

22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025



We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

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**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

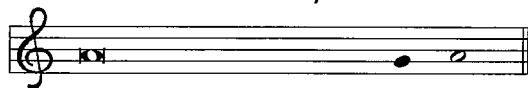
***GATHERING HYMN -**

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand Hymn 437

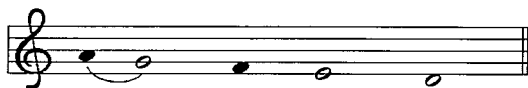
***GREETING**

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.**

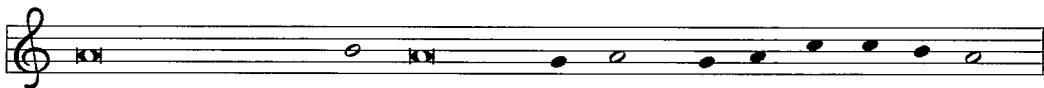
*KYRIE - Lord Have Mercy page 147



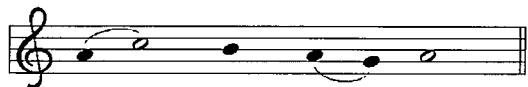
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



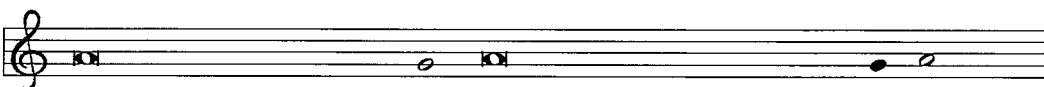
Lord, have mer - cy.



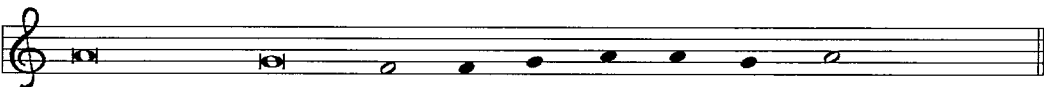
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



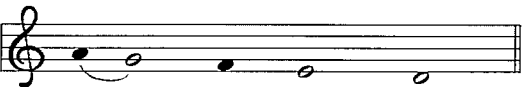
Lord, have mer - cy.



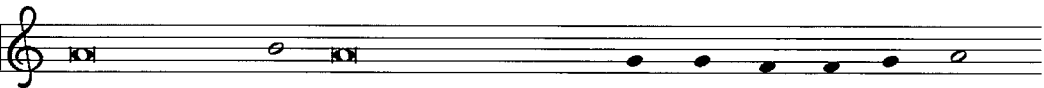
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

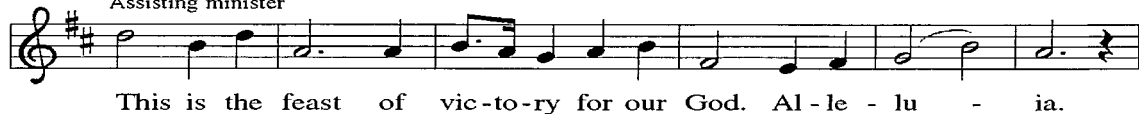


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*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

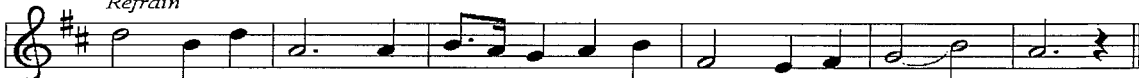


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

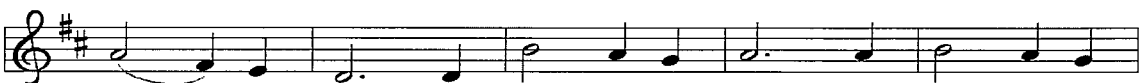


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

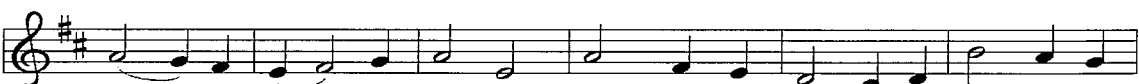
Refrain



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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

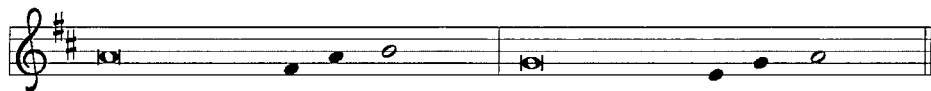
First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Tone:



R:



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ¹ to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from ¹ lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence;**
let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what ¹ others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. R
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path;
and my feet ¹ do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me;**
incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
who ¹ rise against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple ¹ of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow ¹ of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked ¹ who assault me,
from my deadly enemies ¹ who surround me. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR CHOIR -

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Robert Hughes

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



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



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

*GOSPEL - Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

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

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the

God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Timothy R. Garman

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! Hymn 619

***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: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** (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**

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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

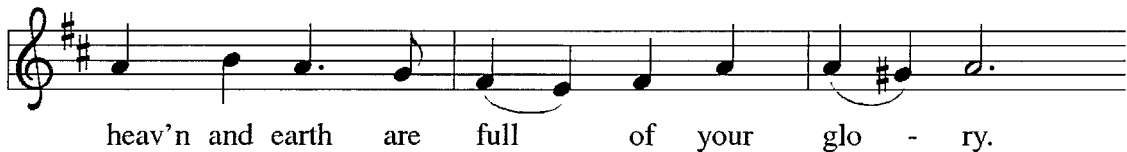
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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. In him you have received us as your children, made us heirs of your kingdom, and given us your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, 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, 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

Come to the banquet of Christ. All are welcome. **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 keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE SENDING

***SENDING BLESSING**

May the God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you both now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN -**

Blessed Assurance Hymn 638

***DISMISSAL**

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Timothy R. Garman - Guest Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Dan Dietzel - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Nancy Brightbill - Lay Assistant

Tom Ryland - Lector

Sam Seiders - 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 honor of All Saints' Day a gift has been giving in loving memory of
Janice Copenhaver by her family, Paul, Barb, and Taran Copenhaver
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by LaRue Galbraith
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Senior Choir, Praise Ringers, and
Psalm Ringers
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Jim & Kitty Logan
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Cindy Cup & Sue Jordan
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Judy Cassel
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Rick & Denise Rhoades
In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Betty Schriver
In memory of Linda Wolford by Betty Schriver
In memory of The Rev. Conrad Youse by Betty Schriver

A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ELCA GOOD GIFTS IN LOVING ✝ MEMORY OF:

In memory of Janice Copenhaver by Senior Choir, Praise Ringers, and
Psalm Ringers

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, November 10 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 11 - Worship & Music Committee Meeting 6 p.m.;
Senior Choir 7 p.m.; Quittapahilla Audubon Society Board
Meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 12 - Social Ministry Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

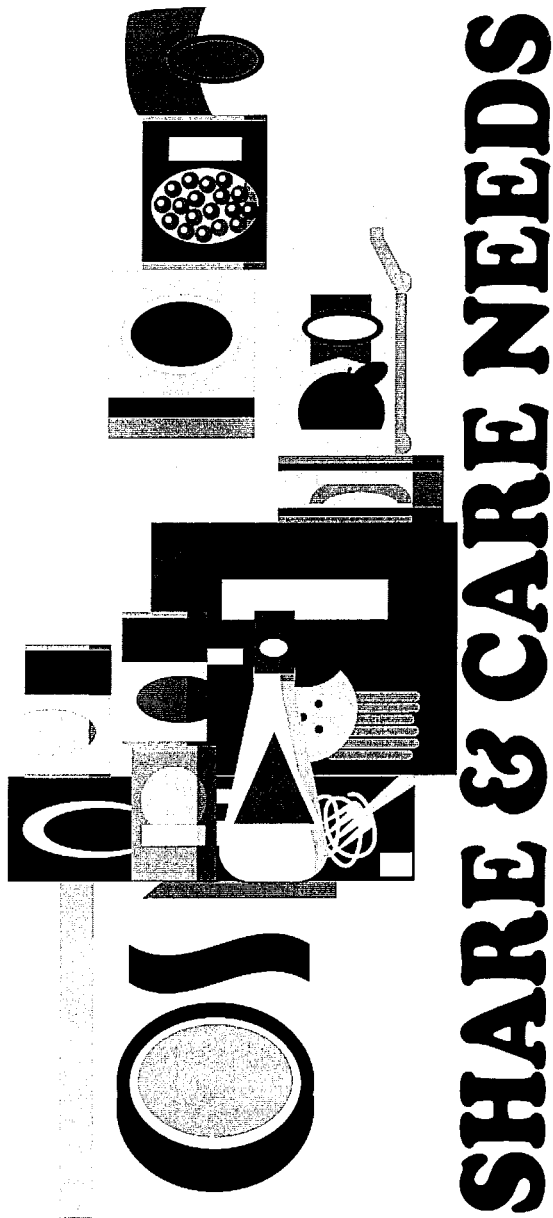
PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

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

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 COLLECTION: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE: Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response allow the church to effectively respond in times of disaster where assistance is needed most. Gifts designated to a specific disaster will be used in full — 100 percent — to help with immediate and long-term needs. Envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the Pews. You can also mark your donation with a note. Thank you!

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!



DONATIONS NEEDED: Our neighbors need our help now more than ever. Prayerfully consider making a donation of shelf stable grocery or personal care items. Suggested items: granola or protein bars, snack packs of crackers, cookies, etc., pasta, toothpaste, soap, brushes, shampoo, sanitary items, tuna, peanut butter, and more! Some of our clients do not have access to cooking or are very limited in how they prepare food. Items that can easily be eaten are preferred. **ANY DONATION IS WELCOME!** Items can be placed in the tote marked "Share & Care" in Luther's Place. Monetary donations are also needed. If you would like to contribute simply place a note on your donation or use a blank pew envelope and mark it "Share & Care." If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie in the office. THANK YOU!

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.**



Sunday, November 16 at 9 a.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityleb.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htlclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

DONATIONS NEEDED: As the weather starts to get colder, the Spread the Warmth campaign will begin. Donations of blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, and socks are needed. We welcome any donation of clothing or shoes. Please place your donation in The Giving Place in the Spread the Warmth bin. Thank you!

2026 ENVELOPES: Contribution envelopes for next year are available for pick-up in the Giving Place. If you have not done so already, please pick your box up. If you did not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Church Office.

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 - September 2025

	Month of September	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$12,072	\$201,611	\$232,680
Expenses	\$(21,315)	\$(231,891)	\$(235,971)
Net Income	\$(9,243)	\$(30,280)	\$(3,291)

Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Benefit
DINNER
& *Silent Auction*



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



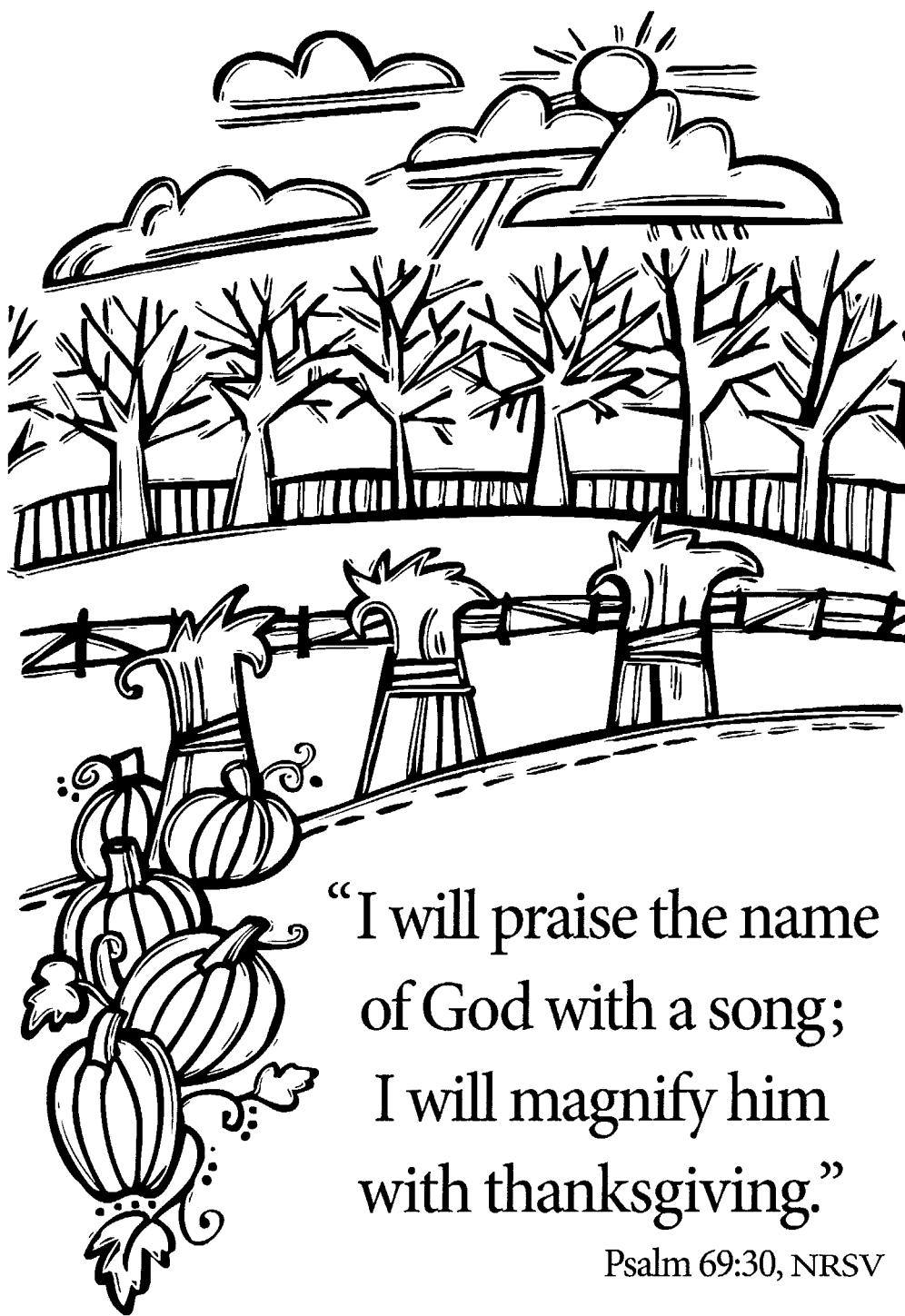
Guest speaker
Dr Katie S Martin
Thought Leader,
Inspirational Speaker,
Author, Tackling Food
Insecurity with Long-
term Transformations of
Lives.

**Lebanon Area Evangelical
Free Church**

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



Tickets \$40
www.LCCM.us



“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV



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