Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

Today we welcome Pastor Devore. Thank you for your assistance.

Social time will follow the service today. We would like to celebrate those who have been baptized into our family. Please note, there will be a brief meeting following the service for the parents and God parents of those who have been baptized. Please remain in the church for this.

Poinsettia order form is hanging on the bulletin board. To pay, please place money in an envelope (with your name on it) in the collection plates.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please write it down and give to Sonny. I cannot guarantee to remember anything that isn't written down. Thank you.

DECEMBER 6 – Congregational Meeting: Congregation will be voting on the budget, electing council members and voting on the roof contract/replacement. Current chosen contract is estimated at $55,000.

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.

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

Youth News

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.



12/6
Server – Karen Pohopin
Lector – Dan Kerch

Crucifer: Brandt Troxell
Acolyte: Rylan Maul
Offering: Ben Fox/Olivia Lutz
Communion: Vivian Hutsky/Lydia Fox

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Worship Sunday at 9:00 am
1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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 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, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever..
C: Amen.

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

Pastor: Comforting God ,
C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen

Pastor: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothes you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of + Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice in the Lord ! Rejoice in the Lord !
C: Amen

***Entrance Hymn:** **All Who Believe and Are Baptized** **LBW 194**

***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: Isaiah 64:1-9 L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19 **(Read Responsively)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel:
Matthew 13:24-37 **C: Glory to You O Lord** **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

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

***Hymn of the Day** **Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying** **LBW 31**

***Baptism – please following along in the LBW page 121**
Those being baptized are listed on the insert

***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: Holy Creator, we are clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts, shape them and our lives for your purpose through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: The glory of the Lord is revealed! Come and taste God's presence.

***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 WILL BE BY INTINCTION TODAY

Communion Hymn: **My Lord, What a Morning** **WOV 627**

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

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen**.

***Blessing:**

Pastor: God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, +bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

***Recessional Hymn:** **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers** **LBW 25**

***Dismissal**
Pastor: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted. **C: Thanks be to God.!**

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