

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship



We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage 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

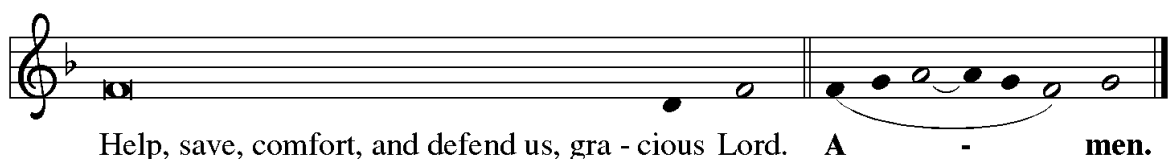
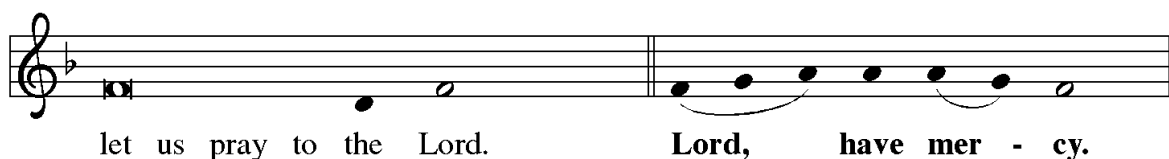
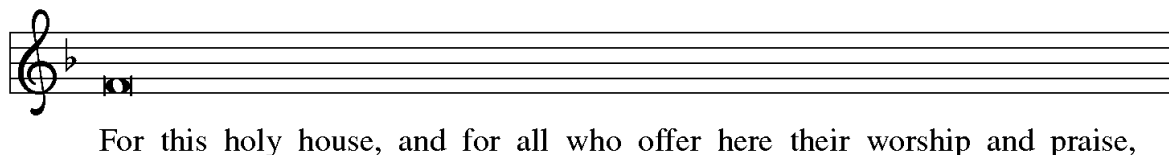
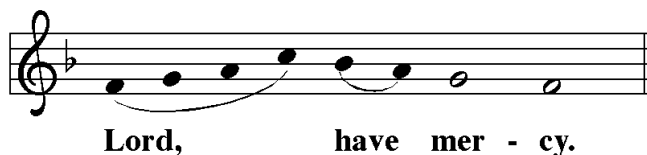
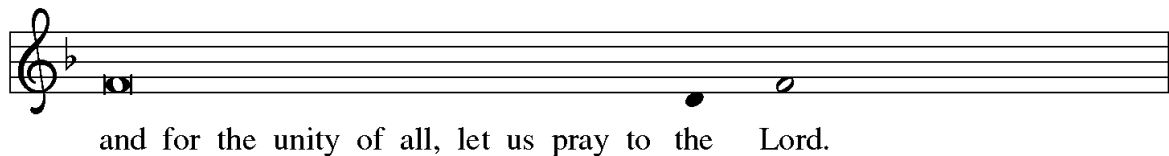
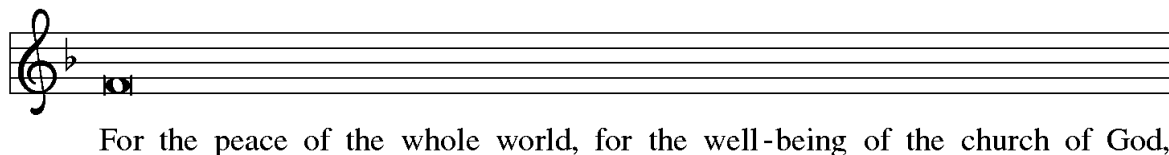
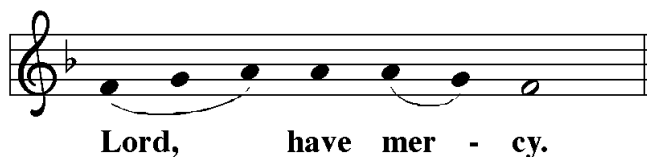
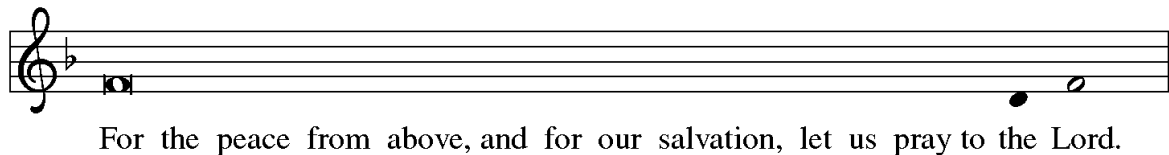
P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,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

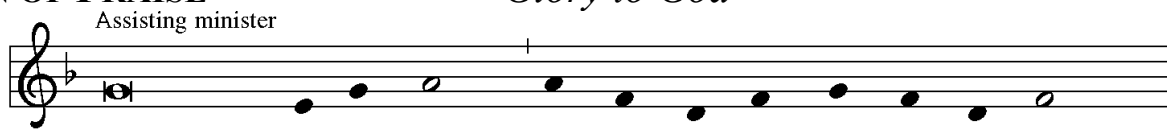
*GREETING

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

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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 ... Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 (read responsively)

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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***Gospel: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Traci

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW #517

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C: 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 THE CHURCH**

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A: As we observe Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting
that is comfortable for both you and them.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave;
we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:*

A: *Let us pray ...* God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **C: Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW # S144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line has two measures, the second and third lines each have two measures, and the fourth line has one measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

*PROPER PREFACE

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; 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:

*SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

ELW # S144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

ELW # S146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION**

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW # 488

***BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray... Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **C: Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW # 504

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in appreciation of St. Matthew's congregation from Peggy Steinfurth.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Pianists – Ben Decker, Sheila Bumbarger

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Acolytes – Ben Decker, Gavin Kuster, Norah Kuster

Our Lector – Steve Oswalt

Our Usher – Randy McGraw

Our Altar Guild – Jeannie Smith, Cindy Snyder

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminaries”

This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413

Office Hours:

Pastor Traci – Wed. 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Jen – Tues. – Fri. – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events:

Today –

Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Window Room

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Halloween Party 3:00-4:00 p.m., Lutheran Home Hollidaysburg

Monday –

Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday –

Knotty Ladies 12:30-3:00 p.m., Quilting Room

Talk-O Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., La Fiesta, Airport

Wednesday –

Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m., Window Room/Zoom

Thursday –

Trick or Treat 6:00-8:00 p.m., St. Matthew

Sunday –

All Saints' Day

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Window Room

10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Allegheny Synod All Saints' Day Service 3:00 p.m., St. Matthew

**refreshments to follow in fellowship hall*

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Dan Kensinger, Ruth Marshall.

Prayer Concerns: Ben, Greta Buchart, Doug Bush, Bill Davis, Julie Dick, Mary Farabaugh, Marilyn Horton, Dwight and Bethany Kensinger and their newborn son, Rachel Kensinger, Kristen Malloy, Pat Mellot, Randy McGraw, John Murphy, Dan Ross, John Russell, Dan Sinal, Margie Smith, Joshua Sollenberger, Kaleb Sollenberger, Bill Stahl, Dr. Darwin Stapleton, Peggy Steinfurth, Jim Stewart, Jennifer Winston, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Mace Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jay Hoenstine, Jeff Hoenstine, Camden Kuster, Lacey Ripka.

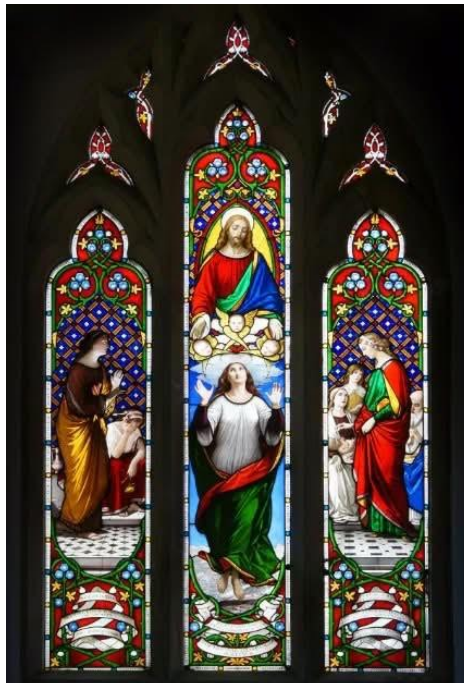
Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep.

Cookie Donations Needed!



Allegheny Synod All Saints' Day Service St. Matthew Lutheran Church

St. Matthew is hosting the Allegheny Synod All Saints' Day Service on Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. We are requesting donations of cookies to serve as refreshments after the service. Please email Jane Fagans ASAP at jfagans@breezeline.net to let her know of your willingness to donate cookies or sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1
3 PM

Bishop Kevin invites you to a
Synod-Wide All Saints' Day Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 pm

**Hosted by St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
115 E. Penn St., Martinsburg**

Refreshments will be served.

*Let us come together to acknowledge the grief we carry and
to celebrate the saints for their kindness, bravery, and
dedication; may their light always shine in our hearts.*





Community Thanksgiving Meal Desserts

Social Ministry Committee will be coordinating the desserts from St. Matthew for the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 9, 2026, at the Martinsburg Church of God. A sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Join us for the

4th Annual Blair-Huntingdon Halloween Party at the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg

Costumes, games, food & fun with the
residents of the Lutheran Home
916 Hickory Street, Hollidaysburg
3PM to 4PM
Sunday, October 25th



Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation
Tuesday, October 27th at 6PM
La Fiesta at the Airport
RSVP to the office by Noon

Join Pastor Traci & Angus at St. Matthew for

TRICK OR TREAT

No Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood?
No problem! Dozens of ghosts & goblins
trick or treat at church every year.



6-8PM
Thursday
October 29

Throw on a costume &
join us to give out candy.
Shopping for Trick or Treat?
Grab an extra bag for St. Matthew.
(Please drop off by Wednesday the 28th)

New Bible Study Opportunity

Thanks to the work of the Go Tell It In The Mountains team, a new Bible Study opportunity will be available weekly beginning in October.

We have the ability to meet together in the Window Room and video conference with leaders and other participants from Allegheny, Upper Susquehanna, and North West Pennsylvania Synods. You can also access the study by Zoom from your home. These lectionary studies will cover the upcoming Sunday's gospel and other readings as time permits, from 6:30PM to 7:30PM on Wednesdays. Watch your email for log-in information or join us in person at church to connect to the wider group.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Pericope-Based

BIBLE STUDY

— TOGETHER IN SCRIPTURE. STRONGER IN MINISTRY. —

Let's work together to bring weekly, pericope-based Bible study to our congregations and beyond—through Zoom!



— ZOOM DETAILS —

<https://zoom.us/j/94173815852?pwd=e74xTbZSrFi61YbwyCRAkGgMeox1G1>

Meeting Id: 941 7381 5852 | Passcode: 880291

— WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE —

BASE SCHEDULE	EXPANDED SCHEDULE
• 6:30 PM - Opening greeting and prayer for illumination • 6:33 PM - Study of the upcoming Sunday's texts • 7:20 PM - Prayer requests and praises	• 6:15-6:25 PM - Zoom session opens • 6:30 PM - Greeting & Prayer for illumination • 6:33 PM - Gospel, Old Testament and Epistle lessons, with time for discussion and real-life application • 7:20 PM - Prayer time • 7:30 PM - Conclude & end Zoom



LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!
GO TELL IT IN THE
Mountains



EMAIL US:
director@alleghensynod.com



Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular helpers with food distributions on Thursdays, November 5 and November 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving dinners are being provided by several churches in the community for those food pantry families that want to prepare turkey dinners for themselves. Much appreciated!

Food items most needed for November:

Cereal, Macaroni, Pasta Sauce, Soup, and Rice Sides.

Thank you, members, for your donations for the food pantry!

Linda Smith

The D. Merl Tipton
VFW
Post 43 Auxiliary

is inviting all area ★ ★ ★

VETERANS
★ *and a* **GUEST** ★

to a

VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
★ **NOON TO 1:30 PM** ★

★ ★ **AT THE POST** ★ ★
115 S. NICODEMUS STREET
MARTINSBURG, PA

★ *Local entertainer* ★
TINA WALTERS ★
will offer vocal patriotic songs.

★ ★ *Please* ★ ★
MAKE A RESERVATION
NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 4
by calling

☎ **JANE FAGANS at 814 793-4401**

★ **PLAN TO ATTEND AND ENJOY** ★
GREAT FOOD, PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENT,
AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FELLOW VETERANS AND FRIENDS. ★

Journey to Bethlehem

*This year the Journey comes to you in a newly staged,
accessible performance of the story of Christmas*

Sunday, December 20th



*Anyone interested in participating in this year's
Journey to Bethlehem, which will be adapted for
seated performances in the sanctuary,
please contact Jane Fagans or Pastor Traci*

Early Bird Registration Until November 1st

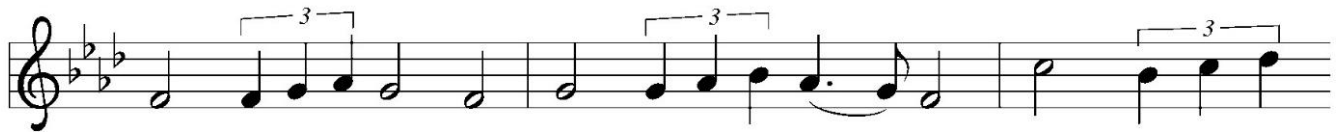
Registration open through November 20th

The Weekend.

Allegheny Synod
6th - 12th Grade Youth Event
December 11-13, 2026
St. James Lutheran Church ~ Huntingdon, PA

Registration Materials Available at
<https://www.alleghenysynod.org>





1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



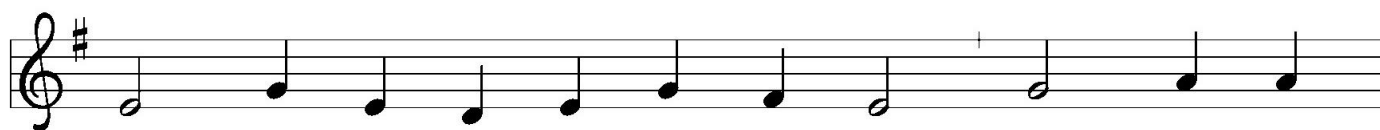
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

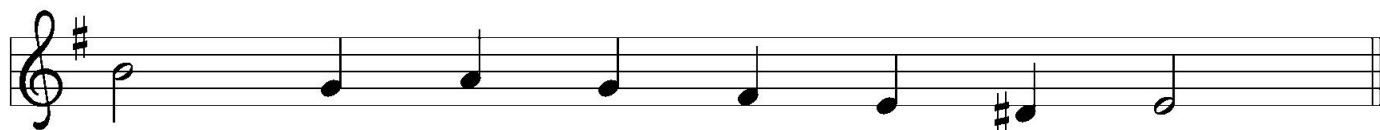
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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

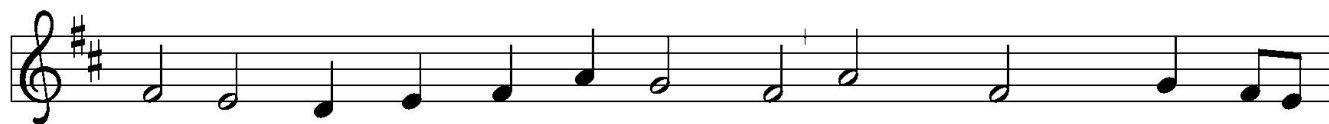


by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' - n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!