

**\*Post Communion Blessing** p. 94

**\*Prayer After Communion:**

**Pastor:** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

**\*Blessing:**

**Pastor:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, +one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **C: Amen**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** Go, My Children, with My Blessing WOV 721

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news ! **C: Thanks be to God.!**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**  
**Our Military Members   Carolyn Pinos   Emma Rosman   Cheryl & Keith Sherbine**

Today, Bishop Kevin Shock will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

Social time will follow this service. All are welcome. It will be a great opportunity to meet Bishop Kevin Shock.... and as always, enjoy fellowship with friends and family. Thank you Brenda and Kelli for hosting today.

Next social time will follow the service on August 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in the narthex. Any expenses can be reimbursed by giving receipts to Dan Kerch.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, September 14, at 6:30 pm.

We will be taking summer break for Sunday School. We will return in the September.

Confirmation classes will begin in the fall. Please reach out to Dan Kerch with interest or questions.

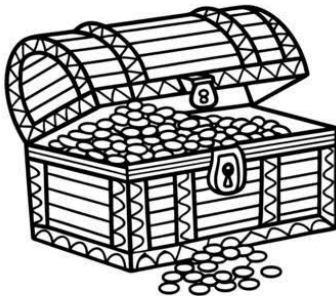
**If anyone in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office, at (814) 942-1042 to make needed arrangements.**

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# Worship Sunday at 9:00 am

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026



***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 and small altar candles are to the Glory of God. Altar flowers are in honor of Wayne & Ruthann Pinos’ 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Sanctuary Candle is in honor of Tom Lamar & Becky Canavan’s Birthdays.

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today’s gospel Jesus offers every day images that reveal to us the reign of God; a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God’s reign, the great surprise is that God’s grace finds us first !

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, whose compassion endures forever. **C: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin to God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

**Pastor:** Compassionate God

**C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen**

**Pastor:** Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s Love. **C: Amen**

**\*Entrance Hymn:** **Rise Up, O Saints of God!** **LBW 383**

**\*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** **p. 78**

**Hymn of Praise** **Glory to God** **p. 79**

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

**First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12** **L: The word of the Lord** **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 119:129-136** **(Read Responsively)**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39** **L: The word of the Lord** **C: Thanks be to God**

**The Holy Gospel:**  
**Matthew 13:31-33 44-52** **C: Glory to You O Lord** **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day** **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **LBW 543**

**\*Apostles Creed** **p. 85**

**\*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.**  
*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:** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **C: Amen.**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion**

**\*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus** **p. 88**

\* 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 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me”.

This is the supper of 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**

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

**Pastor:** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**\*Agnes Dei** **“Lamb of God”** **p. 92**  
*As bread and wine is given, these words are said 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 of Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** **O Christ the Same** **WOV 778**