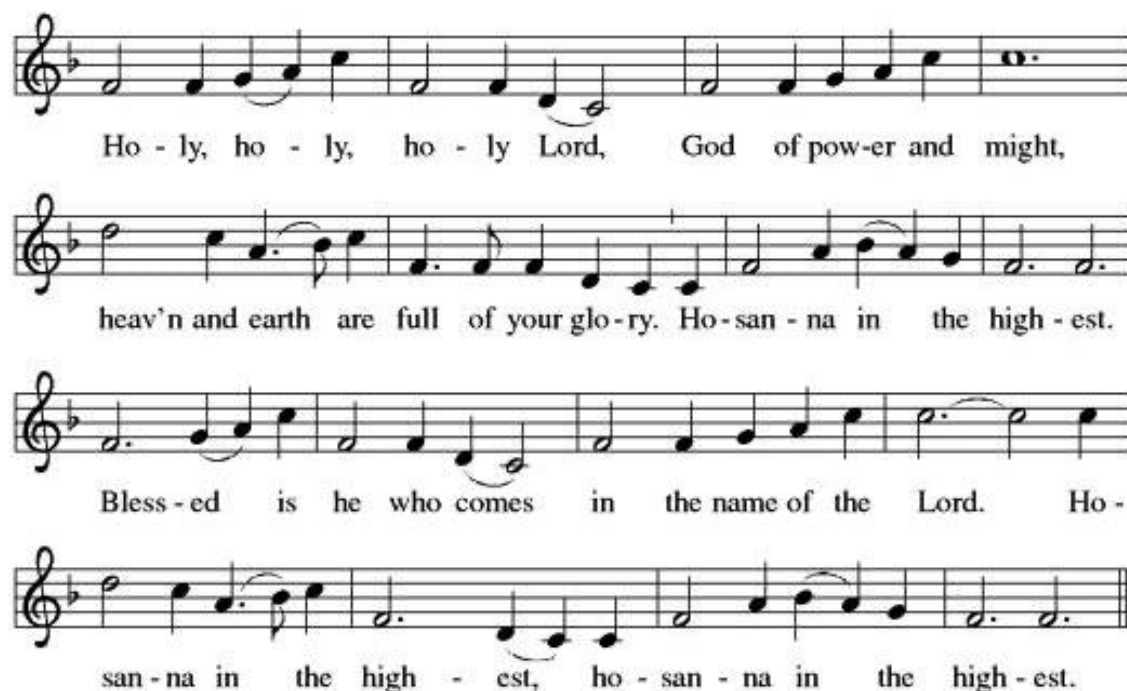
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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



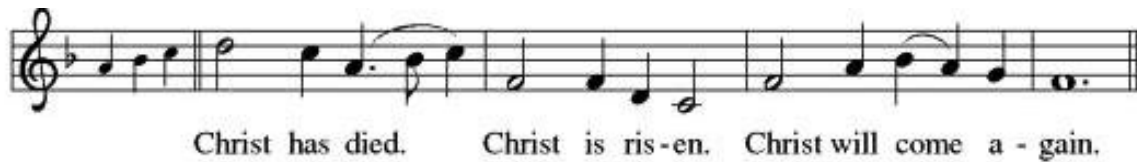
*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymn #773

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Hymn #515

"Day By Day"

Hymn #790

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Lord, may this eucharist help us to remain faithful. May it teach us the way to eternal life. Grant this through 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**

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

Hymn #624

***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. Ben Erzkus
Assistant	Gen Whitehaus
Lector	Steve Espensshade
Acolyte	Abigail Blair
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Raelene Smith
Lector	Erica Strang
Acolyte	Mary Shellenberger(+), Lucas Terry, Douglass Howard
Communion Assistant	Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers	Bert & Karen Gussler
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Altar Guild	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler, & Bobbie Boyer

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (September 30, 2025)

2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$195,676.69
General Fund Expenses: \$219,053.26

Special Funds YTD Contributions

Grantville Food Pantry: \$5,633.74
Capital Improvement Fund: \$40,875
Adult Forum: \$667
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 \$5,968
Abiding Memorial Fund: \$52,175
Gotshall Music Memorial \$5,537.25

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Karlene Jaggan.

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 Espensshade, 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 Espensshade, Crist Espensshade, Cristin Espensshade, Nadine Espensshade, 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.

National Drug Take Back Day, Hosted by Penn State Health is Saturday, October 25 from 10-2. All unused and unneeded medication and needles will be collected at the following sites: Nyes Road PSH office, Palmyra PSH office, Academic Support Building Main PSH campus.

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.

We are collecting individually wrapped candy pieces for our fall festival and for the Hummelstown Halloween parade. Please put any donations in the narthex.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

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:

October 19 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:30 am Hand Chime Choir

10:45am - Adult Forum

Brunch at Manda Hill

October 20 at 5pm – Race Track Meal

October 20 at 6:30pm – Bible Study @ Shells

October 22 at 2:00pm – Grief Support

October 23 at 7pm – Senior Choir

October 22-24 – Food Pantry

October 25 at 2pm – Bishop’s Installation at St, Matthew Lutheran Hanover, PA

October 25 from 5-8pm – Fall Festival

October 26 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Reformation Sunday

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:30am Hand Chime Choir

10:45am - Adult Forum

Youth Group

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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