

St. James Evangelical **Lutheran Church August 6, 2023** 10th Sunday after Pentecost 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 vou please sign our quest book.

Vice Pastor: Pastor Drew McCaffrey 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 Voluntary William Selby (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 holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

An extended silence may be kept.

Most 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called 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 the Son, and of the Holy Sprit. **Amen.**

We Gather

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

We Listen to the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

- ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.
- ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





*GOSPEL:
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Matthew 14:13-21



¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.



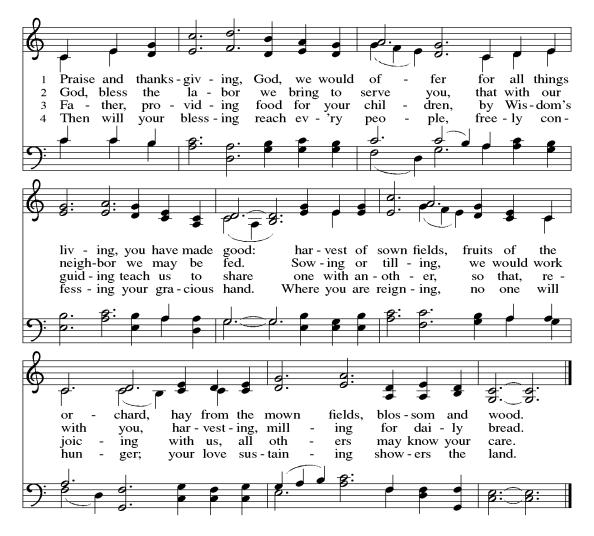
Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of the Day:

ELW 689

Praise and Thanksgiving



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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

We Offer Our Gifts

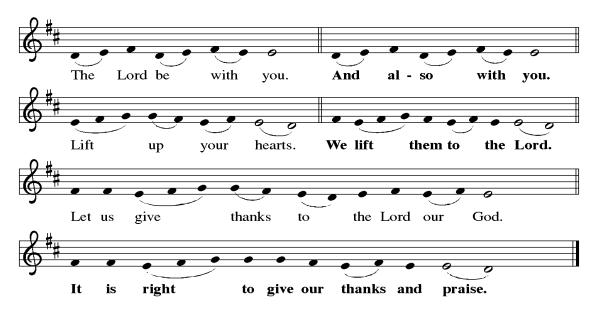
*Offering Prayer:

P: 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.

We Share the Feast

*Holy Communion



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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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."

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*The Lord's Prayer

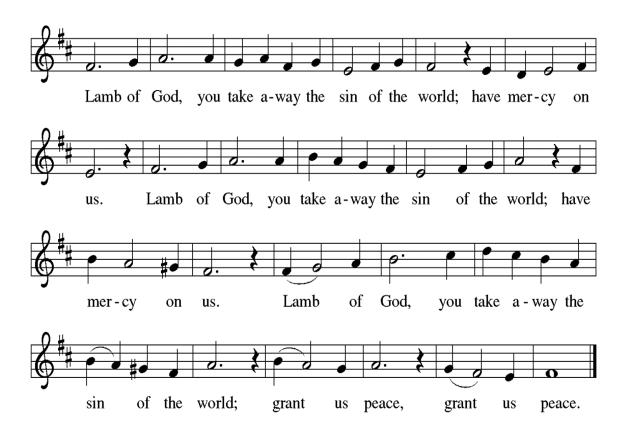
Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Lamb of God



*Communion Distribution

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

C: Amen

^{*}Post-Communion Blessing

*Song after Communion:



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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: Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have Received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

We Are Sent

*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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: NEXT PAGE

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Recessional Amazing Grace

Arr. Robert J Hughes

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



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Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich Debbie Thomas Jeff Bickel Bill Wilt
Staff Sgt John Hiles Donna Foster Jean Bickel Donna Wilt
Carolyn Feather Bill Dambeck Judy Dambeck

(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.

Homewood

Sylvia Malsatzki

Allegheny Lutheran Home: In their own homes:

Janet Kauffman Deborah Manbeck







UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

WELCA LUNCHEON POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE

SUMMER PICNIC WORSHIP

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CURVE

BIBLE STUDY @ BETHANY

AWSO DAY OF RENEWAL

POTLUCK

SWEETS AND TREATS

COUNCIL MEETING

AUG 13 10 AM

AUG 13

AUG 15 1 PM

AUG 26 8:30-1:30

SEP 17 12 PM

OCT 1 10:30 AM

OCT 8 12 PM





Sunday, August 13th



Game Begins at 6:00pm

Fireworks following the game.

Tickets -\$7.00/each



Please Register with the Synod Office by Friday, August 1st.





NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2023



SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND TREATS
WILL BE
OCTOBER 1, 2023

* 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!



Next Potluck September 17



Bible Study Update

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Studies: Wednesday Bible Study group will be taking a July Break and returning on August 9th at 1pm in the Basement Fellowship Hall. For August 9th, we will be continuing our series on the Gospel of John with John Ch 6. These are been great conversations and hope to see you there!

Faith on Tap: We continue to meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month as we will be reading Kate Bowler's book, *Everything Happens for a Reason*. This book will shed light on Dr. Bowler's experience as she is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and how she wrestles with the typical language, we as Christians, use when individuals go through difficult situations. We will now be on the back half of this series and will begin prep for a new series in September. Below is the schedule for the upcoming months:

August Months

August 1st: NO STUDY-PASTOR AWAY

August 15th: Restoration, Ordinary Time, & Wrap Up

Summer Picnic Worship!

Summer is in full swing and we are loving it. One of our favorite activities include Outdoor Picnic Worships. We had our first Picnic in June and was an especially good time. We will be continue to gathering at Highland Park, Pavilion 2, for these Outdoor Picnic Worship during the summer, on the 2nd Sunday, at 10am as a combined service between Bethany & St. James. The remaining date is August 13th. We will have an abridged communion worship service and will then enjoy the picnic festivities. Bethany will provide the main dish for the picnics. We are asking for individuals to bring a side and/or a dessert to be shared with those in attendance. We also ask for you to provide your own appropriate beverage. For our friends who join us via YouTube for worship, a digital pre-recorded version will be available at 10am. If something changes with these picnics, we will keep you in the loop.





WELCA NEWS



Our summer luncheon at The Spruce Creek Tavern and a trip to Martins Farm Market in Spruce Creek has been postponed to a later date. This is a treat from WELCA. Everyone in the congregation is invited. More details to come! Please come and joy us on this summer day.

Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

Day of Renewal

"The Old is Gone, The New is Here"

Saturday, August 26, 2023

9:00 to approximately 1:30

Altoona Grand Hotel, Tropical Courtyard

1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA

Registration begins at 8:30 AM with coffee and pastries

Scheduled sessions include paint pouring, exercise, craft, and global service. Our keynote speaker, Pastor Rebecca West.

Join us for a day of fellowship and fun, and <u>lunch</u>!

Please complete the registration form on the next page. Deadline—August 16, 2023

Cost \$10 check made out to Allegheny SWO

Mail to: Donna College, 188 Graybill Road, Osterburg PA 16667

ALLEGHENY SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION DAY OF RENEWAL

The Altoona Grand Hotel, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA Saturday, August 26, 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please complete a separate form for each person attending. Make copies as needed. ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE August 16, 2023

Name		
Name(first)	(last)	
Mailing Address		
City	State Zip Code	***************************************
Telephone		
Congregation	•	
City		
Registration Fee: \$10.00		

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