

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

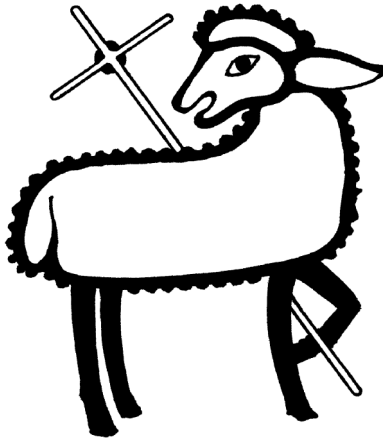
Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

Bethlehem
Bendersville
11:00 am

"We are rooted in scripture, watered in baptism and fed by communion. Our mission is to connect with God in community as we care for one another. Our vision is to bear fruit in the Upper Adams community by showing Jesus' love to our neighbors, planting seeds of kindness, service and hope, trusting the Holy Spirit to grow this fruit in surprising ways."

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

• November 2, 2025 •



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

P: 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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.

***GATHERING HYMN: “For All the Saints”** (verses 1–4)

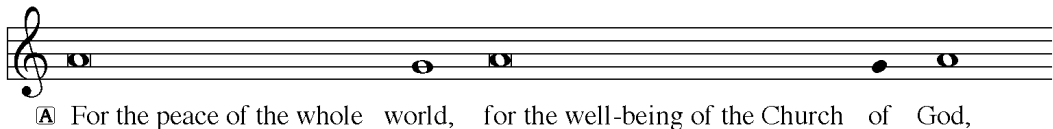
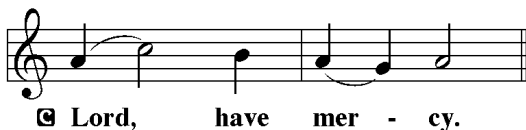
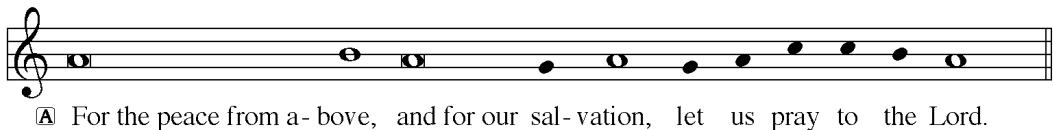
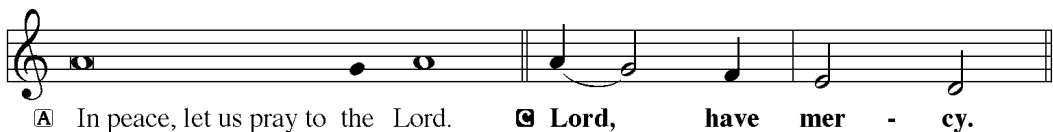
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***GREETING**

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

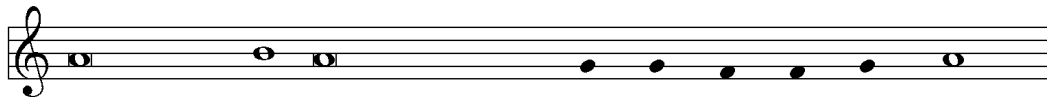
C: And also with you.

***KYRIE: “In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord”**





☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ A 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.**



☐ A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **☐ A - men**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “*This Is The Feast*”**



☐ A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The First Reading is from Daniel, the seventh chapter.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Psalms 149

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**C: Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

L: Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

**C: For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

L: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

**C: Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

L: to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

**C: to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**

L: to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 1:11-23

The Second Reading is from Ephesians, the first chapter.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:**

Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that

day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸“bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*The Church’s One Foundation*”

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**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- P: God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- P: God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- P: God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- P: God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- P: God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- P: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Today, we remember our beloved Parish members: Dorothy Bosak, Ruth Bretzman, Sarah Bucher, Mary Kuntz, William Slaybaugh, and Joan Wright, and the many beloved friends of the Parish. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: *“Let the Vineyards”*

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 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.

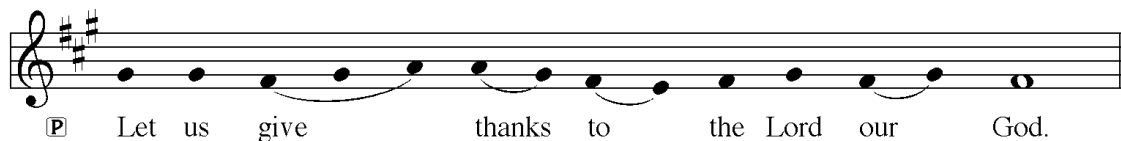
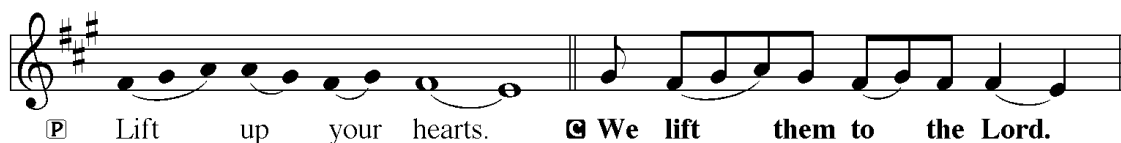
OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

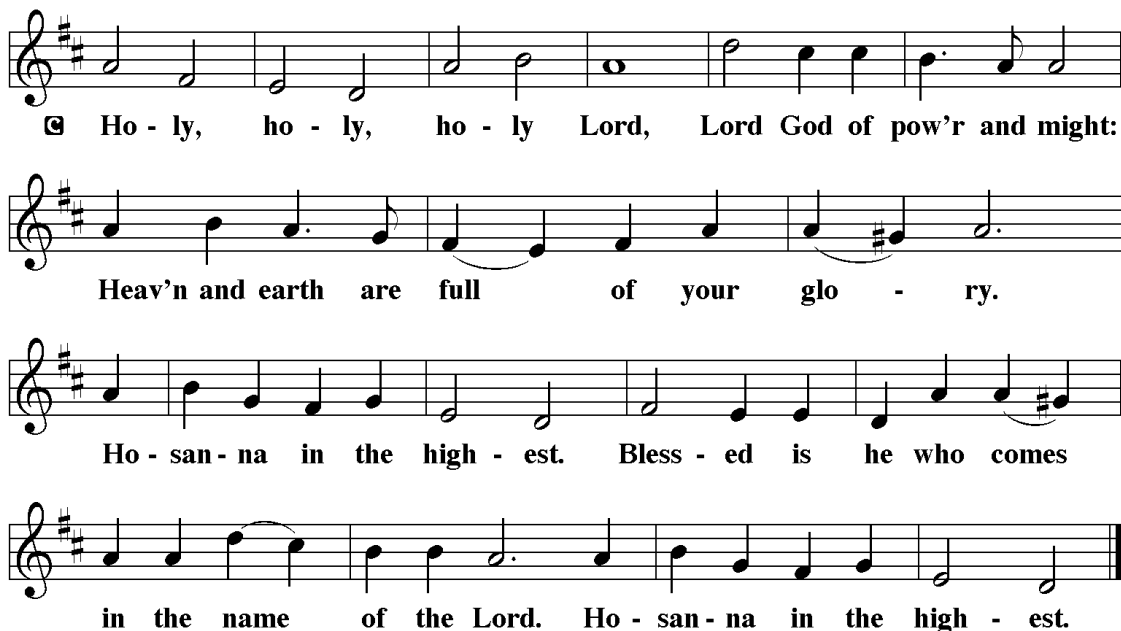
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

SANCTUS: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.



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: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to encounter Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to the Table. As directed, please come forward. The elements will be given by Pastor Susan or the Communion Assistant. If you would like a verbal blessing only, please let the Pastor know. Holy Communion may also be received at your seat. Just inform the Pastor or usher. The elements will be partaken at the Pastor's or Communion Assistant's direction:

***The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.***

COMMUNION HYMN: “*Lamb of God*”



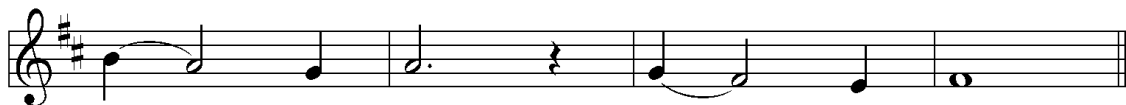
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: “*Now the Silence*”

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Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

(“Communion Hymn” continues on Next Page.)

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

***POST COMMUNION**

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"

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

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ☩
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: “For All the Saints”** (verses 5–8)

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today, we commemorate the following members
of our Parish who died in 2024-2025
and now rest with our eternal Father.



Saint James Lutheran Church:

William R. Slaybaugh – *October 21, 2025*



Christ Lutheran Church:

Sarah L. Bucher – *November 30, 2024*



Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

Joan Louise Wright – *December 10, 2024*

Ruth E. Bretzman – *December 17, 2024*

Dorothy Mae Bosak – *December 31, 2024*

Mary Louise Kuntz – *October 7, 2025*

• NOVEMBER 2025 •

SUN. Nov. 2	MON. Nov. 3	TUES. Nov. 4	WED. Nov. 5	THURS. Nov. 6	FRI. Nov. 7	SAT. Nov. 8
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	7:00 pm: Parish Joint Council Meeting (Bethlehem) <i>Birthday:</i> Jayne Weaver	<i>Birthday:</i> Hannah Bernheimer	7:00 pm: Bible Study "The Chosen" (Bethlehem) 	7:00 pm: Council Meeting (St. James) <i>Anniversary:</i> Steve & Claudia Spangler	<i>Birthday:</i> Nancy Miller Logan Trimmer	
SUN. Nov. 9	MON. Nov. 10	TUES. Nov. 11	WED. Nov. 12	THURS. Nov. 13	FRI. Nov. 14	SAT. Nov. 15
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem	1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem)		7:00 pm: Bible Study "The Chosen" (Bethlehem) <i>Birthday:</i> Pr. Bob McElroy			<i>Birthday:</i> David Copenhaver, Jr.

ON-LINE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is livestreamed on YouTube at 11 AM on our Bendersville Lutheran Parish channel
(this info can also be found on our website – www.bendersvillelutheranparish.com).

• **SEXTON POSITION OPEN AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** •

Open position at Christ, Aspers, for Sexton. Please call Julie Haller
if you are interested. Phone 717-515-7416.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Bettina McBeth
C Larry Gantz
B Bruce Schachle

Greeters/Ushers

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Bruce & Jeanette Schachle

Altar Guild

Harold & Kathy Stoner
Deb & Dave Copenhaver
Kathy Singley



ALTAR FLOWERS

• St. James, Christ & Bethlehem •

To the Glory of God



OFFICE HOURS AND PASTORAL NEEDS

Pastor Susan has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm at the Parsonage. You are welcome to stop by the Parsonage to visit. Her official day off is Friday, but she is available for pastoral emergencies.

For all your pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Susan Scott by phone/text at 717-497-1013 or email pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.

WALMART GIFT CARDS

FOR SPIRITRUST, THE VILLAGE AT GETTYSBURG

SpiriTrust, The Village at Gettysburg, is again asking us to help provide a special Christmas for their residents. They are asking for **\$15.00 Walmart Gift Cards**. If you are interested in participating, please have the gift cards to Vicki Cuttitta by **November 30**. If you need to arrange for pick-up or have any questions, please call or text Vicki at **717-448-0366**. *Thank you!*

WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, items for the bulletin should be received at the church office by Wednesday noon for that week's Sunday Bulletin.

PARISH JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Joint Council will meet on **Monday, November 3, at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the annual 2026 Parish Operating Budget and also to address any other necessary parish business. The Joint Council is, of course, made up of all three full church councils, elected Joint Council officers, and the Pastor.



LIGHTING OF THE ANGELS

• **Saturday, November 29, 2025** •

Wenksville United Methodist Church

The annual Lighting of the Angels will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at Wenksville United Methodist Church with a Light Dinner at 5:00 p.m., followed by a brief Community Advent Service at 6:00 p.m. This is a combined service of Wenksville United Methodist Church and St. James Lutheran Church.

~ All Are Invited to Attend This Special Event! ~

NEEDED: ITEMS FOR JOHN'S MEALS PROGRAM

UACT (Upper Adams Christians Together) is collecting the following items for their John's Meals program:

Clean Plastic Bags (like you get at the grocery store) and Toiletry Items, such as Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo, and Feminine Hygiene Products.

– All items can be given to Pastor Susan. –

DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

As a reminder, items for the newsletter should be received at the church office by the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter.



Prayer List - Parish Members

Adam & Laura Albright b
Dixie Atha c
Tony Bretzman b
Dolly Chronister c

Mary Chronister b
Wahnettah Harvey c
Lois Rinehart b
Mike Rinehart b

Alan Showers j
Rhonda Slaybaugh c
Dan Turner c
Mike Wolfe c

Friends of the Parish

Douglas Barbour
Pr. Sally Bartling
Pr. Cynthia Baxter
Adam Black
Jeff Black
Tracy Brandt
Bev Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline
Nicole Cline
Steve Cline
Dick Cook
Carl Corl

Jeanne Cuttitta
Peter Cuttitta
Bonnie DeHaven
Josh Erickson
John Gantz
Madison Itterly
Cody Johnson
Susanna Kidwell
Bill Leedy
Nicole Mackey
Emily Maiolo
Connie McCreary
Doug Miller

Rosa Moreno-Garcia
Diane Myers
Shirley Ogburn
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Tammy Reinhart
Maurine Rickard
Ginny Rinehart
Donnie Slaybaugh
Vera Sprenkle
Erik Strunk
Robert Tate

With Deepest Sympathy

*We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have
died in the faith and who are now at rest with their eternal Father
(our saints who have gone before us).*

Mary Kuntz and William "Bill" Slaybaugh