Bendersville Lutheran Darish

St. James	Christ	Bethlehem	
Wenksville	Aspers	Bendersville	
8:25 am	9:45 am	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."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

• October 19, 2025 •



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be 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.

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 squandered your bountiful gifts.

We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due. We have been indifferent in planning and planting for the future needs of your church.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts, and wisdom to mature in our minds, 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.

*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: "We Pray for Peace, O Lord"





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Genesis 32:22-31

The First Reading is from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM: Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

L: the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

The Second Reading is from Second Timothy, beginning with the third chapter.

^{3:14}But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

(Please stand.)

*GRADUAL HYMN: "O God, Whose Word Well-Planted"



*GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the eighteenth chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who

kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" LBW 453

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially those on our prayer list and those we silently name in our hearts. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for our congregation. Encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, especially Clifford Cooley, Diane Fetters, Mary Kuntz, Mike McHugh, and Audrey Ridinger. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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: "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

SANCTUS: "Long, Long Ago in Jerusalem" (Holy, Holy, Holy)



THANKSGIVING

P: Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator: you scatter abroad and give to the poor; you provide seed to the sower and bread for food;

Let the peoples praise you: you called Israel to be your chosen people, to preserve your word and to scatter it abroad.

Let the peoples praise you: when time had ripened, you sent the Word, your Son, into the world, so that all might have life and have it abundantly.

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, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts; how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage; how he taught and guided those who were seeking you; how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake; how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead, and how he promised to return for the great harvest home; we give you thanks, not as we ought, but as we are able.

Send, we pray, your Spirit to this meal. Supply our needs, and those of all your saints, and fill us until we overflow with thanksgivings. Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit, move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the gospel and in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all your people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal,

our Sun and our Shield, our God now and forever.

C: 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: Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and power through Jesus Christ forever.

C: Amen.

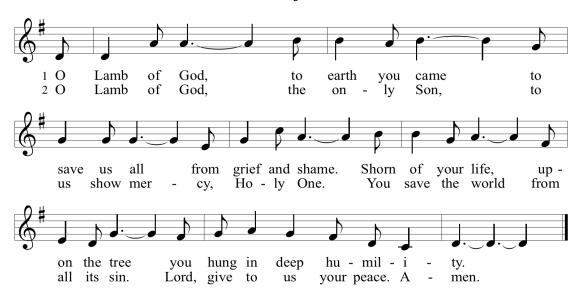


THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 SONG: "O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came"



COMMUNION SONG: "Seasons" (verses 3 & 5)

("Communion Song" on Next Page)



*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: "O Lord of the Blossom"



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*BLESSING

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG: "Jesus, Still Lead On" LBW 341

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

• OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025 •

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem Birthday: Mae Kuntz Pastor Susan Scott	7:00 pm: Joint Parish Budget Committee Meeting (Bethlehem)	7:00 pm: "Thy Wool Be Done" (Bethlehem)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) <u>NO</u> Bible Study	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1
REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem Anniversary: Dennis & Karen Carey Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan)	Vacation Day (Pr. Susan) 1:00 pm: Care & Share Meeting (Home of Jackee McCartney)	7:00 pm: Bible Study "The Chosen" (Bethlehem) Birthday: Tony Bretzman Harold Heller Mary Peters		6:00 to 8:00 pm: TRICK -or- TREAT NIGHT (Bendersville)	(Sunday) 2:00 am: Fall Back One Hour for EST

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
J Henry Taylor		Harold & Kathy Stoner
C Cindy Baugher		Deb & Dave Copenhaver
B Jeanette Schachle	Joe & Anna Saum	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*.

VACATION TIME FOR PASTOR SUSAN

OCTOBER 22 through OCTOBER 28

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from October 22 through October 28.

Should you require pastoral care, please contact Pastor Chris Suehr by calling 724-989-8106 or email *pastor@yorkspringslutheran.org*.

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.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

Once again, the Parish will be handing out candy and hot chocolate to Bendersville trick-or-treaters for Halloween. We are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy. (Only factory wrapped candy can be accepted.) You may give your donations to Pastor Susan or to Vicki Cuttitta.

"Thank you in advance for your generosity!"

JOINT PARISH BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual meeting of the Joint Parish Budget Committee will be held on **Monday, October 20, at 7 p.m.** at Bethlehem. The Budget Committee will formulate the annual budget for the year 2026 which will then be presented for approval at the Joint Council Meeting on November 3. The Budget Committee consists of the Joint Council President, Vice President, Treasurer/Oversight Committee Chair, Pastor; and also the individual Council Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Treasurers. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

"THY WOOL BE DONE" TO MEET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem

"Thy Wool Be Done" (Knit/Crochet Ministry) will meet on **Tuesday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem**. Volunteers knit or crochet hats, blankets, and other items to donate to those in need. No prior knitting or crocheting experience is necessary. All are welcome!



ONLINE 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).



INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND STEPHEN R. HERR



Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

OCTOBER 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Prelude begins at 1:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church • 30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA 17331



CARE & SHARE CARD MINISTRY

The Care & Share Card Ministry meets the last Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at 896 Upper Temple Road.

• NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th • for your help distributing cards. If requesting a card, please contact:

Jackee McCartney – 717–321–0979

"Donations of stamps are always appreciated." Thank you for your help distributing cards. If requesting a card, please contact:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

On Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. Beginning Sunday, October 19, the special tablecloth will be available for you to write the name of your loved ones on it. It will be used on the altar at each church on Sunday, November 2, to remind us that every time we gather at the Lord's table, we gather with the faithful of every time and place.

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 <u>three</u> full church councils, elected Joint Council officers, and the Pastor.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
25 Franklin Street, Biglerville • 717-677-6365
www.redcross.org

NEEDED: ITEMS FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

New Hope Ministries has a need for household supplies, such as:

Cleaning Products, Laundry Products, and Paper Products

These items are distributed with food items on the mobile food pantry trucks.

- All items can be given to Pastor Susan. -

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. -



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 Bill Slaybaugh 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

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Jeanne Cuttitta
Peter Cuttitta
Bonnie DeHaven
John Gantz
Madison Itterly
Cody Johnson
Susanna Kidwell
Bill Leedy
Nicole Mackey
Emily Maiolo
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).

Clifford Cooley, Diane Fetters, Mary Kuntz, Mike McHugh, and Audrey Ridinger