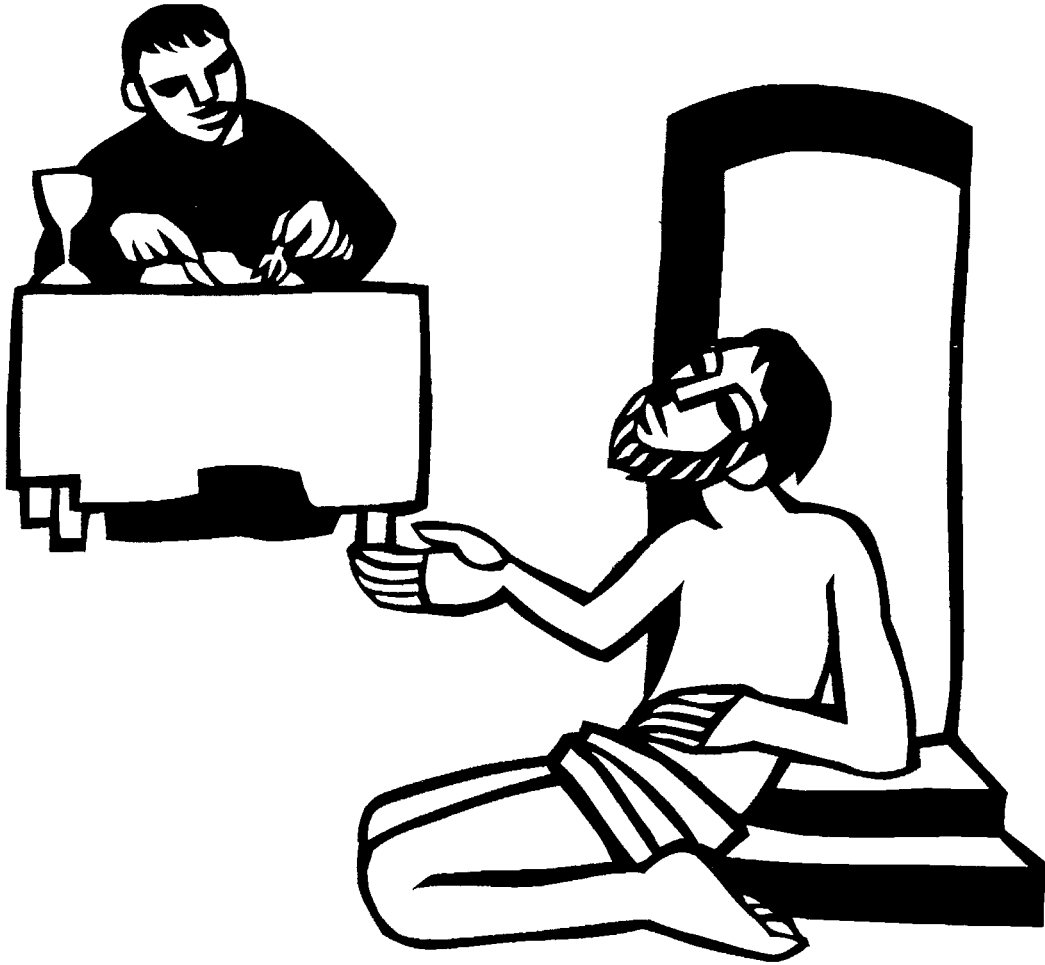


16th Sunday after Pentecost September 28, 2025



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Brief silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

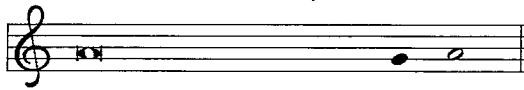
***GATHERING HYMN -**

God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn 705

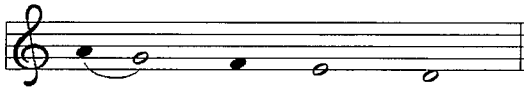
***GREETING**

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 - Lord Have Mercy page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



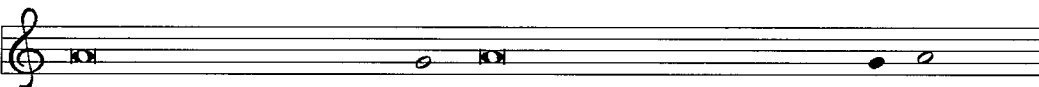
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



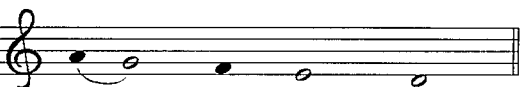
Lord, have mer - cy.



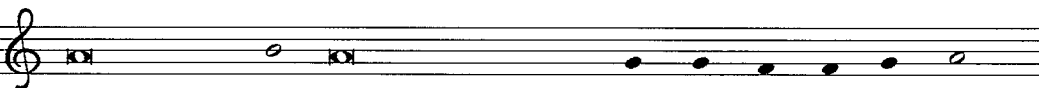
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE - This Is the Feast page 148

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

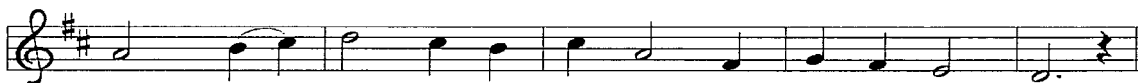
All



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

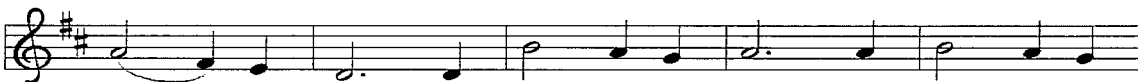


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

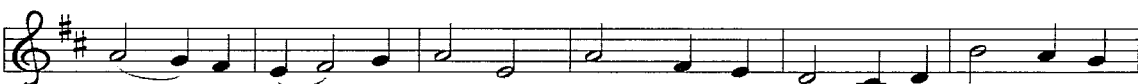
Refrain



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

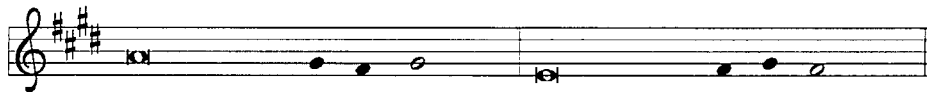
First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ 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, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. . The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Tone:



R:



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hal-^l lelujah!

Praise the LORD,^l O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long^l as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I^l have my being.

³ Put not your^l trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there^l is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they re-^l turn to earth,
and in that day^l their thoughts perish. R

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob^l for their help,
whose hope is in the^l LORD their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that^l is in them;
who keeps promis-^l es forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to^l those who
hunger.

The LORD sets the^l captive free.

⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who^l are
bowed down;

the LORD^l loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares^l for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way^l of the
wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD shall^l reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.^l Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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 ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR CHOIR - Glory In The Lord Harlan/Hallquist

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



*GOSPEL - Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (*spoken*)

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ 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.' ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ 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.’ ”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

Gather Us In Hymn 532

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

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, 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 into 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

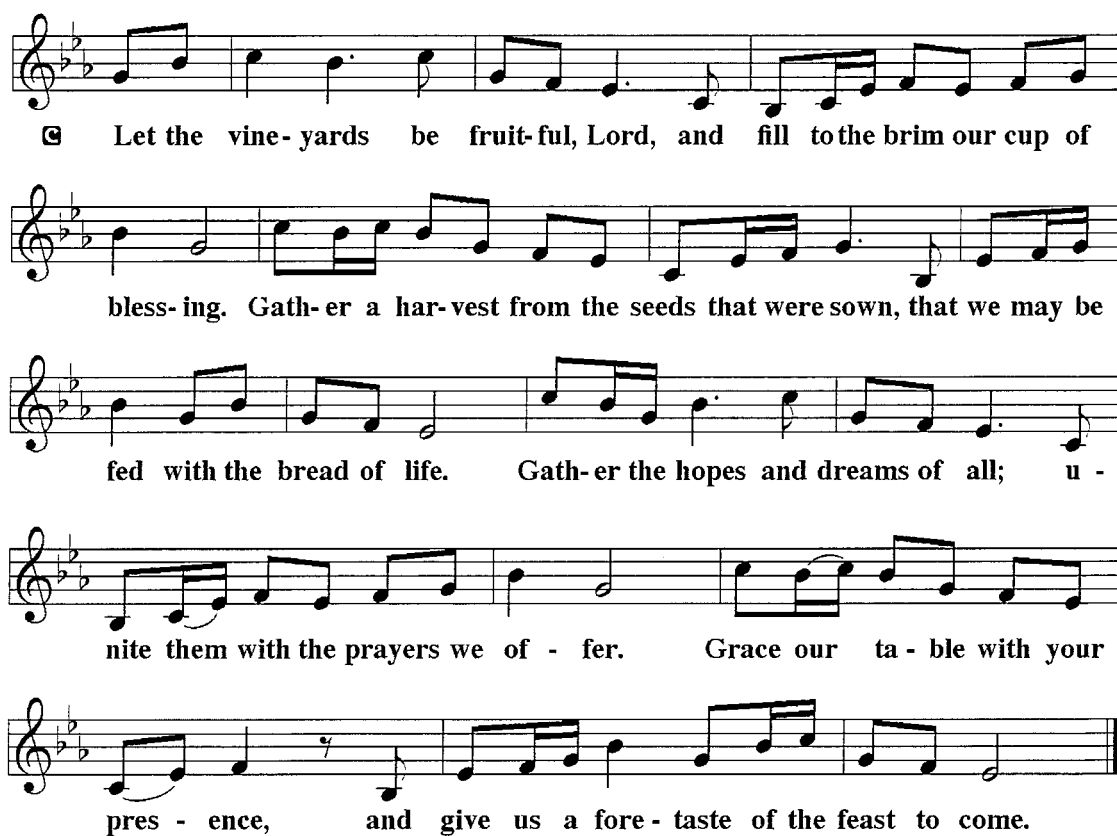
Response: God of grace, **receive our prayer.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - (*Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

***OFFERTORY HYMN - Let the Vineyards**



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come."

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
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pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

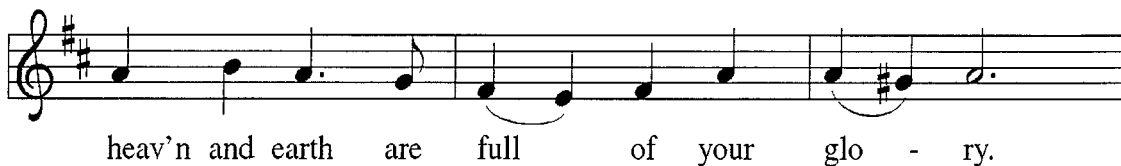
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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. 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:

***SANCTUS** - Holy, Holy, Holy Page 153



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care. God of our ancestors, your children come before you. Through your holy prophets you call us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

In the act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who wander have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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.

With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become the body of Christ in the world. 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**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen**

***AGNUS DEI** - Lamb of God Page 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come forward, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion at your seat. Children may come forward to receive a blessing. After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN -**

Canticle of the Turning Hymn 723

***DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Christine Paradise - Organist


Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director


Sue Ann Houser - Lay Assistant

Tom Ryland - Lector

Emily Engle - Acolyte

Tom Ryland & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

 *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

 *Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

In memory of George Smith by Ginny & Bob Adams

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, September 29 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30 - Senior Choir 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1 - Lunch & Learn 12 p.m.

Thursday, October 2 - Blessing of the Pets 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 4 - Knoebels Church Picnic 12 p.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Janice Copenhaver, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, The Family of Marilyn Gerberich, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jim & Judi Light, Dean Moyer, Katelyn Moyer, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Ed Ream, Cookie Rothermel, The Family of George Smith, Marie Smith, Nancy Warner, The Family of Linda Wolford, Mary Yeagley, Jill Young, and The Family of The Rev. Conrad Youse in our prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: Bring your pet(s), a stuffed animal friend, or photo to be blessed by Pastor — Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

PLASTIC BAGS: We are currently NOT accepting plastic shopping bags for the bazaar. We have plenty for now. Thank you!

LUNCH AND LEARN IS BACK FOR OCTOBER: We will be gathering every Wednesday in October at 12 noon for a discussion and fellowship. Bring your own bagged lunch and join us whenever you are available.

SPECIAL OFFERING: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: WELCA thanks you for your generous contributions to our Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits campaign this year. Again thank you for all the support you have bestowed on this campaign thus far and we would be very grateful if you would consider this additional donation to help reduce shipping costs for the kits and quilts to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with warmth, dignity and hope. To contribute, please mark your donation with “LWR Shipping” or use a special envelope found in the pews or at either Welcome Table.

KNOEBELS PICNIC: Make plans now to attend the Church Picnic at Knoebels on Saturday, October 4. The picnic will take place from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. BINGO will be played! There is a sign-up sheet at both Welcome Tables for food. The park is open that day from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m.

CARE CLASS UPDATE: The CARE Class will resume its study of the Lutheran Catechism on Sunday, October 5. Lessons will focus on the 10 Commandments using Luther’s Small Catechism—written as a foundation for our youth—and Large Catechism—written for adults, especially for parents and teachers, which Luther wrote in conjunction with each other in 1529. The class is open to everyone, even if you can attend only occasionally. The class meets immediately after worship in the Social Room. Coffee, tea and a sweet-treat are provided to carry you over to lunch, including anyone who is unable to attend class.

GET YOUR GOODIES!: Peach and strawberry jam is available! Pints are \$5.50 and 1/2 pints \$3. Chow Chow is \$4 for a pint and \$8 for a quart. Purchases can be made before and following service or by contacting the Church Office at 717-273-8567.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

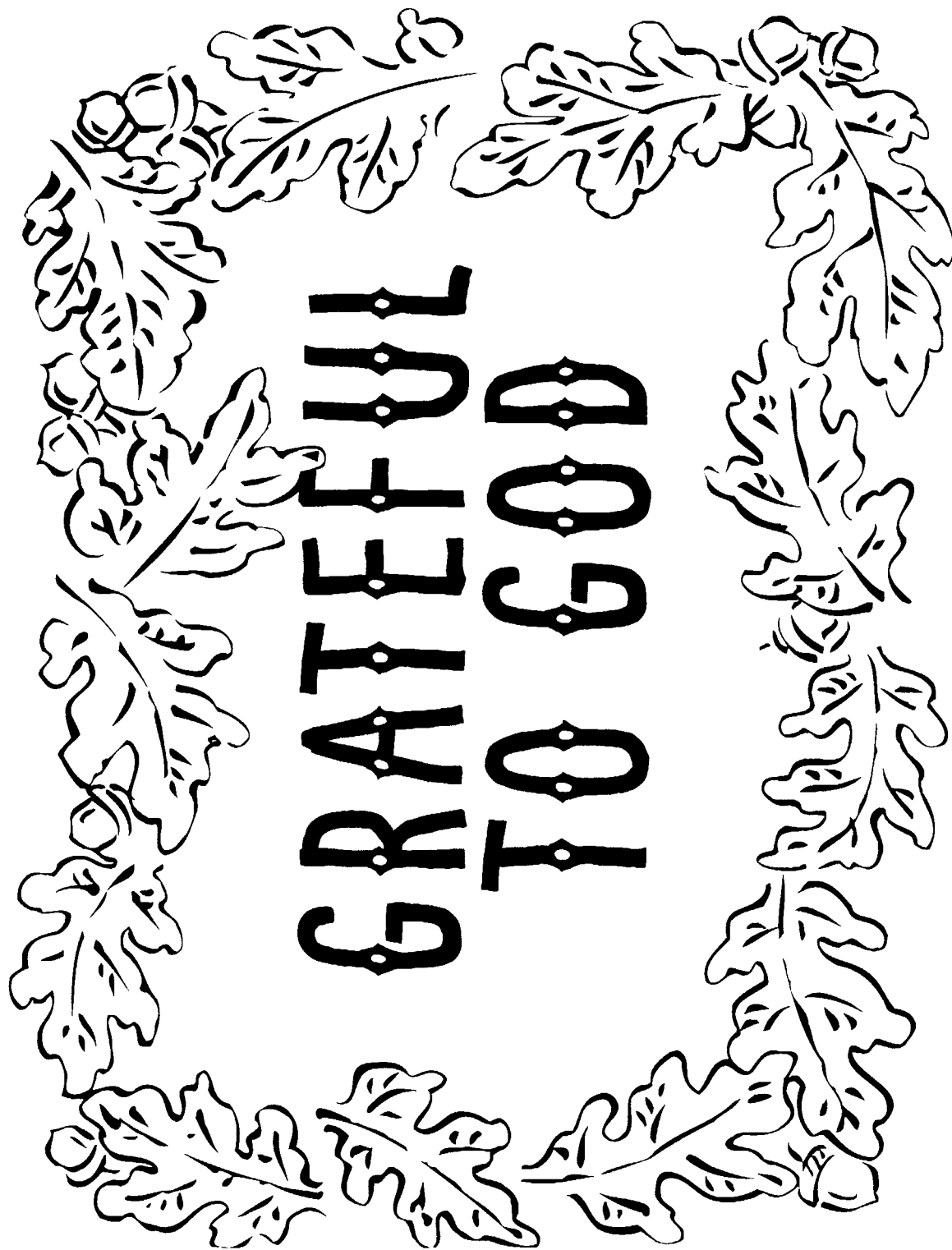
There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:

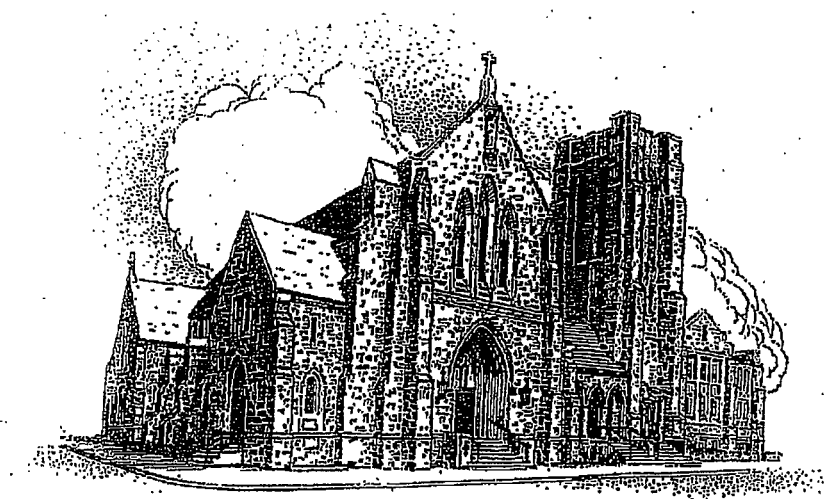


Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - August 2025

	Month of August	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$16,176	\$189,540	\$207,049
Expenses	\$(21,228)	\$(210,576)	\$(212,837)
Net Income	\$(5,052)	\$(21,037)	\$(5,788)



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