

**St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church October 14, 2018 Twenty-first Sunday** after Pentecost

> Worship every Sunday 10:45 AM

## Welcome

We welcome all visitors who come to worship with us today. We are delighted that you have come to share in the prayer and praise of our Lord and invite you to return and add your voice to ours in holy celebration. If you have a special need or prayer write it on the prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Before you leave us today, we ask that vou please sign our quest book.

Pastor: Revs. Scott & CAROL CUSTEAD **Church Organist/Choir Director: PATRICIA MCCONNELL** Administrative Assistant: Tim Surkovich

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#### St. James Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament by the Holy Spirit.

Announcements: If you cannot read the hymns, you can turn to the hymn in the red ELW hymnal in the pew racks.

Prelude: O Spirit of the Living God arr. T. Tertius Noble (We take this time to silently prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

PLEASE STAND

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

An extended silence may be kept.

Merciful God,

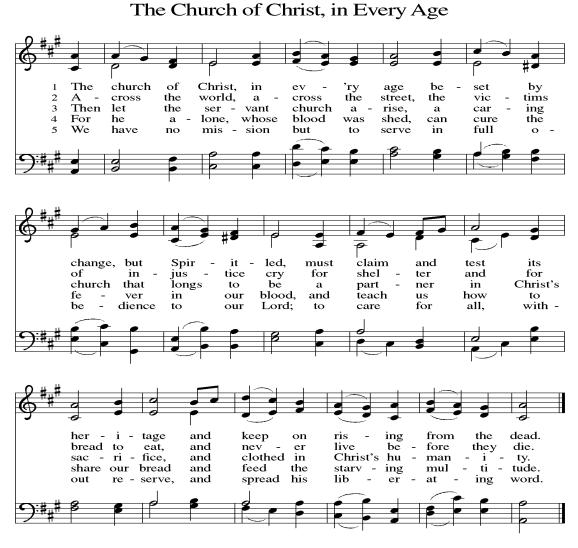
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## We Gather

\*GATHERING SONG: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729



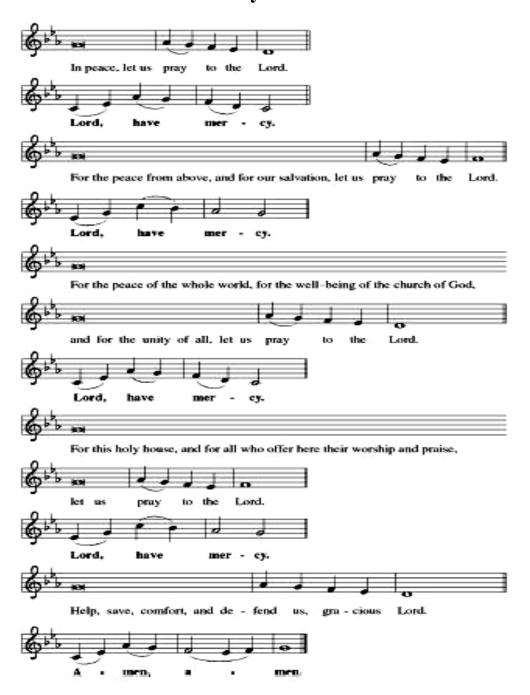
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\*GREETING: P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C: And also with you.

**Kyrie** 



## Glory to God



\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

#### P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### We Listen to the Word

#### First Reading:

#### Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

#### <sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

#### <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

#### Anthem: It Only Takes A Moment

#### **Second Reading:**

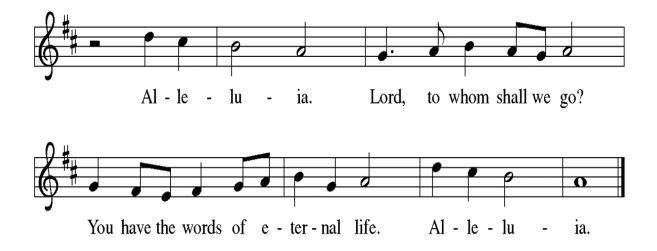
A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Gospel Acclamation**



#### \*GOSPEL:

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

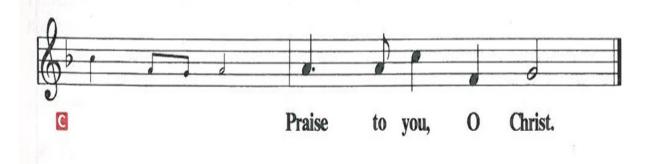


<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

#### The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

We Respond to the Word

\*Hymn of the Day: NEXT PAGE O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW 810

#### O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

## \*Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty. creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins. the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Petitions are offered for the Church, the world, the nations, and all who are in need.)

....Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**. (after final petition)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

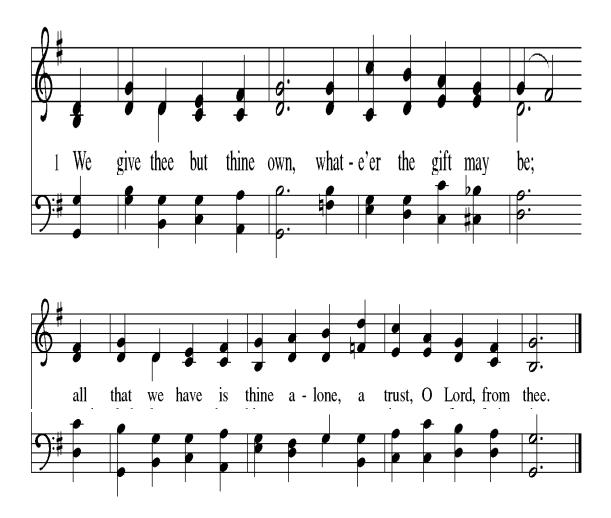
\*Sharing of the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

## We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name arr. Robert Powell \*Offertory Hymn: We Give Thee but Thine Own

# We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

\*Offering Prayer:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### C: Amen.

Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

\*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## We Are Sent

\*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

\*Sending Song: God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW 836 (next page)

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

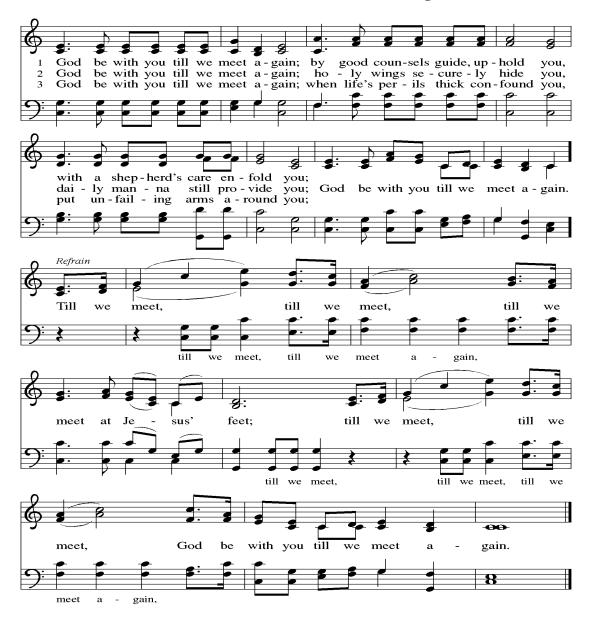
#### C: Thanks be to God!

\*Postlude:

Plein Jeu

Gordon Young

#### God Be with You Till We Meet Again



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## \*Announcements\*

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastors Scott & Carol Custead Phone: 814-254-3072 Email: <u>scustead@atlanticbb.net</u> or <u>ccustead@atlanticbb.net</u>

The church office email is stjamesaltoona@gmail.com The church's website is www.stjamesaltoona.org On Facebook—St. James Lutheran Church—Altoona, PA

## REMINDER AND IMPORTANT

BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.

For corrections, please contact the church office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office Monday-Thursday 9-1.

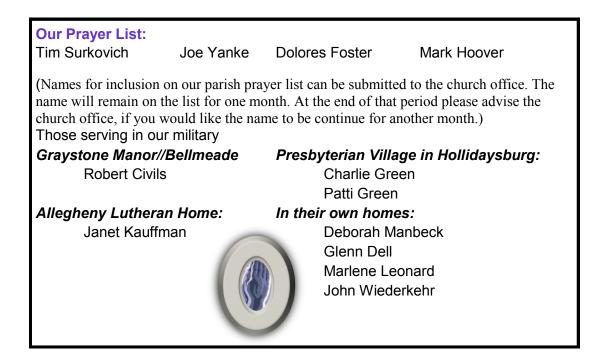
<u>\*\*\*\*IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT BE</u> <u>SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CALL AND</u> <u>RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO THAT THE</u> <u>KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD OF TIME TO</u> <u>PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.</u>\*\*\*\*



## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE BULLETIN DEADLINE COUNCIL MEETING CHOIR REHEARSAL ALLEGHENY LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES AWARDS DINNER OCTOBERFEST BULLETIN DEADLINE CHOIR REHEARSAL BULLETIN DEADLINE CHOIR REHEARSAL SWEETS AND TREATS BULLETIN DEADLINE CHOIR REHEARSAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCT 15TH 12 PM OCT 16TH 10:30 AM OCT 16TH 6 PM OCT 18TH 7 PM

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## **SWEETS AND TREATS**

## **November 4th**

From Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries: Join us for our Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony October 18th! To RSVP, please call Patty Faith at 814-696-4523.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

## ALLEGHENY LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

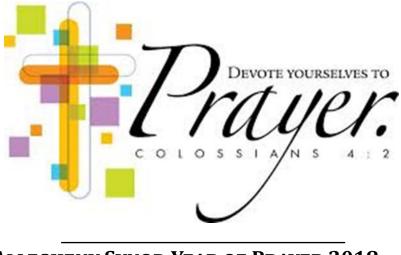
AMERICAN LEGION SOCIAL HALL, HOLLIDAYSBURG

6:00 P.M. RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION 7:00 P.M. DINNER & PROGRAM

GUEST SPEAKER: CHARLOTTE HABERAECKER, PRESIDENT & CEO, LUTHERAN SERVICES IN AMERICA

> ALLEGHENY LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

> > We Touch Lives



Allegheny Synod Year of Prayer 2018 October

### The continuing reformation of this Church

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" –Romans 12:2

Pray for the continuing reformation of this church through the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. Ask to be shown how your gifts fit into the mission and ministry of your congregation and Synod. Be open to how the Holy Spirit is calling you to share those gifts. Pray for your congregation and its mission in your community. Pray for your partners in ministry as you work together to share the love of Jesus.

How is the Holy Spirit calling you to reform, renew, and revive our work together? What are the gifts you have that can be used to be a part of this continuing reformation?



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