Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
October 12, 2025
God's Work/Our Hands
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PRELUDE

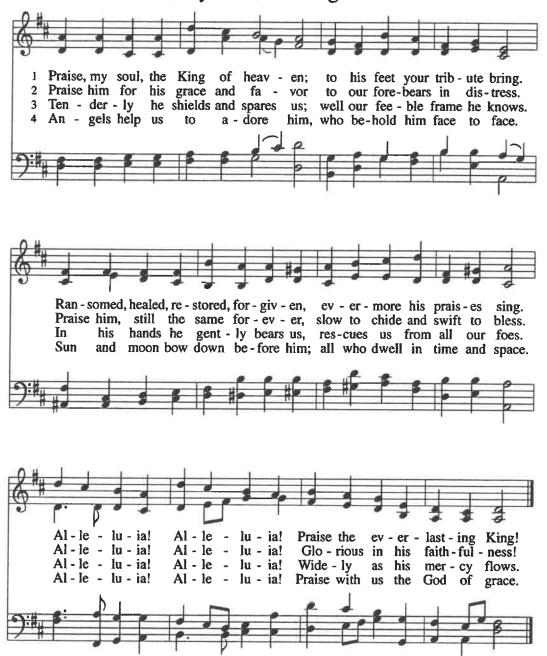
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 Merciful and loving God,
- We are your stiff-necked people.
 We trample on the needy.
 We grumble about your grace to others.
 We turn away from the poor.
 Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
 Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
 Amen.
- - C Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

A reading from 2 Kings.

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!

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¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

^{15a-c} Then Namaan returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ They stand fast forever and ever,

because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from 2 Timothy.

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Christ;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

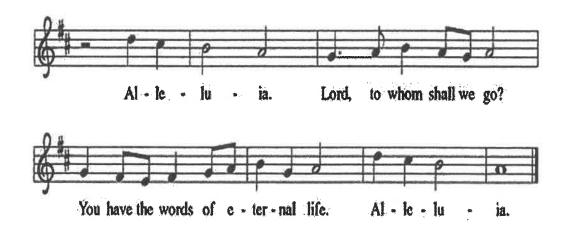
for Christ cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one whom God approves, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand for Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

- P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again.
Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

- between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten people who had leprosy approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."
- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for Sermon

Stand for Hymn of the Day

Have You Thanked the Lord?



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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.

THE PRAYERS

- P God of grace,
- receive our prayer.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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.

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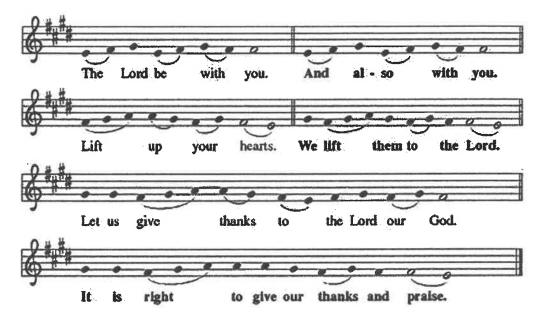
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OFFERING PRAYER

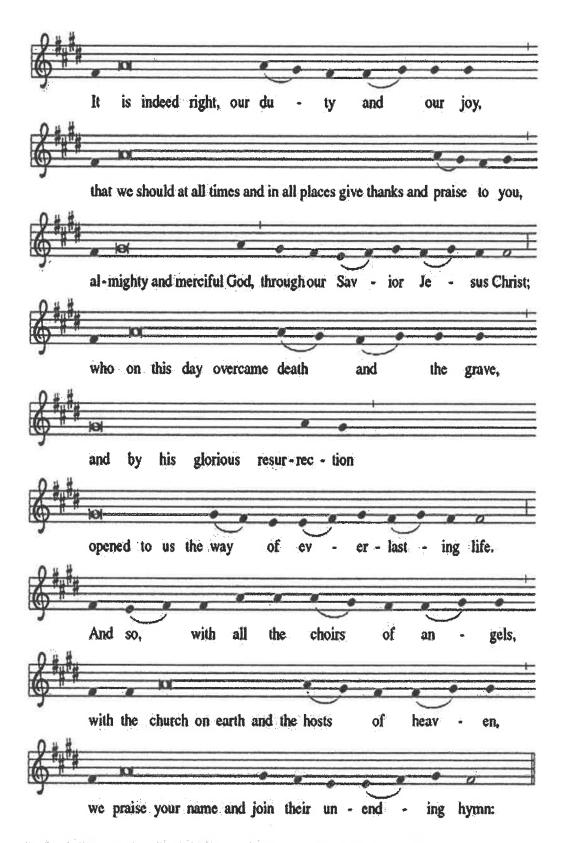
E Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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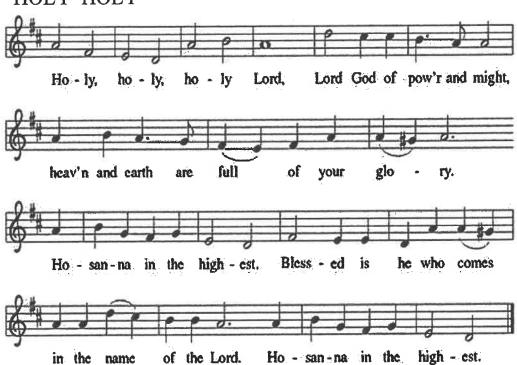


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HOLY HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

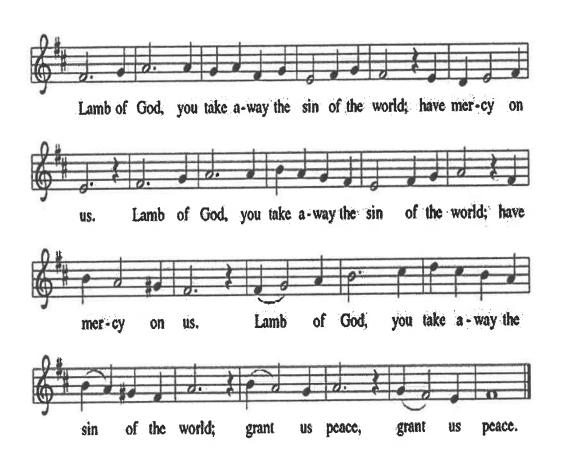
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

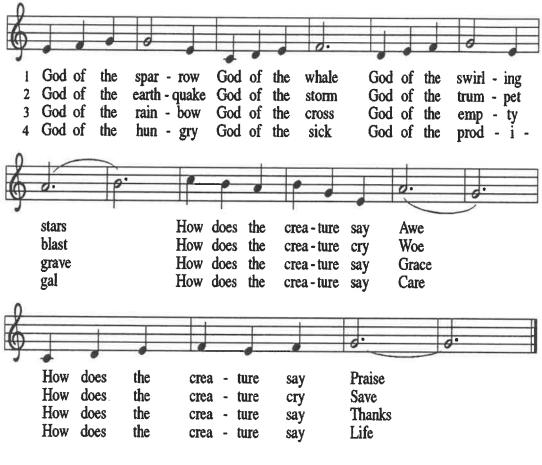
THE FRACTION

- P "Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross".
- "Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia".

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.



God of the Sparrow



- 5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

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P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

G Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



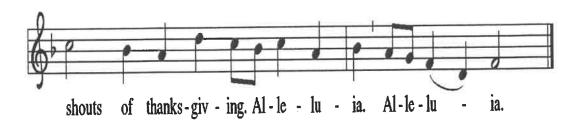
Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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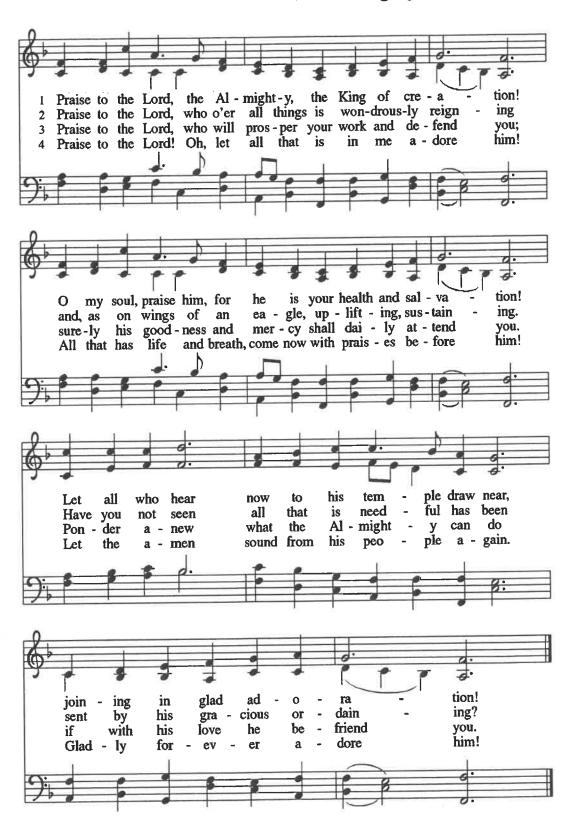
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of righteousness,
 who gives justice to the oppressed,
 who gives food to the hungry,
 who sets the prisoners free,
 → bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
- C Thanks be to God.

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Michelle Bahlavooni * Dan Comstock*

Derl Crawford John Curio* Diane Deptula *Ralph Evans*

David Ferro Carl Frank * Jennifer F.* Mary Faith Fisher*

*Adam Gajkowski * AJ Gunther* Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach

Richard Huntington Joanne Johnson * Marlene Karchner *

*Dave Madara * Vinnie Moroney* Jan Peifer* Nelci Reid *

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* Marlene Trotman* *Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel *Ron

Wolfe* *Shirley Young* Jim Zeart*

The family of Charles Shotwell

THIS SUNDAY: OCTOBER 12, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Lance Miller & Lydia Ferro
Greeters & Ushers: David & Karen Bird
Lector: David Ferro
Communion Assistant: David Ferro
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Gail Utt
Offering Counters: Paul Zajac & Trystan Johnson
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 19, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Paul & Wendy Zajac
Greeters & Ushers: Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Lector: Paul Zajac
Communion Assistant: Emily Johnson
Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus
Offering Counters: Ryan Young, Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janet Gibney In memory of Bonnie Swafford

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God by Mark & Diane Young in memory of loved ones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA & GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

We will be collecting some items to send to Camp Louise. The following items can be donated from October 9th - October 30th. Please place in box in the rear of the sanctuary.

Individually wrapped toilet paper
Paper towels
Freezer or Regular Plastic Bags-qt, gal, or 2 1/2 gal(Dollar Tree)
Toilet Bowl Cleaner-crooked neck
Windex refillable bottle

BIBLE STUDY / CHOSEN

Thursday, October 16th, Bible 1:00 PM / Chosen 2:00 PM.

BELLS/CHOIR

Thursday, October 16th, Bells 3:30 PM / Choir 4:30 PM.

RAISE RIGHT

We are submitting orders on October 19th. We will continue to submit orders on the first and third Sunday of every month in anticipation of Christmas If you do not see a store that you are interested in, please let us know and we will see if it can be added. During Gathering Time today, Janet Gibney has kindly offered to be available to discuss and questions you may have about our Raise Right program.

WELCOME TABLE

Upcoming meals will be held on November 8th, and December 13th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. We will again be giving Christmas cookie bags to our guests with their December 13th meal. Sign up sheets will be in the sanctuary. Drop off times for donations will be Thursdays before the meal from 5:30 to 6:00 PM, and Saturday, the morning of after 9:00 AM.

JOINT CONCERT

Today at 3:00 PM, St. John's choir will join Faith United in Nescopeck for a joint concert. Please come and join us!

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, October 13th.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next senior luncheon will take place at Morris's Restaurant in Berwick, on Wednesday, October 15th at 12:00 PM.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 15th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM. Our Bible Study will be on "What do we treasure".

GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Support will meet on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM. Anyone who has experience grief due to the recent or past death of a loved one is welcome to attend. This is an informal group whose purpose is to talk about any issues group members may be experiencing due to loss. Refreshments will be served.

TRUNK OR TREAT/MIFFLIN PARADE

Parade will take place on October 19th, at 6:00 PM starting at the Carnival grounds. Trunk or Treating will take place immediately after the parade. Those helping with the Trunk or Treat should be at the carnival grounds by 5:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM.

POLKA MASS

This years Polka Mass will take place on October 26th at 3:00 PM. Ethnic German Refreshments to follow.

FALL CHICKEN AND WAFFLE

Fall Chicken & Waffle will take place on Saturday, November 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Sign up Sheets are on the rear table of the sanctuary.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 12, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Oct 13, 2025 Office Closed

Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025 Office Hours-Pastor in 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Senior Luncheon

12:00 PM

Blood Drive

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

WELCA meets

6:30 PM

Grief Support

7:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 16, 2025 Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

RIBLE/CHOSEN

1:00 PM / 2:00 PM

RELLS/CHOIR 3:30 PM / 4:30 PM

Friday Oct 17, 2025

Office Closed

Saturday, Oct 18, 2025

Office closed

Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday

After Pentecost

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Last Sunday Attendance: 51

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00

Benevolence: \$122.00

New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,960.00

Benevolence: \$218.00

New Building: \$275.00

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