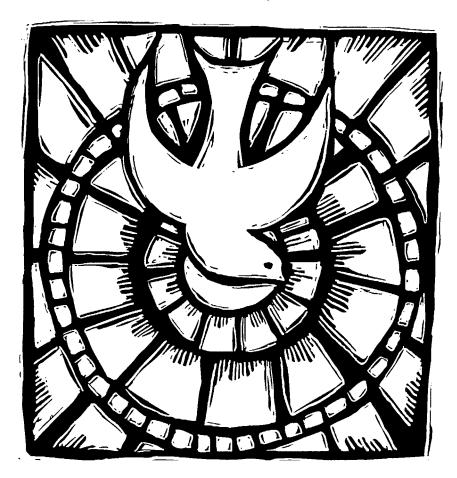
19th Sunday after Pentecost Confirmation Sunday October 19, 2025



Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

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.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Brief silence

Everlasting God, We confess that we have turned away from you. We have not trusted in your promises to hear us. We have doubted that you are by our side. We are careless with your creation. We let worry and fear consume us. We do not always treat our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us. Turn our hearts again to you, so that we may follow your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

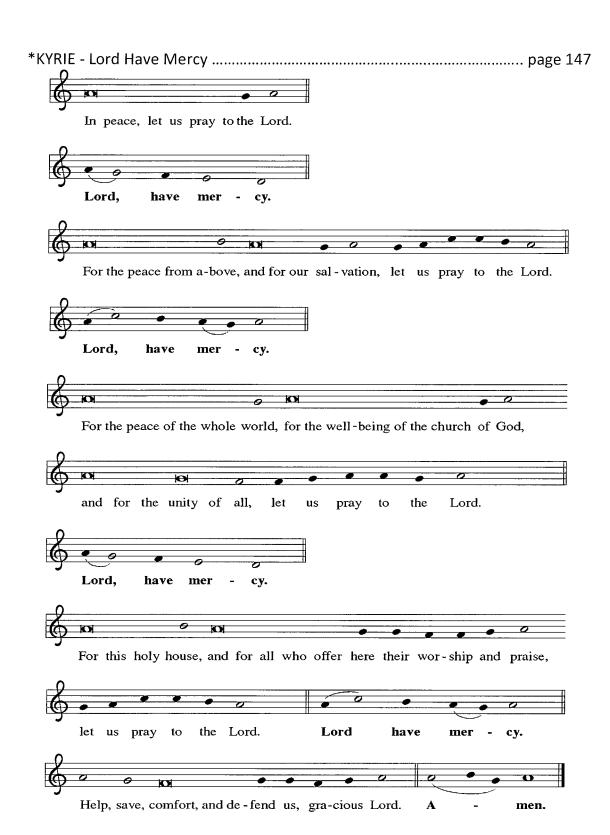
Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with righteousness. In the tender compassion of ♥ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN -

Precious Lord, Take My Hand Hymn 773

*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.**





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

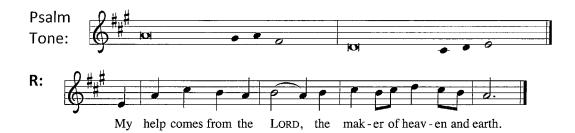
O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills; from where is my ¹ help to come?
- ² My help comes ¹ from the LORD, the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
- ³ The LORD will not let your ¹ foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, the keep- [|] er of Israel will neither slum- [|] ber nor sleep; R
- ⁵ the LORD watches ¹ over you; the LORD is your shade at ¹ your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not strike ¹ you by day, nor the ¹ moon by night.
- ⁷The LORD will preserve you ¹ from all evil and will ¹ keep your life.
- The LORD will watch over your going out and your ¹ coming in, from this time forth for- ¹ evermore. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof,

for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAISE RINGERS -

Onward Christian Soliders arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151





*GOSPEL - Luke 18:1-8
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFIRMANDSPONSORAlizah EngleKaren WeaverZachery KaylorElizabeth HersheySamuel SeidersPJ CopenhaverCamden SnyderKaren Fitting

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these youth, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Sponsor:

I present *Alizah Engle*, who desires to make public affirmation her baptism.

I present Zachery Kaylor, who desires to make public affirmation his baptism.

I present *Samuel Seiders*, who desires to make public affirmation his baptism.

I present *Camden Snyder*, who desires to make public affirmation his baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *Alizah, Zachery, Samuel, and Camden* whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We

ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Confirmands and Congregation:

Do you believe in God, the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *Alizah, Zachery, Samuel, and Camden* and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *Alizah, Zachery, Samuel, and Camden* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

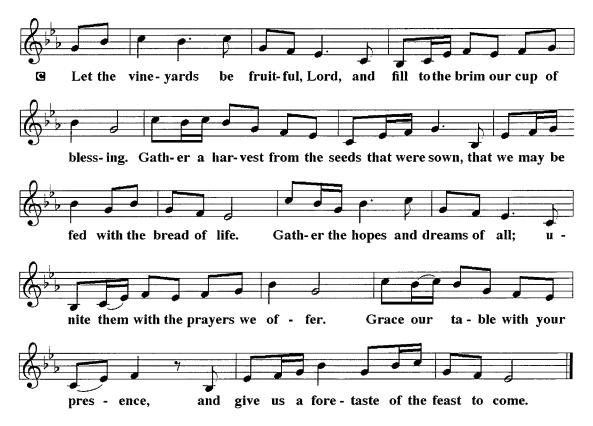
Response: God of grace, receive our prayer. (After the prayer) Amen.

*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



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring these gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

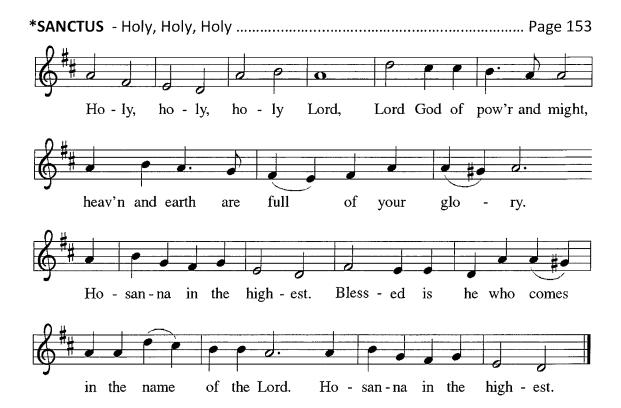
HOLY COMMUNION

*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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who overcame death and the grave, and by his resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

that by this Holy Communion we may be united with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

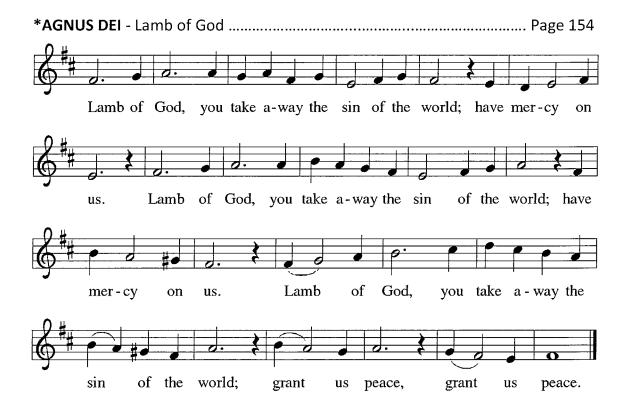
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*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



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 keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we, who have received the sacrament of his body and blood, may abide in him and he in us, and that we may be filled with his love now and always. Amen

THE SENDING

*BLESSING

May Almighty God, ⊕ Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, watch over you, guide you, and give you faith for the journey now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN -

Jesus, Still Lead On Hymn 624

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music Christine Paradise - Organist Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director PJ Copenhaver - Lay Assistant

Renee Nelson - Lector Lucy Snyder - Acolyte
Jay Brown & Denise Rhoade - Greeters Sam Seiders - Crucifer

Alizah Engle & Zachery Kaylor - Torch Bearers Camden Snyder - Book Bearer

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

Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN PHONOR OF:

In honor of Alizah Engle by her sponsor, Karen Weaver
In honor of Alizah Engle by her grandparents, Jean & Preston Darkes
In honor of Elizabeth Hershey by her confirmand, Zachery Kaylor
In honor of Zachery Kaylor by his sponsor, Elizabeth Hershey
In honor of Zachery Kaylor by his grandparents, Ron & Diane Kaylor
In honor of Zachery Kaylor by his family, Matt, Stephanie, & Sam
In honor of Sam Seiders by his sponsor, Paul Copenhaver
In honor of Sam Seiders' confirmation, a flower has been placed on the
altar in memory of Nanny (Yvonne Youtz) and with love and
support from Mom, Dad, London, Pappy, and Aunt Kathy
In honor of Camden Snyder by his family, Rob, Leanne, and Lucy
In honor of Karen Weaver by her confirmand, Alizah Engle

A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN LOVING THE MEMORY OF:

In memory of Marilyn Gerberich by Jeffrey & Kimberly Finnin
In memory of Marilyn Gerberich by Janice Peiffer & Beth Moore
In memory of Marilyn Gerberich by Gina & Bonnie Battistelli
In memory of Linda Wolford by Suzanne & Ronald Bailor
In memory of Linda Wolford by LaRue Galbraith
In memory of The Rev. Conrad Youse by Gina & Bonnie Battistelli
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In memory of The Rev. Conrad Youse by Edward & Elaine Lyons

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, October 20 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21 - Senior Choir 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22 - Lunch & Learn 12 p.m.; Quittapahilla Audubon Society Meeting 7 p.m.

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

Saturday, October 25 - Private Event (all day)

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.

WISH LIST: The 2025 Northwest Elementary Classroom Wish List Campaign will be conducted from October 1 to November 15. The Northwest Elementary School guidance counselor, Stephanie Courchesne, compiled a list of the most needed items for this school term. Black Expo markers and glue sticks are at the top of the list for school supplies. Boxes of tissues are always appreciated. And regarding clothing, underwear is the biggest need the nurse has. The nurse can use boys and girls sizes 4-16. Additionally, sweatpants for boys and leggings for girls of various sizes are also needed. Lastly the school received a large donation of girls' shoes but no boy's shoes. Boys' shoes one to two pair in each size would be helpful. In closing Stephanie Courchesne emailed, "Honestly anything you collect is appreciated. We are just so grateful for the support from you and your church." The Women of the ELCA have volunteered their collection barrel in The Giving Place as the collection site for these needed items. Please prayerfully consider participating in the Classroom Wish List Campaign. Your voluntary participation in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Questions? Please contact Karen Weaver.

SPECIAL OFFERING: HARVEST HOME: TODAY, we will celebrate Harvest Home. Its roots are found in an era when farmers wanted to rejoice in the bountiful harvest of the grain, fruits and other produce that would sustain them through the winter months. The display adorning our chancel reminds us of this tradition and our calling to continue to thank God for his abundance and to share our bounty with those in need. As a special offering, remember to bring with you either in-kind non-perishable food items or a monetary gift for the Lebanon County Christian Ministries' Food Bank. Monetary gifts should be made payable to Holy Trinity and placed in a Harvest Home envelope or a note included with your offering. Special envelopes can be found in the pews or at either Welcome Table. Food items can be placed in the red shopping cart in Luther's Place.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: We need help setting up the Bazaar on Sunday, October 26 after church. We need much help with clean up November 8 at 2pm. We need your homemade dessert donations to be delivered to the church on Nov 5, 6, and 7.

BAZAAR DONATIONS: We continue to take donations for White Elephant, Books and Puzzles, Jewelry, and Plants and Garden which can be brought to church during office hours. MONETARY DONATONS for the Bazaar Fund are always welcome and appreciated. Please include a note with your donation that it is for the bazaar.



MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY:

Pastor Althea would like to remind EVERYONE to get back in the habit of wearing our nametags to worship and large events. This is an important part of welcoming visitors, friends, and neighbors when we are gathered together!

Congregational Care Team:

A Wonderful Opportunity for Connection

From Pastor Althea: I hoped to be able to see members more often than I am able to in reality. This is often true of many full time clergy. Hospital visits, emergencies, and funerals have often taken up some of that visitation time. We have had an increase in homebound members as well.

There are approximately 40 members who are much less active than they used to be. They truly miss our church! The Care team provides an opportunity to stay connected and keeps Pastor informed of any needs or concerns.

The commitment could be just one person (or two or three if desired) from Pastor's list to call, send a card, or visit once in a while in between Pastor's visits. (Maybe you miss connecting with a family friend or maybe you want to meet someone new.) If you are not comfortable with sharing communion then other forms of connection are still helpful. Anyone willing to try this ministry would be greatly appreciated!

What is it? Congregational Care Team is a small group of members who work closely with Pastor Althea in giving additional care and contact with members who are not able to attend church often.

When is it? Care team meets a few times per year to update one another on the care of members and wishes for Holy Communion, visits, phone calls, or other points of contact.

What kind of commitment is it? Care team is a confidential group of members who are willing to check on other members once per month or so especially if Pastor Althea has not been able to do so because of other ministry emergencies and pastoral care. It is helpful to be trained by Pastor to extend the Lord's Supper to homebound members but not necessary.

Do you have just a bit of time once per month to say hello to a fellow brother or sister in Christ? Pray about it! See what God is saying to your heart.

I would like this ministry to begin expanding a bit this fall and winter. It would be wonderful to spread some encouragement and support whenever and wherever we are able! **See Pastor for details.**





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 - September 2025

	Month of August	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income Expenses	\$12,072 \$(21,315)	\$201,611 \$(231,891)	\$232,680 \$(235,971)



Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Benefit DINNER

& Silent Auction



13 November, 2025 5:30-8:30 pm

Guest speaker

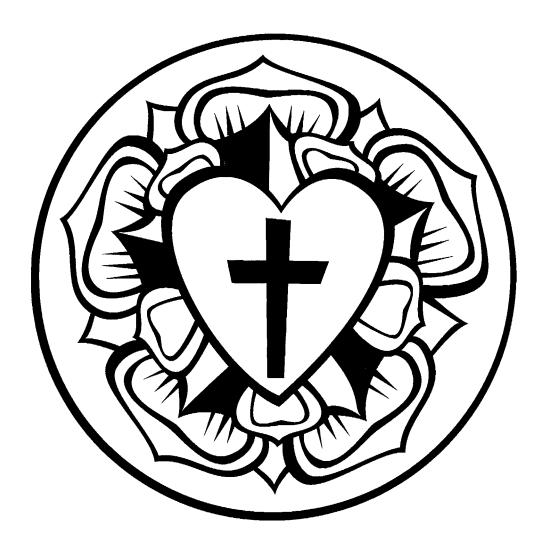
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Insecurity with Longterm Transformations of
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Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

600 Shepherd St., Jonestown 5:30 Silent Auction | 6:30 dinner | 7:15 speaker

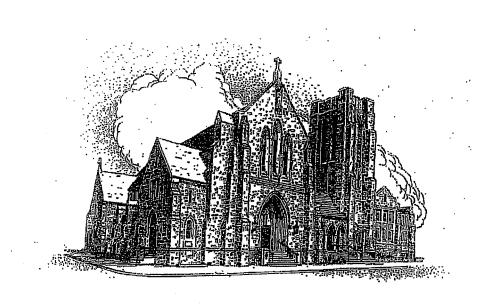


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REFORMATION SUNDAY October 26

Invitation for everyone to find something RED to wear next Sunday to worship.



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