

St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church **November 3, 2019 All Saints Sunday** Communion 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 you 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: Memoria In Aeterna James Mansfield (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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945.
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623
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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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

We Listen to the Word

First Reading:

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 1:10-18

- ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
- ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
- ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;
- ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
- ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.
- ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
- ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
- ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.
- ¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32:1-7

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

- ²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Anthem: Be Not Afraid

Chorus (Congregation please sing along)

Be not afraid I go before you always Come follow me And I will give you rest

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

A reading from Thessalonians.

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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ia.

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

*GOSPEL:

Luke 19:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand ELW 441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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*Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**

Solo: Spirituals Medley Bob Hench

*Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: Jesus Still Lead On arr. D. Cherwein

*Offertory Hymn: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(next page)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of u -



of - fer now. nite them with the prayers Grace our we ta-ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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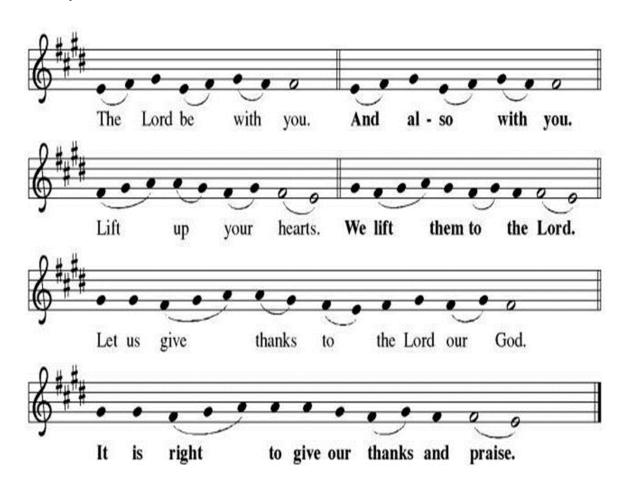
*Offering Prayer:

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.

A: Amen.

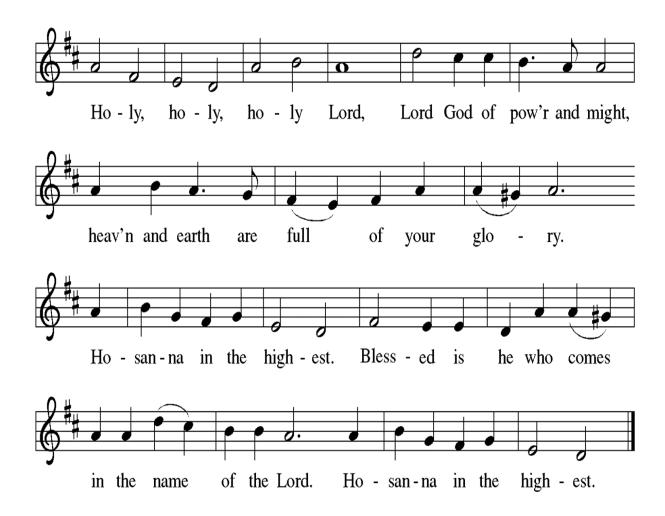
We Share the Feast

*Holy Communion



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race that is set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



*Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we might receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

For it is our Lord Jesus, who in the night in which he was betrayed 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 the 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me".

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.

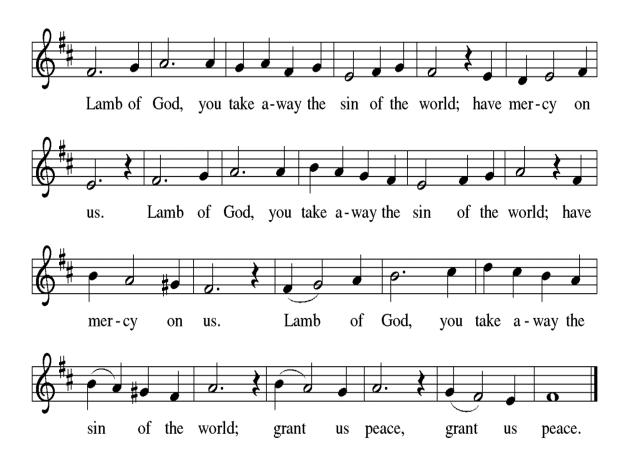
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

P: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you once revealed yourself to your disciples.

*Distribution of Communion

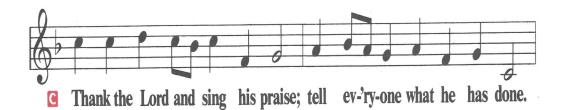
Lamb of God



*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



*Prayer after Communion

P: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: 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: Sing with All the Saints in Glory ELW 426 (next page)

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Postlude: My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. R.J. Powell

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
 Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
 All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
 Jesus lives who once was dead.
 Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
 Child of God, lift up your head!
 Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
 crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 when, amid earth's closing thunders,
 saints shall stand before the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt.

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: scustead@atlanticbb.net or ccustead@atlanticbb.net

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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.

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



SWEETS AND TREATS	TODAY	NOV 3RD 10AM
BULLETIN DEADLINE		NOV 5TH 10:30 AM
CHOIR PRACTICE		NOV 7TH 7 PM
WELCA MEETING		NOV 9TH 10 AM
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING		NOV 10TH 12 PM
BULLETIN DEADLINE		NOV 12TH
10:30AM		
COUNCIL MEETING		NOV 12TH 6 PM
CHOIR PRACTICE		NOV 14TH 7 PM
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DE	EADLINE	NOV 15TH 12 PM
*50th ANNIVERSAY WOMENS ORDINATION		
SERVICE		NOV 17TH 4 PM
*SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS		
BULLETIN DEADLINE		NOV 19TH
10:30AM		
CHOIR PRACTICE		NOV 21ST 7 PM
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY		NOV 24TH
BULLETIN DEADLINE		NOV 26TH
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Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich Joe Yanke Shelby Savino Sylvia Malsatzki

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

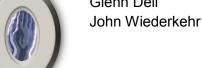
Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Robert Civils Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home: In their own homes:

Janet Kauffman Deborah Manbeck Glenn Dell





SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS WILL BE Today November 3rd Sponsored by Joe Yanke

* We are always looking for volunteers to sponsor Sweets and Treats. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the Sunday School Room. Your support is appreciated!



The Annual Congregational meeting will be held:

November 10th

after the service. There will be nominations for council members and then the election for council. The budget will be discussed and then anything else that the congregation may bring to our attention.





WELCA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

STARTING NOVEMBER 15th THROUGH DECEMBER 15th

We will have a wrapped CHRISTMAS BOX IN THE NARTHEX on November 15th and we will be collecting the following items:

women's perfume/or sprays, men's aftershave, adult coloring books and colored pencils. They will be given to R.K. Agarwal M.D. and Family Teen Center and Shelter at 1701 -6th Avenue, Altoona. The gifts DO NOT need to be wrapped. The shelter will wrap the gifts. On December 20th they will have a Christmas Party and they will do a gift exchange at that time. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

NEXT WELCA MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 9th and we will decorate the bulletin board in the fellowship hall with a winter scene.



It is with heartfelt thanks, the congregation expresses to Robin and John Kessler for the amazing Octoberfest meal. Your hard work, generous time and god given gifts did not go unnoticed. Thank You again and may God Bless You!



For All The Faithful Wonnen

50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA Worship Service

Sunday, November 17, 2019 4:00 pm

Evangelical Lutheran Church 1200 Fourth Ave., Duncansville, PA

The Rev. Elizabeth Platz, the first woman ordained in the ELCA will be our guest and will preside. The Rev. Barbara Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will preach

A reception will follow worship with Pastor Elizabeth Platz answering your questions.

An offering will be received to benefit the ELCA International Women's Leadership Development Program. This program seeks to enhance the capacity of the global church for mission and ministry. The program provides financial awards to support the short and long-term academic training of established and emerging female leaders in global companion churches and institutions.

Please join us for this day of celebration



Christmas Poinsettias

Bless our Sanctuary and your home this Christmas with a beautiful red poinsettia! For each \$7.50 you contribute to the St. James Flower Fund, a flower will be placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and will be available for you to take with you following our Christmas Eve Service. If you would rather donate the flower for a shut-or or friend of St. James, you may indicate that choice on this order form.

Please complete the form and return it to the church. The deadline for poinsettia orders and payments is Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

Your Name
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This donation is made:
In Honor of:
Or
In Memory of:
Amount of Contribution:
Number of Christmas Poinsettias:
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Yes, I do want to take the poinsettia (s) home with me.
No. I don't want to take the poinsettia (s). I would like



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