Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope – word, water, bread and wine – eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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

Next social time has been changed to November 29th. We would like to celebrate those being baptized. 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.

Church Decorating Day – Sunday, December 20th. Please join in helping to make the church festive for the Christmas Holiday. What a joy it is to have congregation stay to decorate and enjoy a small meal together …with a little jingle jingle as well. All are welcome to stay and help (and needed). See you then.

Next Council meeting will be, December 7th, at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to those who have ordered apple dumplings. Orders can be picked up, after church, on November 22 – 10:15 am to 12:00 noon.

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

Youth News

Bedford Candy orders due on November 8th, pick up will be November 15th. See one of the youth, to order or place your order on the door in the Narthex.

November 15 – Youth arts and crafts – 2:00-4:00 pm.

June 18, 2027 Washington Zoo trip sign-up sheet is posted, on the narthex door. If we do not fill the bus with members of the congregation, this will be opened to the public. See Kim Fox, with any questions.



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Server – Sharon Cordwell
Lector – Sharon Cordwell

Crucifer: Ben Fox
Acolyte: Gracie Jasper
Offering: Addy MacLaughlin/Locklyn Robine
Communion: Lydia Fox/Kason Lutz

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Worship Sunday at 9:00 am
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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.

Sanctuary candle is place in memory of Virginia Pinos, by Ruth Elaine. Tall and small candles are placed in memory of Virginia Pinos, by Ruth Elaine.

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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: Holy God ,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care from your beloved. We trust the voice of our name and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen

Pastor: Inherit the riches of God's grace. +Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. C: **Amen**

***Entrance Hymn:** **Battle Hymn of the Republic** **LBW 332**

***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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 **(Read Responsively)**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (insert) L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30 **C: Glory to You O Lord** **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon: "God Gives You Talents – Multiply Them!"

***Hymn of the Day** **O Christ the Same** **WOV 778**

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

***Prayers of the Church**

Pastor: God, in your mercy, **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: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

***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: **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** **WOV 754**

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

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **C: Amen**.

***Blessing:**

Pastor: The holy Trinity, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **C: Amen**

***Recessional Hymn:** **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** **LBW 320**

***Dismissal**
Pastor: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.!**

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Our Military Members Becky (& Gary) Mickle Carolyn Pinos
Emma Rosman Cheryl Sherbine & family of Keith Sherbine