



**St. James Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
November 10, 2019  
22nd 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 you please sign our guest 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: The God of Abraham Praise arr. Winston Cassler  
*(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*

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**\*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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

**O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*We Listen to the Word*

**First Reading:**

**Job 19:23-27a**

A reading from Job.

<sup>23</sup>“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer,  
which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes  
be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup>**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup>from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**Anthem: Christians Together In Praise**

Second Reading:

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

A reading from Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

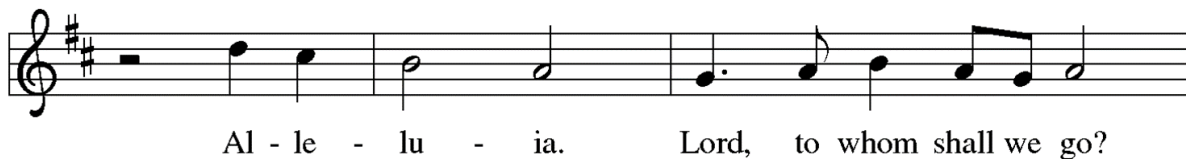
<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

<sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

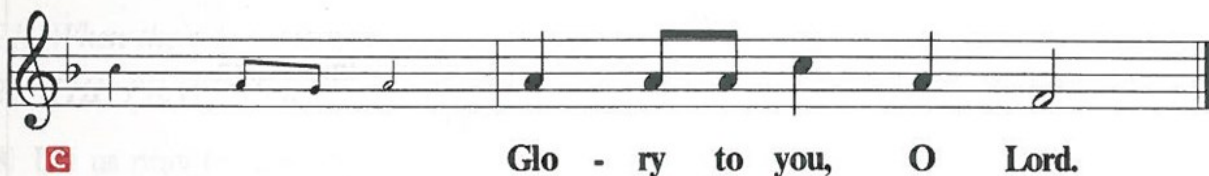
## Gospel Acclamation



**\*GOSPEL:**

**Luke 20:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

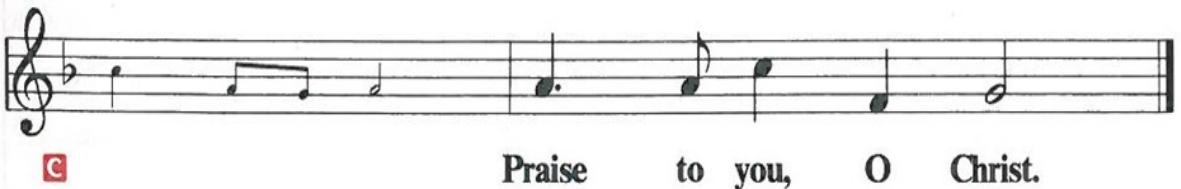




<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus]  
<sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s  
brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow  
and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the  
first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married  
her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman  
also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be?  
For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given  
in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age  
and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in  
marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels  
and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact  
that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush,  
where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and  
the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to  
him all of them are alive.”

## The Gospel of the Lord.

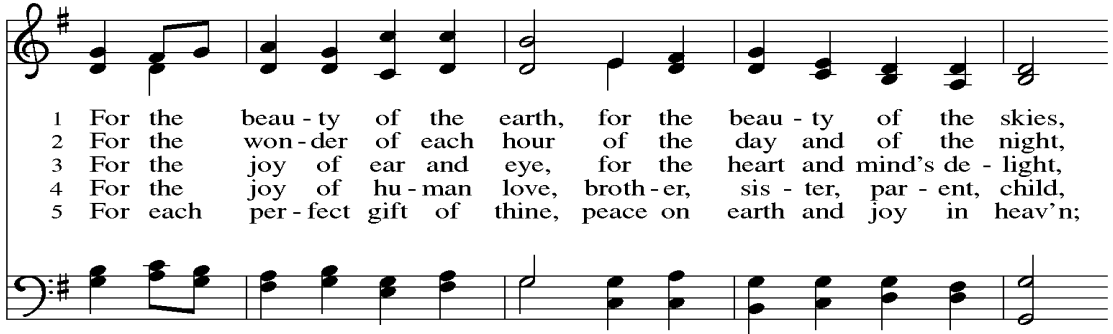


Sermon

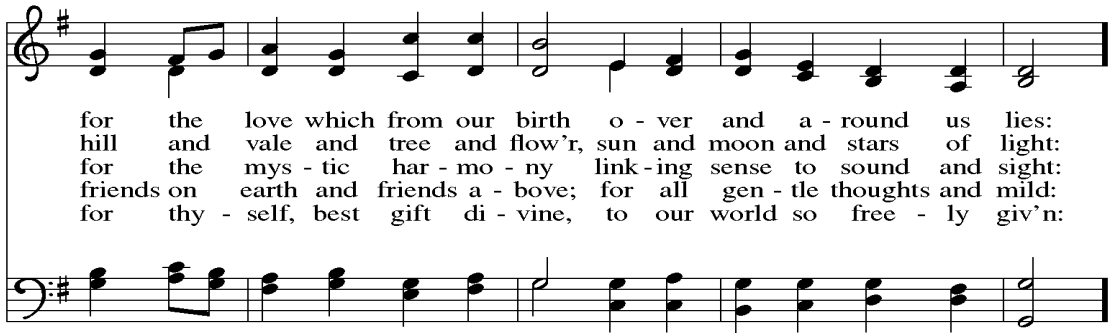
# *We Respond to the Word*

\*Hymn of the Day: For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879

## For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## **\*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.**

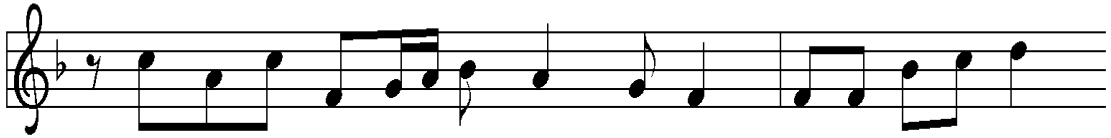
## *We Offer Our Gifts*

Offertory:            Con moto moderato            Felix Mendelssohn

\*Offertory Hymn:            Create in Me a Clean Heart  
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# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.

**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: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord  
(*next page*)

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**Solo: Taps**

**Bob Hench**

### \*Dismissal

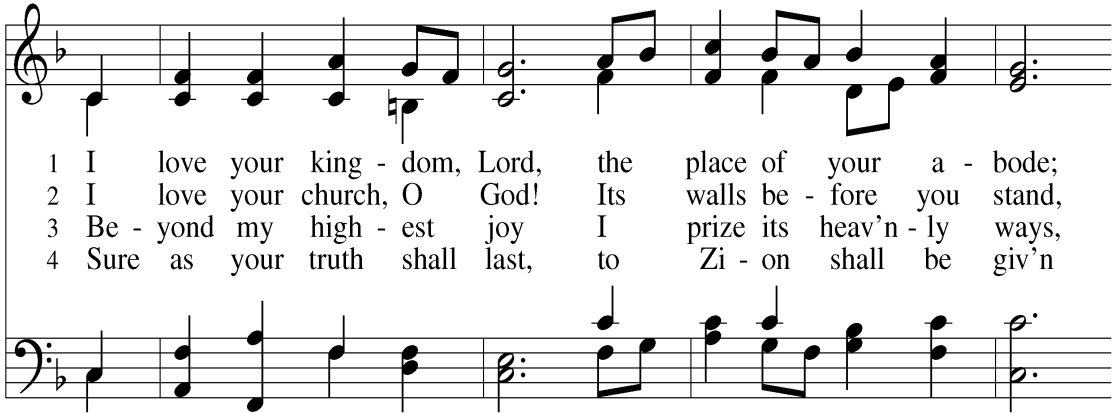
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

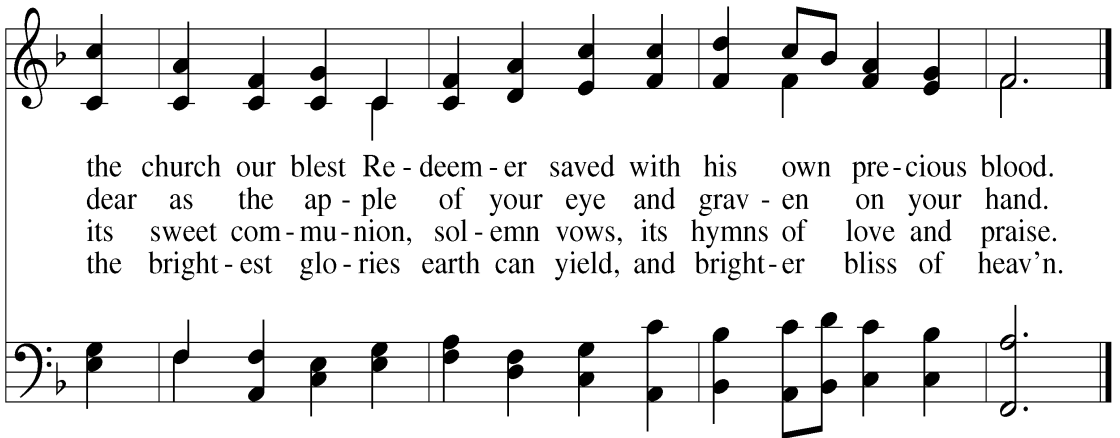
\*Postlude: Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

arr. D. Torrans

# I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the place of your a - bode;  
2 I love your church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
4 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.  
its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, its hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt.

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776



# **\*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](mailto:scustead@atlanticbb.net) or [ccustead@atlanticbb.net](mailto:ccustead@atlanticbb.net)**

The church office email is [stjamesaltoona@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesaltoona@gmail.com) The church's  
website is [www.stjamesaltoona.org](http://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.***

**\*\*\*\*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.\*\*\*\***



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>	<b>NOV 10TH 12 PM</b>
<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOV 12TH</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>	<b>NOV 12TH 6 PM</b>
<b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b>	<b>NOV 14TH 7 PM</b>
<b>KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOV 15TH 12 PM</b>
<b>POTLUCK DINNER</b>	<b>NOV 17TH 12 PM</b>
<b>*50th ANNIVERSARY WOMENS ORDINATION</b>	
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>NOV 17TH 4 PM</b>
<i>*SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS</i>	
<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOV 19TH</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	
<b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b>	<b>NOV 21ST 7 PM</b>
<b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOV 24TH</b>
<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOV 26TH</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	
<b>POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOV 27TH 12 PM</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING (NO SERVICE)</b>	<b>NOV 28TH</b>

**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***

Robert Civils

***Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:***

Patti Green

***Allegheny Lutheran Home:***

Janet Kauffman

***In their own homes:***

Deborah Manbeck

Glenn Dell

John Wiederkehr



**SWEETS AND TREATS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH.**

**OUR NEXT SWEETS AND  
TREATS WILL BE  
December 1, 2019**

\* 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:

**TODAY 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 atten-

### **A Midweek Advent Opportunity by Bethany Lutheran Church**

Join us at a 12 noon Lunch Service or 6:30 pm Service as we join with the Shepherds in the field, the company of Angels, and Mary and Joseph as we take part in their story which becomes our story. Below you will find the times and locations of our respective services.

\*Trinity Lutheran's Address: 408 N. 6th Street, Altoona PA 16601

<b>Date</b>	<b>12 noon Service</b>	<b>6:30 pm Service</b>
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran



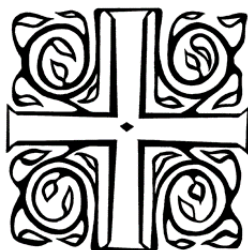
## ***WELCA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT***

**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.



For All The Faithful Women  
50<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

This donation is made:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Christmas Poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 them to be given to a shut in or friend of St. James



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