



CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



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:	Kathleen Ferster
Lector:	Kathleen Ferster
Acolytes:	
Cantor/s:	Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Nancy Morgan
Communion Set Up:	Deb Wetzel
Communion Baker:	
Altar Flowers:	Kathleen Ferster

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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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. **Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

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ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

*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.

*KYRIE

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Refrain
Assisting minister

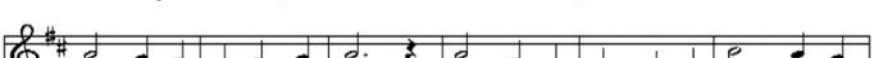


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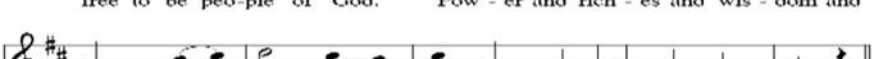
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

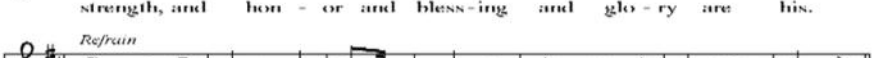


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

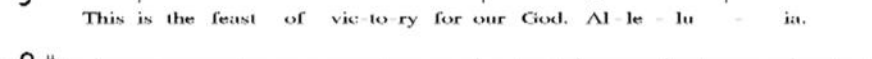


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

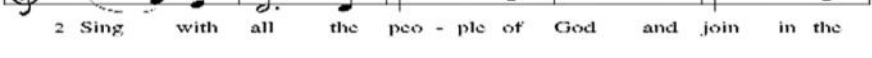
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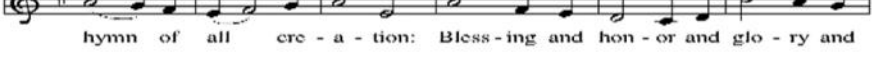
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

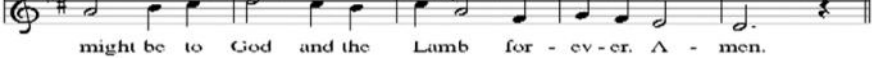


hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and

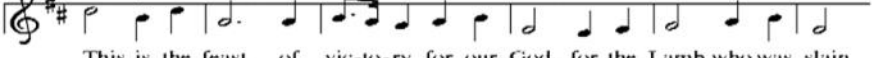


might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, who shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

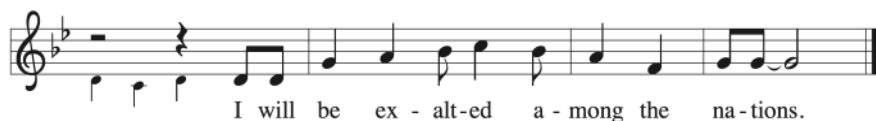
⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, who shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

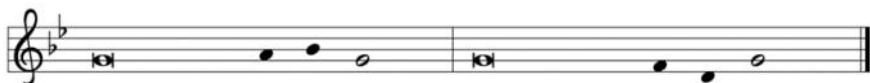
RESPONSE

PSALM 46

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



Psalm Tone



- ¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
 a very present¹ help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
 and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
³ though its waters¹ rage and foam,
 and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
 the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
 God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
 God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**
⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
 what desolations God has brought up-¹on the earth;**
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹
 shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the
 earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold. **R (Repeat Refrain)**

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the dominion of the beloved Son of God, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Christ to reconcile to God's own self all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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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JESUS, REMEMBER ME

*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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

THANKS BE THEE

WRITTEN BY GEORGE F. HANDEL

*OFFERTORY

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LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

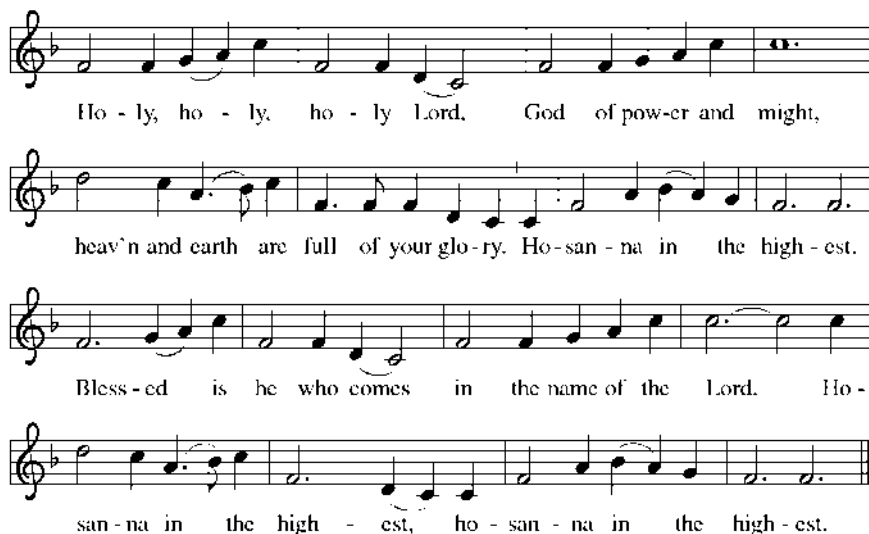
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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.

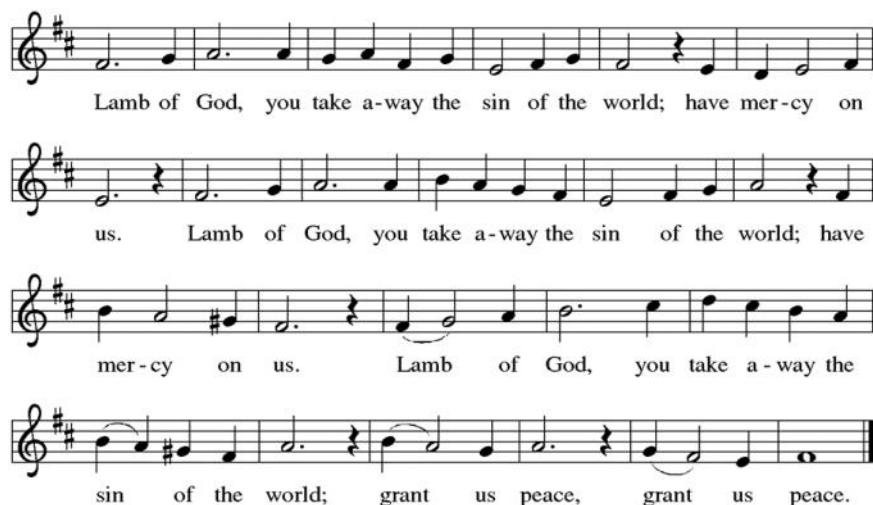
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,

and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**



SENDING



*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you  and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

We hear "Lift High the Cross" 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
Steve Wilcox and Kathleen Ferster
In memory of loved ones.

Annual Meeting Today

Meeting will begin right after the Service.

Please remain in your seats

Fellowship After The Service

*Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.
Today's Fellowship is hosted by The Knit Wits*

Fundraisers to get you through the Holidays

December is much too busy to be worrying about cooking dinner every night! Give yourself a break from trying to figure out yet another way to cook chicken by ordering a Marianna Hoagie or Pizza. If you order each, you have two nights of dinner taken care of! And such a deal! Just \$10.00 for a Hoagie or a Pizza! Even better, the spent money has eternal value! Oh yes, you read that right! Because this fundraiser is to benefit the Camp Luther Scholarship Fund, you are ensuring that children can experience the joy and growth that camp offers! Do you remember those who invested in you? Those who led you toward Christ? I sure do and I will be paying it forward by investing into the lives of these children by ordering a couple of hoagies. It's that simple, just plan a hoagie or pizza dinner! Order forms are available from Kathleen Ferster or outside the church office.

Order forms and payment are due by November 25th.

Pick up is on Thursday, December 4th from 11:30 –12:30 in the Fellowship Hall

For all those Holiday Parties and office exchanges...

Messiah is making figuring out what to take to those holiday parties easy, Don't bake cookies or worse yet, buy store bought cookies! Instead, support the New Berlin Preschool buy purchasing Gourmet Handmade Chocolates from New Berlin's own Fine and Fancy. Are you someone's Secret Santa? Give them something they'll love! Chocolate covered pretzels, wait, I'm being biased, they might prefer the peanut butter meltaways. A \$15.00 tin of chocolates is well worth not having to think about what to get your co-worker! They freeze well, so you could bring them out on Christmas morning while your family is opening presents

**Order forms are avail at the church office
or in the Fellowship Hall.**

Orders are due December 2.

Delivery will be December 18th.

Noisy Offering

A noisy offering is being collected to support Camp Mount Luther. A noisy offering does not mean you scream, shout or drum on the pews. It is noisy because you are collecting all that loose change which will make a little noise as you drop it into the silver bucket. For those of you who threw all of your change into a wishing well, we won't roll our eyes and look down on you if you put dollar bills in the offering. Afterall, we are not a judgmental bunch.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Food Pantry

Please continue to pray for those facing food insecurity and consider supporting our neighbors by donating canned goods and other meal based non-perishables for the Blessing Box.

Both a monetary gift to the Food Pantry and a few canned goods would really be appreciated.

Advent By Candlelight

Our annual Advent by Candlelight will be held Monday evening December 8th beginning at 6:00 pm in the New Berlin Fire Company's Social Hall. Please consider hosting a table for friends and family to come together and set the tone for peace and love this Christmas! In addition to decorating your table, each hostess is asked to bring an appetizer and a dessert for buffet style sharing. Tables comfortably seat 8 adults but can be stretched to 10. Please confirm with Kay Trick your willingness to host a table and what appetizer and dessert you wish to provide by the end of November. Linda Ressigue will have the social hall open so that you may decorate your table on December 7th after church.

KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner will be entertaining us with her angelic voice and guitar music!

Donations to support the curating of Lutheran World Relief personal care kits will be received with the following items being needed:

light weight, dark bath towels,
nail clippers,
4 oz bars of gentle soap,
toothbrushes.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, November 30, 2025

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	Emily Moyer
Lector:	John Showers
Acolytes:	John Showers
Cantor/s:	Alicia Saxon
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Philip Heggenstaller
Communion Set Up:	Deb Wetzel
Communion Baker:	
Altar Flowers:	

Last Week 11/16/25

Attendance: 28

Giving: \$1294.89

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 Guzanski, 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, Joani Patterson, Randy Witmer, Nick St. Claire

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, 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, Carol Muchler, Shaun Ray, John Renninger

This Week

Sunday, November 23

9 am Service Of Holy Communion
Annual Meeting
Fellowship
Sunday School

Tues., Nov. 25

1 pm Knit Wits and Hookers

Wed., Nov. 26

6 pm Theology on Tap @ Rusty Rail

Sunday, November 30

9 am Service Of Holy Communion
Fellowship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 24

Mon.	Nov. 24	Jeremiah 46:18-28	Revelation 21:5-27
Tues.	Nov. 25	Isaiah 33:17-22	Revelation 22:8-21
Wed.	Nov. 26	Isaiah 60:8-16	Luke 1: 1-4

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 122

Thurs.	Nov. 27	Daniel 9:15-19	James 4:1-10
Fri.	Nov. 28	Genesis 6:1-10	Hebrews 11:1-7
Sat.	Nov. 29	Genesis 6:11-22	Matthew 24:1-22
Sunday,	Nov. 30	Isaiah 2:1-5	
		Psalm 122	
		Romans 13:11-14	
		Matthew 24:36-44	