

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

***Blessing**

Pastor: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:** Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing **LBW 559**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Elzy Pauley Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich
Emma Rosman

A COPY OF BISHOP PAULA’S RESIGNATION LETTER IS ON THE DOOR OF THE NARTHEX IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ IT.

September 9th—Council Meeting 6:30 pm

This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 8, 2024
First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am



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Communion Hospitality
Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Tall candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine. Small candles are in memory of Michael Pinos by Ruth Elaine.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting II

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

Pastor:

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

C: Amen.

Pastor:

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Please kneel as your are able.

Pastor:

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor:

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

Earth and All Stars

LBW 558

Pastor:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

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*Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Verse

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*Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:24-37

C: Glory to you O Lord .

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day	God, Whose Almighty Word	LBW 400
*Apostles’ Creed		p. 85
*Prayers of the Church		
Pastor:	Hear ua, O God.	C: Your mercy is great.
*Passing of Peace	Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you. The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.	
Offering	The offering is received as the Lord’s table is prepared.	
*Offertory	“Let the Vineyards”	p. 86
*Offertory Prayer		
Pastor:	Blessed are you O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.	
Liturgy of Holy Communion		
*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus		p. 88
*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared in the holy meal of the Lord’s Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.		
Gathered at the Lord’s table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that “in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he 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 in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you..		
*The Lord’s Prayer		p. 91
*Invitation to Communion:		
Pastor:	Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.	
*Agnus Dei	“Lamb of God”	p. 92
As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: “The body of Christ, given for you.’ & ‘The blood of Christ, shed for you.’ After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’		
Distribution		
Communion Hymn:	O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True	LBW 380
*Post Communion Blessing		p. 92