



LECTIONARY 28

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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

** indicates to stand as you are able*

AED Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	The Heggstallers
Lector:	Katie Brobst
Acolytes:	CarolAnn Miller & Audrey Resseguie
Cantor/s:	CarolAnn Miller
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Nancy Morgan
Communion Set Up:	Kathleen Ferster
Communion Baker:	Kathleen Ferster
Altar Flowers:	The Erdley Family

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WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

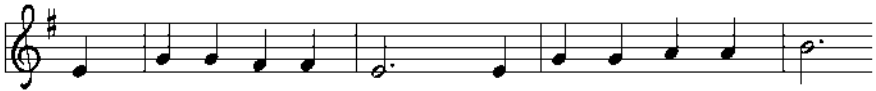
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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



- 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!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



FIRST READING

2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15c

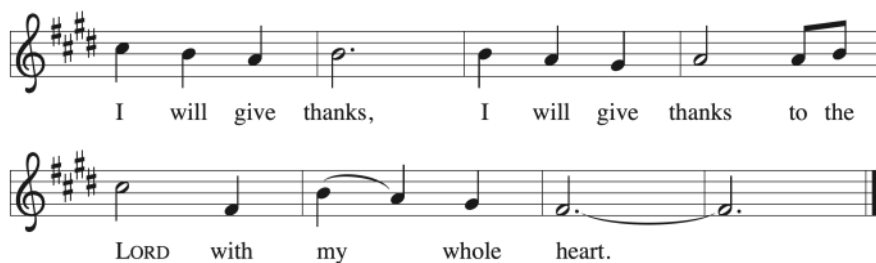
¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!" ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

^{15a-c} Then Namaan returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



Psalm Tone



- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.
- ² **Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.**
- ³ Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.
- ⁴ **You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion.**
- ⁵ You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.
- ⁶ **You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.**
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹ cepts are sure.
- ⁸ **They stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
because they are done in ¹ truth and equity.**
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your
cove- ¹ nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹ is your name.
- ¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise
en- ¹ dures forever. R (Repeat Refrain)**

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Christ;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for Christ cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one whom God approves, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*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.

*GOSPEL

LUKE 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten people who had leprosy approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

HOMILY

BEVERLY HOFFMAN

*HYMN OF THE DAY

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PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

PRESIDING BEGINS

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



MEAL



OFFERING

*An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator.
You may give electronically at <http://newberlinlutherans.com/give>.*

CHANCEL CHOIR

IF ISAY THAT YOU ARE HOLY

ARRANGED BY DAVID CHERWIEN

*OFFERTORY

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CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

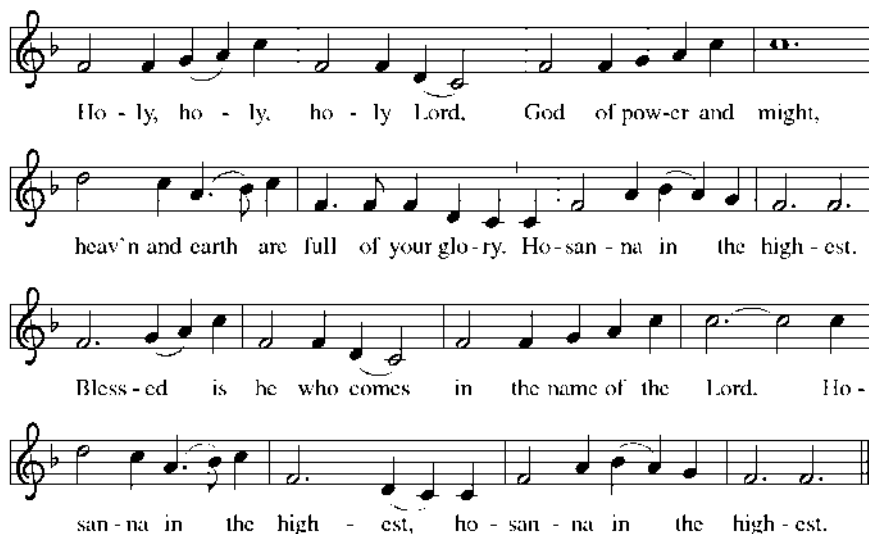
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

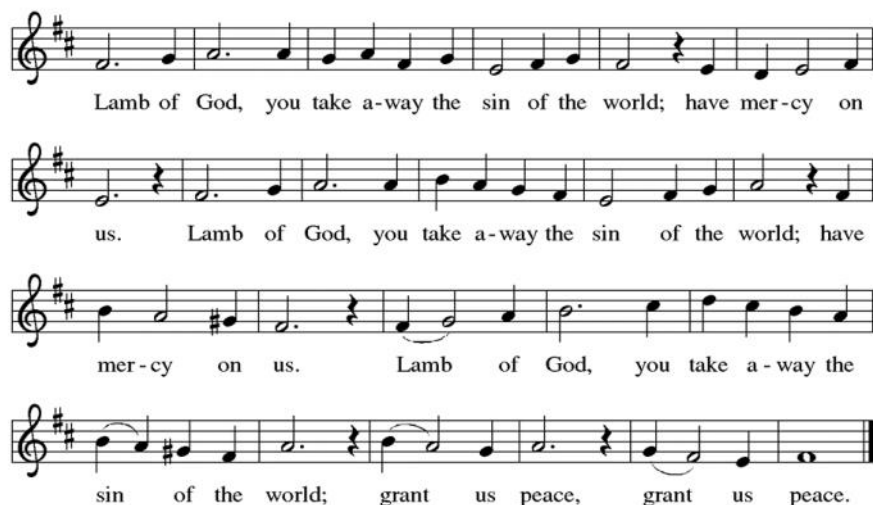
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle.
At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice.*



COMMUNION SONGS

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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WE WALK BY FAITH

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



SENDING



*BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING # 543

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

*We hear "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" as we go forth to
LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD
All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.*

The flowers on the altar were placed
to the glory of God by
JR and Pam Erdley
Rick and Patti Faux
and Deb and Doug Navickas
In memory of Laura and Harold Erdley, Sr.'s
74th wedding anniversary

Fellowship After The Service

*Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.
Today's Fellowship is hosted by John and Nancy Showers*

Oct. 19
Oct. 26

Women's Outreach Committee
Ronald and Frances Blatchley



Christmas-at-Sea Gift Sacks for Seafarers

We are collecting for the seafarers who come to the New York harbor at Christmas time. A few weeks ago, I spoke with Pastor Lowell who is now working directly with this ministry. He told me that he has spoken to many of these men and they are all so appreciative of the gifts. This really does bring a little Christmas cheer to those who are not able to be with loved ones on Christmas.

This year, W.E.L.C.A. has decided that it would be best if those who want to contribute to this ministry give a monetary gift. This will streamline the process of getting the correct items in a timely and easy manner. Cash donations may be given directly to Linda & Steve Resseguie. Checks may be written to W.E.L.C.A. and given to Kathleen Ferster. All donations are needed by **NEXT SUNDAY, October 19**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

And speaking of Christmas....

Christmas stockings are available for all those who wish to support our Liberian Missionary. Just pick up a stocking and submit it with your donation.

**Your Church Secretary will be on vacation
October 13-October 21.**

Making Giving Easy

If you are a Thrivent Member and have never applied (or haven't done so in a long while) for a Thrivent Card to benefit one of our many outreach programs, please consider doing so. This is a great way to support our outreach ministry at NO COST to you! It is one of your benefits! Either Kay Trick or Kathleen Ferster are more than happy to help you apply for a card of up to \$250 in value!

Urgent Prayer Chain

We would like to update our Urgent Prayer Chain. There are 3 ways you may choose to receive notification:

1. Phone Call (Diane Walter, 570-428-3681),
2. Email (Fran Blatchley, fblatchley@yahoo.com) and/or
3. Text Message (Kay Trick, 570-847-4500)

If you are not currently on the Urgent Prayer Chain and wish to be, please reach out to Diane, Fran or Kay and tell them how you would like to receive urgent prayer requests. If you are on the chain and wish to make a change, please contact the individuals listed to do so. We would also like to support Diane, Fran and Kay by having a backup person for each of them. Might this be a way for your hands to do God's work? If so, please reach out to Diane, Fran or Kay and let them know you are willing to cover for them in the event they are not available to send out notifications. If you or someone you know is in need of immediate prayer, you may contact any one of these individuals. They will see that all are notified.



October Donation Drive

Messiah Lutheran will be participating in a Donation Drive the whole month of October! “Why”, you ask? Partnering with Community Aid through a intentional donation drive has a lot of benefits in helping Messiah be able to get the items needed for our outreach ministries like Baby Care Kits and School Kits, The more we donate, the higher our ranking as a partner. A higher partnership ranking gives us greater access to grant money. All you have to do is bring your clean and gently used items to any Community Aid store in PA. and give them our partnership number when you drop off your items. Our partnership # is **#30190. That's 30190. Even easier than remembering our partnership # is picking up a laminated Community Aid card to keep in your wallet.** You will find these laminated cards at the church and fellowship entry ways. When you pull out the card, you will look really organized and put together. And who doesn't' want to look organized and put together????!! Better yet, put our number (that's **#30190**) on each donated box or bag. This further ensures we are credited with the donation.

Tell your friends and give them their own laminated card with our partnership **#30190!**

Also, it is actually helpful, and reflects well on us as givers, if you keep like items together when you drop off. This is very helpful to the workers (some paid, some volunteers) who receive and sort the donations.

Blessing Box Donations

Next Sunday, October 19

We will be collecting non perishable foods for our Blessing Box located at the front entrance of the Fellowship Hall. Suggestions for donations: crackers, soups, pasta, canned tuna and chicken.

And speaking of food for those in need....

Don't forget to give your monetary donations for the Food Pantry through Messiah Lutheran. Any donation is appreciated and can go a long way.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, October 19, 2025

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	The Erdleys
Lector:	Nancy Morgan
Acolytes:	JR Erdley and Nancy Morgan
Cantor/s:	JR Erdley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Philip Heggenstaller
Communion Set Up:	Kathleen Ferster
Communion Baker:	Kathleen Ferster
Altar Flowers:	Ken and Emily Moyer

Last Week 10/5/25

Attendance: 28

Giving: \$607.00

Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie,
Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey,
Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber,
Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller,
John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers,
Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas,
Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush,
Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover,
Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman,
George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor,
Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski,
Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Paul Burkholder,
Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire,
Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood,
June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder,
Robert Sauers, Rick Slear, Joe Hoffman, Tommy Ward, Shaun Ray,
Joani Patterson, Randy Witmer, Nick St. Claire

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Diane Walter, Randy Rim Fultz,
Mary Lou Shoop, Mary Agnes Hackenberg,
Bryce Johnson, Mim Keister, Ken Moyer, Maverick Resseguie

Providence and Protection for first responders and
military service men and women

Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound

**Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck,
Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka**

Comfort for those who Grieve:

**For the friends and family of Gary Keister, Brian D. Bryson,
Tracy Sassaman**

This Week

Sunday, October 12

9 am Service Of Holy Communion
Fellowship
Sunday School

Thurs., Oct. 16

10 am Food Pantry

Sunday, October 19

9 am Service Of Holy Communion
Fellowship
Chancel Choir
4:30 pm Faith Lab @ Unite in Christ, W. Milton

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 61

Mon.	Oct. 13	2 Kings 5:15-19	Acts 26:24-29
Tues.	Oct. 14	2 Kings 5: 20-27	Ephesians 6:10-20
Wed.	Oct. 15	2 Kings 15:1-7	Matthew 10:5-15

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 121

Thurs.	Oct. 16	Isaiah 54:11-17	Acts 17:22-34
Fri.	Oct. 17	Genesis 31:43-32:2	2 Timothy 2:14-26
Sat.	Oct. 18	Genesis 32:3-21	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, Oct. 19		Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	