

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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.**

***Recessional Hymn Lift High the Cross LBW 377**

*Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.. **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

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

Sunday School begins TODAY !! ... directly following church service.

Information for the October, November, December newsletter is due by September 21. Please place information in Becky Canavan or Sharon Cordwell's mailbox.

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY is Sunday, September 21. Social hour has been changed from the first Sunday in October to this Sunday.

The Thirty-seventh ASSEMBLY of the ALLEGHENY SYNOD of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA will be held in person Friday, October 31, 8 am-5 pm, and Saturday, November 1, 8:30 am-1 pm at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. The theme is On the Way Together with a Renewing Spirit. *If interested, see Dan Kerch for registration info.*

There will be a Council meeting on Monday, October 8 at 6:30 pm.

We are still in need of 3 volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please see Tom Cordwell or any council member if you are interested.

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

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Worship Sundays at 9:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Holy Cross Day



This festival which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross, we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. C: Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! Amen.

*Entrance Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW 104

*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: This is the feast ...

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*Prayer of the Day: Pastor: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 98:1-4

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

*The Verse

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*Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17

C: Glory to you O Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

LBW 107

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church		
Pastor:	God of grace,	C: hear 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: 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.		
Liturgy of Holy Communion		
*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus		p. 68
*When our congregation gathered for worship, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension; and they 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 in these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.		
Gathered at the Lord's table, our brothers and sisters in Christ 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 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: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.		
*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:	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	LBW 482
*Post Communion Blessing		p. 72