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17 PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 ✕ 9:30 AM

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- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

In the Sanctuary - G. F. Handel; Arr. Chester Nordman

Joanne Vasey, organ

This Is My Father's World - TERRA BEATA; Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Handbell Quartet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Worship the King - LYONS; Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Handbell Quartet

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Brief silence

P Most merciful God,

C **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 neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us. We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us, So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Lord of Light - ELW # 688

* GREETING

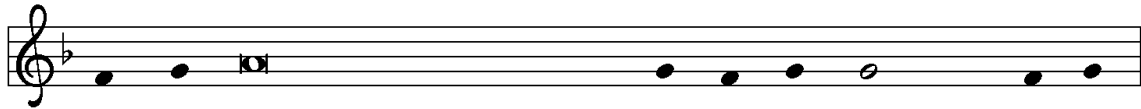
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE



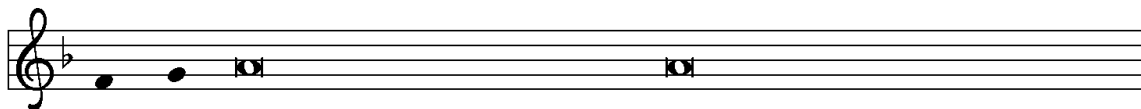
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



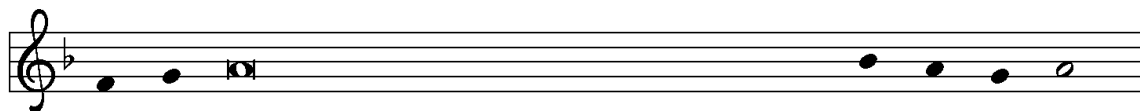
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



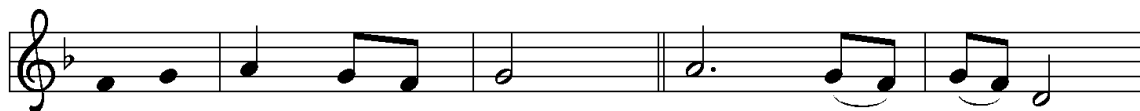
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



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



1 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.



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



2 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.



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



3 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.



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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

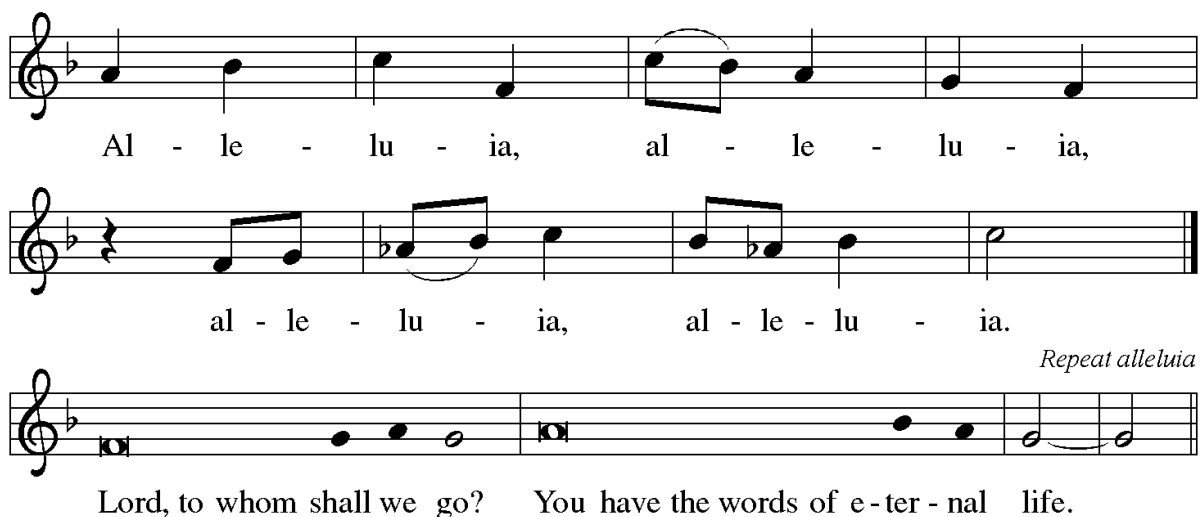
²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Charlene Rineer

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

As Saints of Old - ELW # 695

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

**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.**

*** WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Make Me A Servant - Kelly Willard
Joanne Vasey, organ

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*OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 181



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 all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

P 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.

P 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.

P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth
and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these,
Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your
Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of
Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in
wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

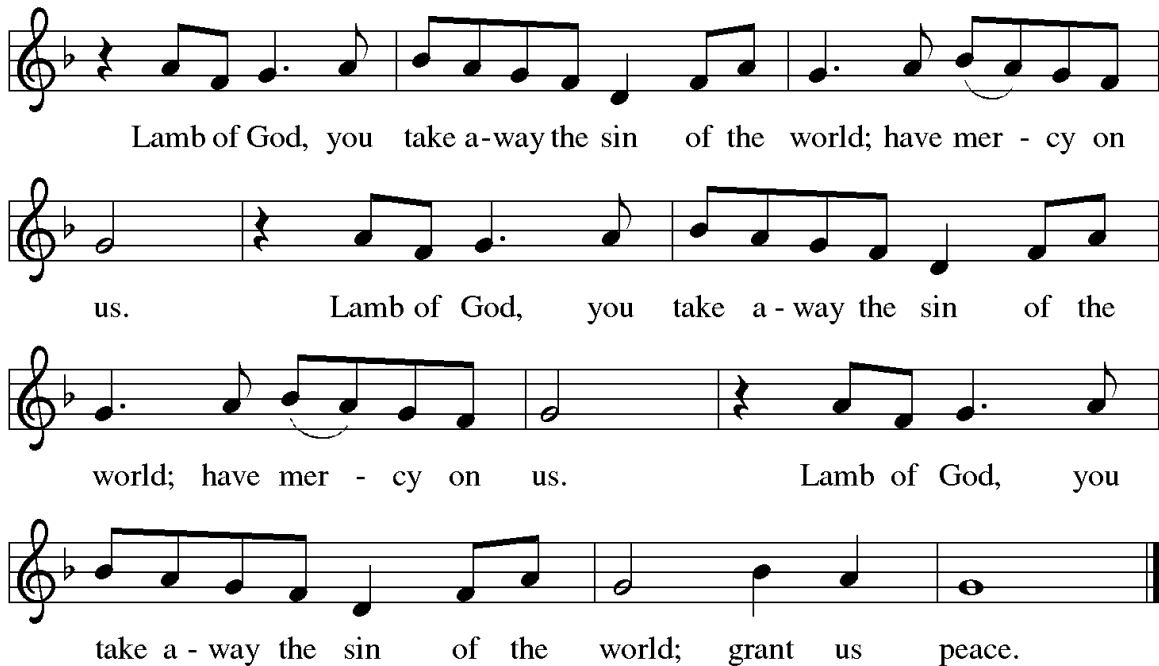
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Living Bread from Heaven - ELW #542
Text: Johann Rist Music: Samuel S. Wesley
Pop-Up Choir

(All interested singers welcome! Tune is the same tune as "The Church's One Foundation". Singers not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody.)

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness - ELW # 765

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A 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.**

GODSPEED AND DEPLOYMENT BLESSING FOR CARTER TEMPLE

*** BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Rise Up, O Saints of God! - ELW # 669

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Rigaudon - Andre Campra
Joanne Vasey, organ

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THE CROSS & ALTAR FLOWERS were given to the glory of God by Dale & Peggy Biesecker in honor of their CELC church family.

THANKS to the Handbell Quartet (Brandy Aguirre, Beverly Harvey, Charlene Rineer, Joanne Vasey) and the Pop-Up Choir for providing today's anthems for worship.

WE CELEBRATE TODAY with Gerrett Henry and Kortnee Koziara, Brian Vasey & MaryAnn Griffin, who are being received into Christ's Lutheran Church as new members. Please greet these folks and help them feel welcome and part of our church family.

Mums will be available for pick-up **Tues., Sept. 24th** in the church Atrium AFTER 11:00am.

Choir & Ensembles Updates

1) Parish Choir: Will rehearse Mon., Sept. 21 at 7:15 pm in preparation for sharing anthems next Sunday, Sept. 27 and also on Oct. 4. New folks welcome on all voice parts. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

2) Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble: Thanks to the Handbell Ensemble for providing today's anthems. Rehearsal Mon., Sept. 21 at 6:30 pm is tentative. Ringers should check e-mail for an update. Anyone wishing to learn to ring handbells is asked to contact Joanne Vasey.

3) Pop-Up Choir: Thanks for providing today's communion anthem. Pop-Up Choir will sing again on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18. All interested singers welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

4) Children's Choir: Rehearses during the Sunday school hour. All pre-school and elementary children welcome! Singing, rhythm instruments, Orff, color-coded handbells, etc. Date to share in worship –TBA. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

5) Pop-Up Orchestra - Thanks for providing hymn accompaniment last Sunday. Next time to play will be Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25. Watch for updates. Contact Joanne Vasey for more info.

6) Special Music - Musicians in the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. If interested, contact Joanne Vasey.

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Sept. 20

Congregational Life - Parlor, 8:30am

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Kunkel/Finance – Parlor, 10:45am

Faith Lab – UIC, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Monday, Sept. 21

Fall Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 6:00pm

Transitions Meeting - Parlor, 6:00pm

Parish Peal Handbell Choir – Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Al-Anon-YR, 7:00pm

Parish Choir – Sanctuary, 7:15am

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Assemble/Mail Oct. newsletter - Parlor, 9:15am

Council Meeting - Lower Church Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Holy Sew 'N' Sews - LCH, 9:00am

Thursday, Sept. 24

Preschool Mum Delivery - Atrium, after 11am

Men's Bible Study - Parlor, 6:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 27

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Faith Lab - United in Christ, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

9:30 am	September 20 17 Pentecost	September 27 ST. Michael & All Angels
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Heather Miller
Lector	Jim Snyder	Laura Faux
Acolytes	Lilly Patte / Claire Hershberger	Violet Hauck / Ruth Miller
Communion Ushers	Mel Wunder / Laura Faux	Colleen Nevil / Beckie Stahlnecker
Communion Assistant	Jackie Goff	Carol Apple
Communion Pourers	Adelynn & Mark Elliot	Laura Faux / Tim Apple
Usher Team	Rick Slear / Tess Trowbridge	Bill Wagner / Cordell Dean
Welcome Desk	Laurie Slear	Roberta Winder
Grocery Cards	Beckie Stahlnecker	Pam Baker
Altar Guild	Diane Miller	
CPIC	Laura Adams	

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: Sept. 13, 2026: 52 **OFFERINGS:** Sept. 6 & Sept. 13, 2026: \$6,281

September Prayer Requests

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745
or emailing it to christchurch@dejazzd.com

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Patti Faux -cancer treatment Emmy Gearhart -health Bonnie Hetherington -cancer treatment The friends & family of Barbara Hilferty -bereavement Dennis Lucas -health John & Dottie Michaels -health Gary Rickenbach -health Janet Shuman -health Rick Slear -cancer recovery Julie Stefan - breast cancer & treatment	Tracy -concerns Joanne Vasey -health Lisa Veloz -health DeeDee Wagner -health Ruth Ann Wallis -health Diane Warner - health Jay Warner -diabetes Roberta Winder -health Charlotte Winter -health Toletha Yost -health
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington	Bryan Berry	Joanne Gundrum
Jodi Jarrett	Joyce Beck	Matt Hepner
Ben & Marian Thomas	Leola Dornsife	

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya -renal failure	Wade Reese -cancer treatment
Jared Carvell -ALS	Emily Rowe -chemotherapy for colon cancer
*Kathy Davis -health & recovery	Denise Rupert -hand surgery
Nick Donaldson -cancer	Scott Smith -cancer
Brooke Gordner -multiple sclerosis	Andrew White -health
Erin May Kellett -cancer	Dave White -surgery
Albert Lee -Parkinsons	Nikk Wintersteen -cancer
Dave Lohr -cancer	
Marc Pompeo -health	

Please pray for our members & friends serving in the military!

**Please note, your prayer requests will stay on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless you contact the church office (570.524.0745) and request otherwise. If you see an asterisk by a name it indicates an update is needed from the person who placed them on the prayer list.*