LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L

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 \mathbf{R} – Response

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GATHERING

WELCOME PRELUDE

*GATHERING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymn #705

*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.

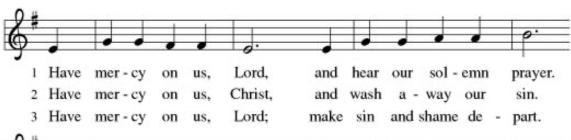
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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





We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

*GLORY TO GOD



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Let us pray. God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord., who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8 (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.

The Lord ex-| ecutes righteousness* and judgment for all who | are oppressed.

He made his ways | known to Moses* and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

The Lord is full of compas- | sion and mercy,* slow to anger and | of great kindness.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

L: A reading from First Timothy.

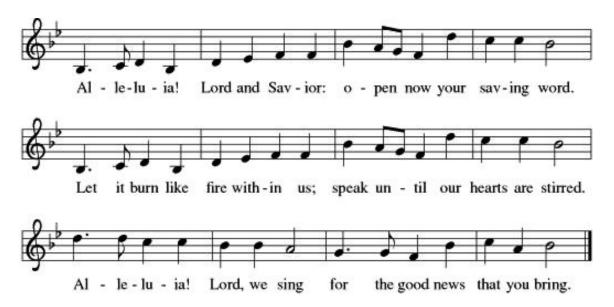
Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY "Remember!"

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: The rich man's sin was that he neither knew nor cared about the poor man at his gate. May our intercessions in this holy liturgy express our concern for others.

A brief silence.

A: That God will guide the Church into new ways of serving the poor and abandoned, 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, and 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, Stephen & Jodi, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That those who direct the world's finances will commit themselves to development and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That Christians working in the mass media will speak the truth, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: That we may not overlook people who need food and work in our community, 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 our dead may rejoice with Abraham forever, especially - Sara, David, Kendra, Harry, Anna Mae, Michael, Edgar, Frieda, and Michael, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Almighty God, the blessed and only ruler of all, you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords, yet you cherish the poor and weak. Grant the prayers we make, through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn #686

*OFFERING PRAYER

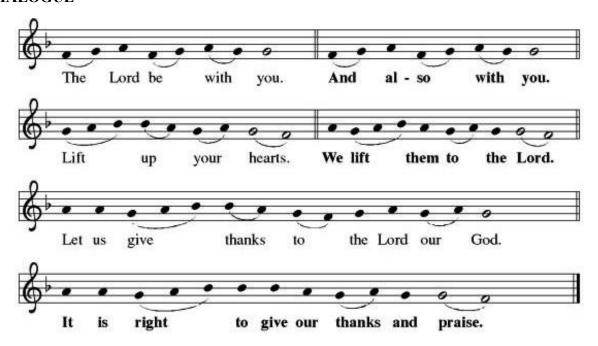
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

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: God of mercy, accept our offering and make it a source of blessing for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

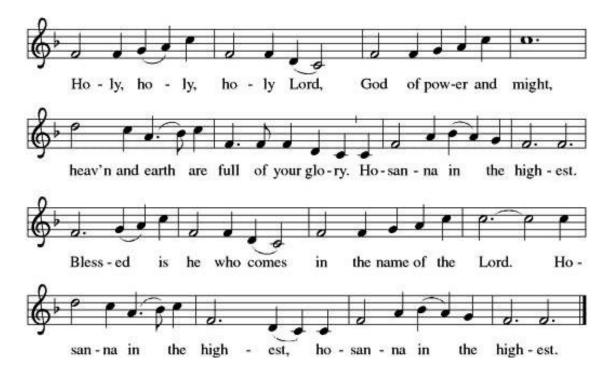
*DIALOGUE



*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:

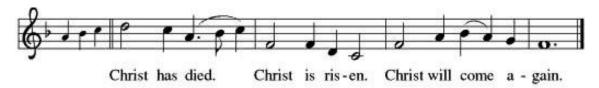
this is my body which will be given up for you.

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 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



*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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"Hymn #461"One Bread, One Body"Hymn #712"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"Hymn #712

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

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray. Lord, may this eucharist in which we proclaim the death of Christ bring us your grace and make us one with him in glory, for he is Lord forever and ever.

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

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Hymn #719

*DISMISSAL

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist The Rev. Dr. David Williams Karen Gussler Assistant Nadine Espenshade Lector Acolyte Emma Jurell Communion Assistant Louise Murphy Greeters/Ushers Rich & Nadine Espenshade Organist Barbara Dupler Altar Guild Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade

THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

Celebrant The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, STS Assistant Sherry Ulsh Julia O'Brien Lector Acolyte Ellie Frye(+), Emma Jurell, Nora Holler Communion Assistant Louise Murphy Greeters/Ushers Bert & Karen Gussler Barbara Dupler **Organist** Altar Guild Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (August 31, 2025)

2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

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

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bethany Espenshade in celebration of Steve & Kathy Espenshade's 39th wedding anniversary. The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ed & Louise Murphy in celebration of Josh and Shannon's first wedding anniversary.

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 28 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Food and Fellowship after Worship 10:30amYouth Group Brunch at Manda Hill

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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