

Communion Hymn:Softly and Tenderly Jesus is CallingWOV 734

*Post Communion Blessingp. 94

*Prayer After Communion:

Pastor: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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 BlessingWOV 721

*Dismissal

Pastor: Go out in joy. Be led forth in pease. **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, Jack Seymore, authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

Newsletter items are needed by next week, September 20th ... for October, November & December.

Communion today, will be by intinction.

Next Social time will be following the Church Service on October 4th . If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in the Narthex. You can be reimbursed for your expenses, just save your receipts and give them to Dan. Thank you in advance for your help

Next Council meeting will be Monday, October 5th, at 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK ... Woo hoo ... the excitement is contagious.

Confirmation classes will begin next Sunday September 27th. Dan will have a contact sheet for the students on first day of class. He does needs to know PRIOR to the start of classes, who will be attending so that he can have the supplies needed. 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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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 candles are placed to the Glory of God.

In today’s second reading, Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgement of God. Yet we do not sin against one another, and Jesus’ challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God’s boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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: Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. 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: Create in Me a Clean Heart WOV 732**

***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: Genesis 50:15-21 L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (Read Responsively)

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12 L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel:
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** **WOV 784**

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

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Hear us, 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: 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

***When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and they 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, 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

***Invitation to Communion:**

Pastor: Christ invites you to this table. All who believe are thirsty, all who hungry, come!

***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