

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace on our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***Blessing**

Pastor: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

***Recessional Hymn:** **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer** **LBW 343**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:
Dave Lamar Walter Maul Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich Emma Rosman
Beni Krisko

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

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter Flowers. Cost is \$12.50. Orders are due by April 6th. The choices are Lillys, Tulips, or Hyacinths.

March 28—Final day for newsletter items. Please give to Becky Canavan or Sharon Cordwell or place in their mailboxes in the back of church. Thank you.

April 4—Final Fish Fry for the year. Time is 11:30 am until 6:30 pm. Prices are \$18 eat-in and \$15 for take out.

April 7—Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Church officers for 2025 are Tom Cordwell, President; Bill Cooper, Vice President; Sharon Cordwell, Secretary; and Dan Kerch, Treasurer.

Anyone interested in baking cakes for the fish fry. There is a sign-up sheet on the door of the Narthex.

We are still in need of the following 1 Council Member, 2 volunteers for Synod Assembly, and 3 volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please see Tom Cordwell or any council member if interested.

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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Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025
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..

THE HOLY COMMUNION		
Setting I		
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. Amen.		
Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.		
Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.		
Pastor: Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guides us again in the way of the cross. Amen.		
Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever. Amen.		
Entrance Hymn:	Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters	WOV 697
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.		
*Kyrrie		p. 57
*Prayer of the Day: Pastor: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.		
First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9	L: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 63:1-8	(Read Responsively)	
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	L: The word of the Lord.	C: Thanks be to God.
*The Lenten Tract	“Return to the Lord”	p. 63
*Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9	C: Glory to you O Lord	
C: Praise to you O Christ		
Sermon		

*Hymn of the Day	Jesus, Still Lead On	LBW 341
*Nicene Creed		p. 64
*Prayers of the Church		
Pastor:	God in your mercy,	C: Receive our prayer .
*Passing of Peace	Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.	C: And also with you.
<i>The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.</i>		
Offering	<i>The offering is received as the Lord’s table is prepared.</i>	
*Offertory	“Let the Vineyards”	p. 66
*Offertory Prayer		
Pastor: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. C: Amen.		
Liturgy of Holy Communion		
*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus		p. 68
*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 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; is my body given to 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 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. 71
*Invitation to Communion:		
Pastor: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.		
*Agnes Dei	“Lamb of God”	p. 72
<i>As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:</i>		
<i>“The body of Christ, given for you.’ & ‘The blood of Christ, shed for you.’</i>		
<i>After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’</i>		
Distribution		
Communion Hymn:	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	LBW 327
*Post Communion Blessing		p. 72