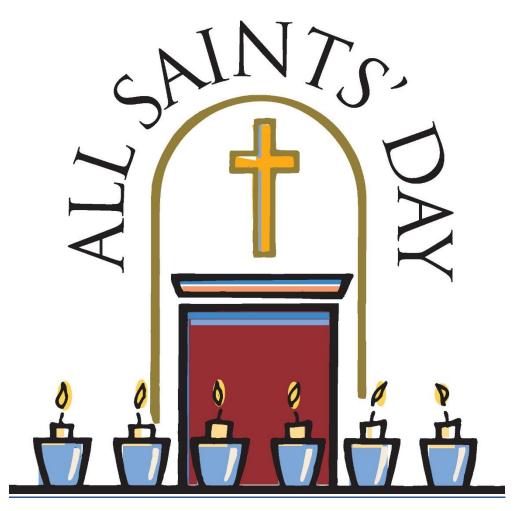
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November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

You can find the live stream at the following location:

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Prelude: "Shall we Gather at the River"

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One,

C: robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

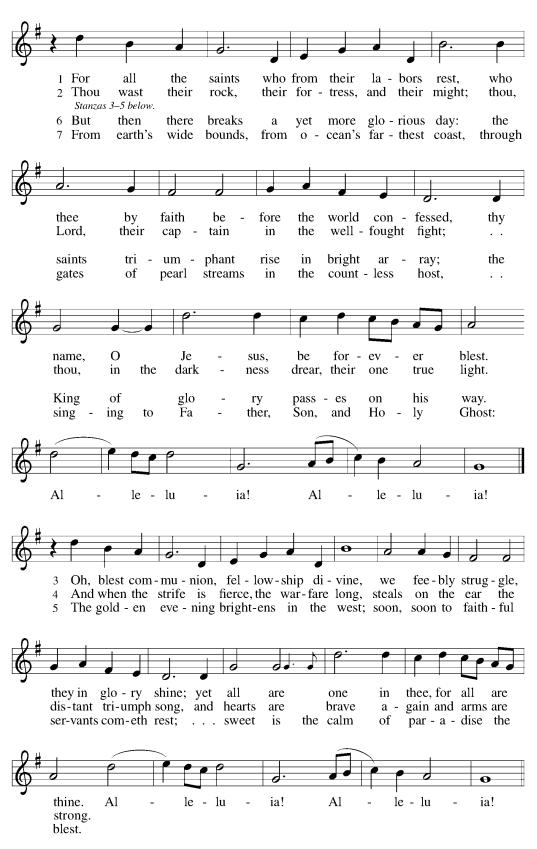
P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn: ELW 422

For All the Saints



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



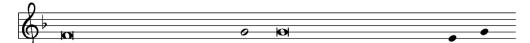
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



have mer - cy.

Lord,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

L: A reading from the 25th chapter of Isaiah

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

- L: ¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C: ² For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- L: ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?
- C: ⁴ Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
- L: ⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- C: ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

- L: ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C: 8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
- L: ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C: 10 Who is this King of glory? Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

L: A reading from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

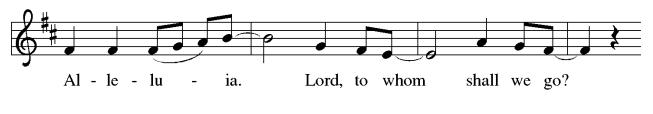
"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:





The Gospel: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Hymn of the Day: ELW 423

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for -ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (especially). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you (those who have died during the past year may be named). With (Martín de Porres and) all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Let us remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, but who have during this past year, taken their final stops as saints of God and gone before us into the heavenly mansions.

Name	Entered into Eternal Life
Rev. Dennis Durasoff	November 1, 2023
Ronald Fox	January 13, 2024
Jean Anderson Pratt	January 20, 2024
Charles Reiman	February 10, 2024
Kenneth Eck	April 12, 2024
Phyllis Lanshe	May 3, 2024
Josephine Yeisley	August 8, 2024
Melodie Jordan	September 9, 2024
Norma Fox	September 16, 2024
Lynn Bailey	September 21, 2024
Kenneth Hager	September 30, 2024
Rev. Dr. William F Scholl	October 4, 2024

Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Along with the "Omega Saints," who have taken their last earthly steps of faith, we also recall with joy and thanksgiving those persons who have taken their first steps as Saints this year through your gracious act of Holy Baptism. We thank you for the new life you have given them through Holy Baptism. Especially, we ask you to bless:

Name	Baptized
Kenneth Hager	September 28, 2024

Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

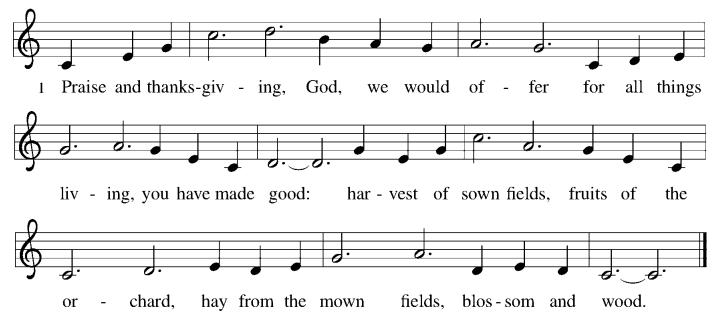
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "Heavenly Home"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise and Thanksgiving



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt. Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Offering Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

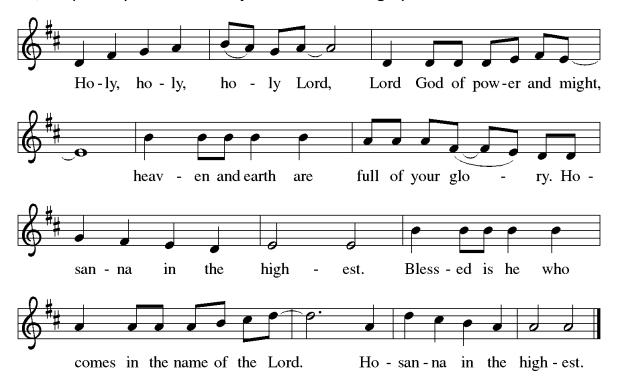
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

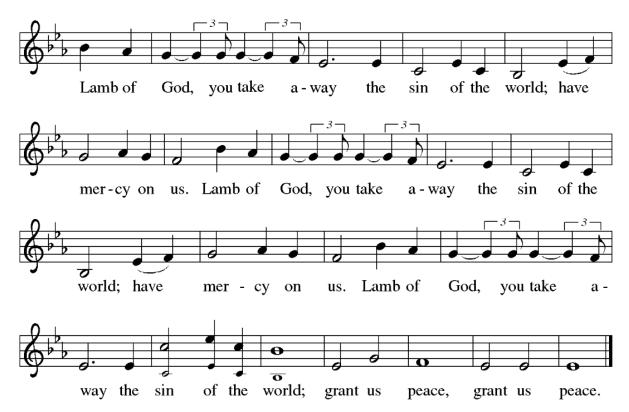
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

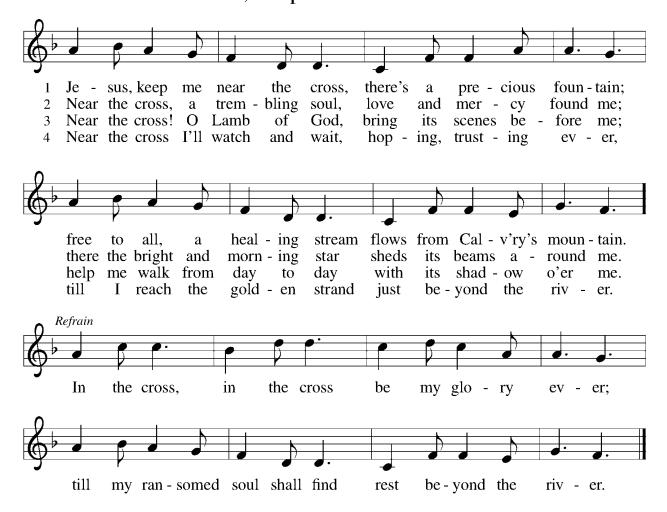
P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

Prayer after Communion

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

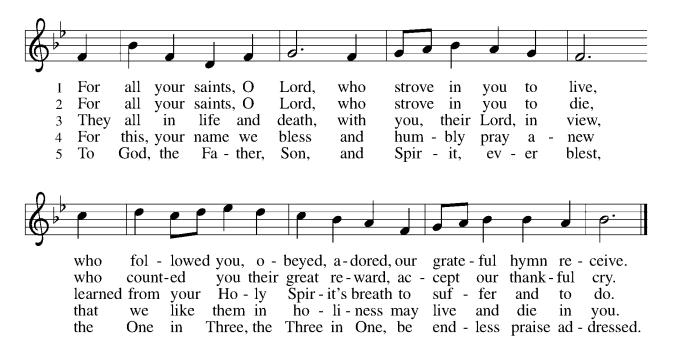
P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out,

→ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 427

For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for November will be given to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected by the recent devastating storms.

	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>				
November	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS		
4	Mary Couse, Rev. James Heckman				
6			Grace Litzenberger		
8	Serena Ashmore				
9	Lynn Gaun				

	THIS WEEK'S ACT	<u> FIVITIES</u>	
Sunday, November 3	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.	
All Saints Sunday	10:00 AM	Communion Worship	
Daylight Savings Time Ends	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Confirmation Benefit Spaghetti Dinner @Trinity	
		Lutheran Pleasant Valley	
Monday, November 4		Happy Birthday Pastor Jim!	
	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Office Hours	
Wednesday, November 6	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours	
Thursday, November 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours	
-	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
	7:00 PM	PALM Strategic Groups Meeting @ Trinity	
Friday, November 8	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God	
	UPCOMING ACT	IVITIES	
Sunday, November 10	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.	
25 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship	
,	5:00PM-7:00 PM	Confirmation Class @ Trinity Pleasant Valley	
Monday, November 11	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Office Hours	
Tuesday, November 12	1:00 PM	Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office	
	7:00PM	Monthly Council Meeting	
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours	
Thursday, November 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours	
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, November 15	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God	
Saturday, November 16	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Messy Church @ Durham	
	5:00 PM	Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville	
Sunday, November 17	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library	
26 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship	
Monday, November 18	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Office Hours	
Wednesday, November 20	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours	
Thursday, November 21	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours	
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, November 22	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God (Last one this year!)	



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Mary Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree

Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jim Pavlica; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne

Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Lynn Bailey; Norma Fox; Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Kenneth Hager; Melody Jordan; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

The September Outreach envelope collection will go to Lutheran Disaster Services

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman
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Altar Guild	Serena Ashmore & Bea vonWatzdorf
Greeter(s)	Williams Family
Acolyte	Leo G
Lector	Bea von Watzdorf
Head / Communion Usher	Ben Williams
Council Communion / Counting Team	Karen Beerer & Cathy Meuller
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner
Custodian	Dianna Streletz





LIFE IS MESSY, CHURCH CAN BE TOO!

Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner,

Games, Crafts and Fellowship

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ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!