

# LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 4, 2026*

C – Celebrant

D - Deacon

A - Assistant

L – Lector

R – Response

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## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*“Jesus Loves Me!”*

Shells Bells

**\*GATHERING HYMN**     *“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”*

Hymn #835

### **\*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. Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**R: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

L. A reading from Isaiah.

I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80:7-15** *(sung responsively)*

Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;\***

**you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

You prepared the | ground for it;\*

it took root and | filled the land.

**The mountains were covered | by its shadow\***

**and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea\*

and its branches | to the river.

**Why have you broken | down its wall,\***

**so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it, \*

and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;\***

**preserve what your right | hand has planted.**

They burn it with | fire like rubbish;\*

at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

L: A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33:46**

[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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**

*“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”*

Hymn #729

**\*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 worry about many things in this life. St. Paul tells us that there is no need to worry, but that we should “ask God with prayer and thanksgiving” for what we need.

*A brief silence.*

A: For the Church of God, that the beloved vineyard of the Lord may produce its fruit for his glory, 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, Julia and Abigail, 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 our beloved nation, that our elected representatives will let God be their guiding force, let us pray to the Lord.

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

A: For peacemakers, that their efforts will bring real peace in families, in countries and between nations, let us pray to the Lord.

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

A: For ourselves gathered here in worship, that we will give more of our time to other people, let us pray to the Lord.

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

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Mildred B., Linda D., Sam D., Edward E., Betty E., Crist E., Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Lucas S., Larry S., Bev U., Jack U., Don W., and Gen W., 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 our deceased relatives, benefactors and friends, that they may receive the kingdom prepared for them, especially – Dorothy E., Mary K., Richard O., Robert S. Sr., and Margretta U., let us pray to the Lord.

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

C: Father, your Son was the stone rejected. We receive him with thanksgiving, and confidently bring these prayers to you, 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.*  
*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

Hymn #686

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

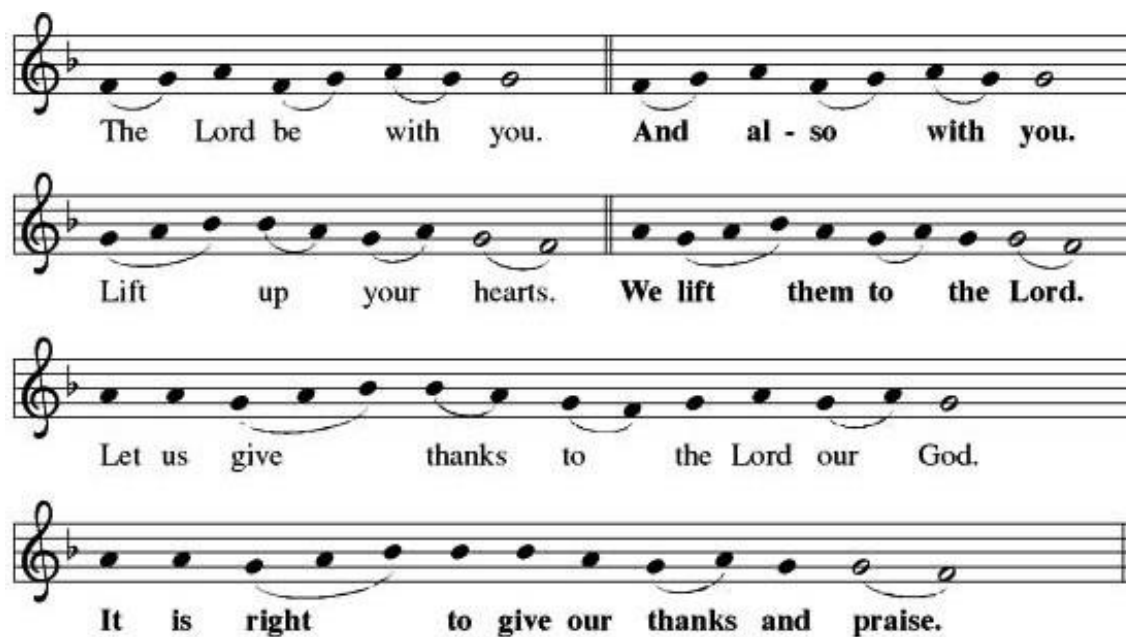
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**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: Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to offer in his memory. May our obedient service bring us to the fullness of your redemption. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R: Amen.**

#### \*DIALOGUE



The musical notation for the Dialogue section consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, which are connected by horizontal lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves do not have double bar lines.

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

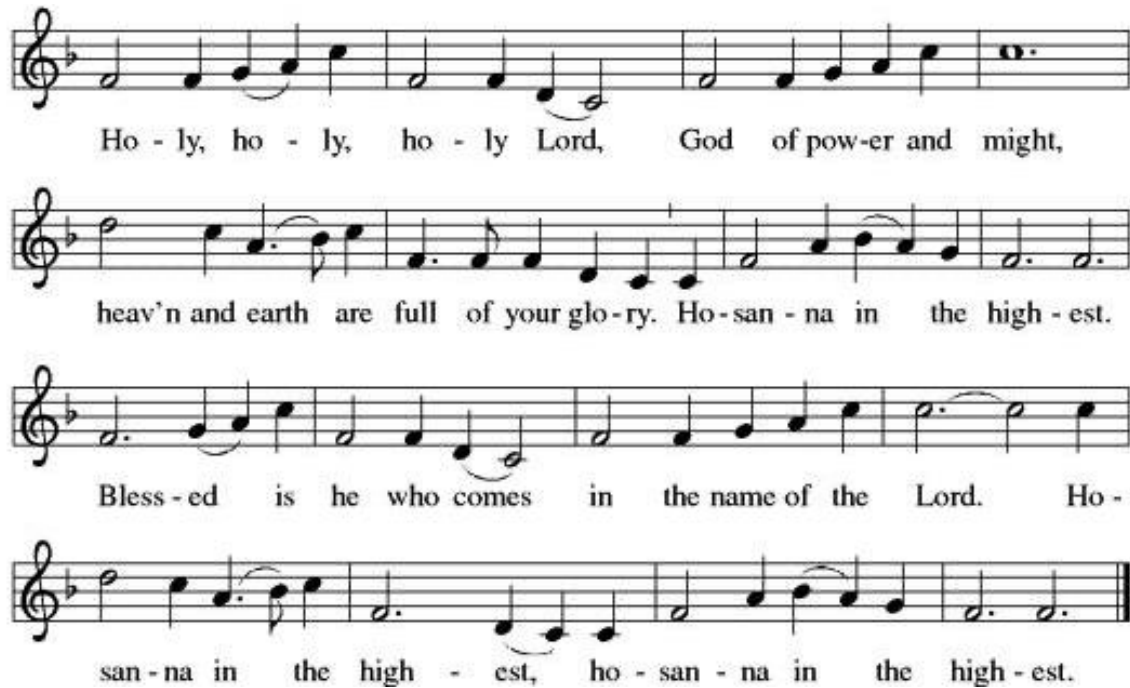
Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his

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



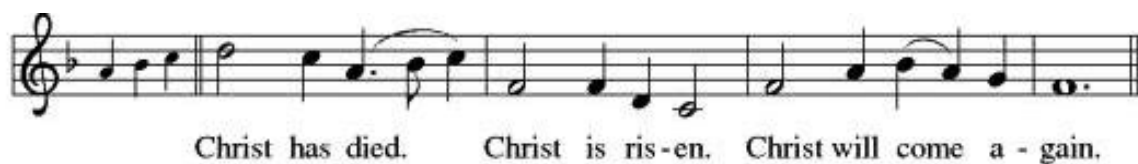
### \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 E., Mary K., Richard O., Robert S. Sr., and Margretta 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**

*"Around You, O Lord Jesus"*

Hymn #468

*"Jesus Loves Me!"*

Hymn #595

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Hymn #471

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

## **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Almighty God, let the eucharist we share fill us with your life. May the love of Christ which we celebrate here touch our lives and lead us to you. 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.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

Hymn #551

### **\*DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

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**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Jack and Beverly Ulsh in loving memory of George & Margretta Ulsh.

**This month's special offering will go to benefit the Lutheran Campus Ministry of WVU.** Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

**Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen: 5pm on October 9 – 1pm on October 11.** Please sign up in the Narthex. There is no cost for this retreat, and it is open for children/youth 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Celebrant/Homilist  | The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>     |
| Assistant           | Karen Gussler                              |
| Lector              | Lauren O'Brien                             |
| Acolyte             | Anna Iachini (+), Lily Iachini, Ellie Frye |
| Communion Assistant | Louise Murphy                              |
| Greeters/Ushers     | Tom & Sandy Mader                          |
| Organist            | Barbara Dupler                             |
| Altar Guild         | Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel                |

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### THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

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| Celebrant/Homilist  | The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i> |
| Assistant           | Raelene Smith                          |
| Lector              | Raelene Smith                          |
| Acolyte             | Julia O'Brien                          |
| Communion Assistant | Audrey Neiswender                      |
| Greeters/Ushers     | Rick & Linda Blair                     |
| Organist            | Barbara Dupler                         |
| Altar Guild         | Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade      |

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### **STEWARDSHIP/GIVING** (*August 31, 2026*)

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

General Fund Income: \$246,121.76

General Fund Expenses: \$194,485.96

#### **Special Funds YTD Contributions**

Grantville Food Pantry: \$3,510.06

Capital Improvement Fund: \$23,970

Downtown Daily Bread: \$1,590

ELCA Good Gifts: \$120

Love of Family: \$42,163

Lutheran World Relief: \$1,930.76

Adult Forum: \$105

ELCA World Hunger: \$90

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$125

Central Penn Food Bank: \$1,000

Sarker/Lingle Missionaries: \$2,790

VBS - Kid 2 Kid: \$900

Lutheran Disaster Response \$330

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**Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit:** *Mildred Bower, Linda DeMario, Sam Dupler, Edward Elliott, 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, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Don Whitehaus and Gen Whitehaus.* To have a name added or removed to this Sunday Prayer List please contact the Church Office.

**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., and Margretta Ulsh.*

**Race Track Project:** As of September 13th, this is what is needed for our toiletry bags: shampoo 41, toothpaste 27, toothbrushes 66, razors 138 (we give them 2 each), deodorant 67 (for both men and women), shave cream 72 (for both men and women), Chapstick 41, combs 75 and tissues 75 (the 4 x 4 cubes). Thank you for your donations and support.

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

**Please be sure to sign up for the National Acolyte Festival in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.** We will depart from the Shells' parking lot on October 10 at 6:15am. Please be sure to bring a packed lunch, McDonalds breakfast and dinner at a restaurant TBD will be provided. We typically return to Shells by 8pm. All are welcome to attend!

**Drug Take Back Day: Saturday October 24, 2026 from 10-2pm.** The following locations are accepting all medications and needles: Milton S Hershey Medical Center, Palmyra Family Medicine office, Nyes Road Family Medicine office, Lancaster Medical Center, Holy Spirit Hospital, Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade

**Help needed for Shells Fall Fest on October 24.** We need help with pumpkin painting/crafts and traffic control. If interested, please see Kathy Espenshade.

*...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

As we tend to our daily schedules, we are more than aware that costs for basic needs have increased. We hear it on the news. We see the signs flashing dollars per gallon at the pumps. We taste the difference in the purchase of a less expensive cut of meat or chicken instead of beef. We smell the cost differences as we buy cheaper detergents. And, we feel these costs as it's necessary to adjust our spending to accommodate our needs with our income.

No one is excluded from the rising costs. However, some of us are able to absorb these changes with few differences in our daily lives. We at Shells are aware that today's economy is taking a toll on many families: families with whom we worship, families in our community.

The Love of Family Fund is a way to recognize needs and serve them. Please consider sharing what God has provided for you. If perhaps you feel that it seems like a mystery, please know that confidences are necessary for delicate situations. If you know of a need or have general questions direct them to Father Barnes.

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**SAVE THE DATES:**

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

October 9-11: Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen

**October 10 - National Acolyte Festival in Washington DC**

October 11 at 1:30pm – CROP WALK @ Memorial Lake

**October 18 at 9am – Feast of St. Luke with Healing Liturgy**

October 24 from 5-8pm – Annual Fall Festival

**November 7 – VBS Reunion**

**November 11 at 7pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (*Blessing of Veterans*)**

**This week at Shells:**

**October 4 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist**

*The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:30am Hand Chime Choir

10:45am Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

**October 4 at 3pm – The Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals**

October 5 at 2pm – Bible Study @ Zion Union Deposit

October 6 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

October 6 at 6:30pm – Card Ministry

October 7 at 6pm – Girl Scouts

October 8 at 6pm – Cub Scouts

October 8 at 6pm – Strategic Planning Meeting

October 8 at 7pm – Choir Rehearsal

October 9-11: Youth Retreat at Gretna Glen

October 10: National Acolyte Festival

**October 11 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist**

*The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation

Food and Fellowship after Worship

10:45am Adult Forum

Lunch at Manada Hill Diner

1:30pm – CROP Walk @ Memorial Lake

6pm – Boy Scouts

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