

Communion Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LBW 327

*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: In Christ There Is No East or West LBW 359

*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 Becky (& Gary) Mickle Carolyn Pinos
Emma Rosman Cheryl & Keith Sherbine

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

CHURCH PICNIC / SERVICE ... SEPTEMBER 13TH SEE BULLETIN INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Next Social time will be following the Church Service, at the park, on September 13th ... prior to lunch.

Jennifer Bobolsky-Sherbine will be ordained on Saturday, August 29th, at 10:00 am at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Munday’s Corner. She wanted to let all know, that you are welcome to attend.

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 September 27th (not the 20th).

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday September 27th. Dan needs to know which kids will be attending. Please see him to receive a contact paper, so that he can have to correct information. **He needs to know PRIOR to the start of classes, who will be attending.** Thank you.

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

Worship Sunday at 9:00 am Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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.

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter’s bold confession of faith. God’s word of reconciliation and God’s mercy are keys to the church’s mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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:

Built on a Rock

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*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

Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day:

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

First Reading:

Isaiah 51:1-6

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 138

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading:

Romans 12:1-8

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

C: Glory to You O Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

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*Apostles Creed

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*Prayers of the Church		
Pastor:	Merciful God,	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. 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 win, 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
* 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 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 in 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 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
<i>As bread and wine is given, these words are said 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 of Communion		