

Bendersville Lutheran Parish

St. James
Wenksville
8:25 am

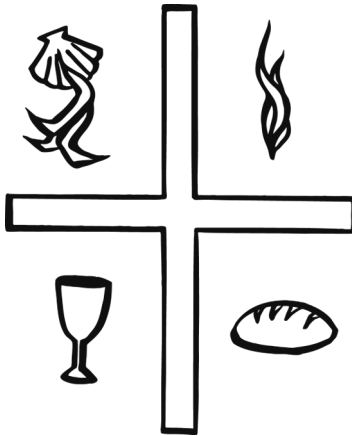
Christ
Aspers
9:45 am

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.”

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

• June 1, 2025 •



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

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.**

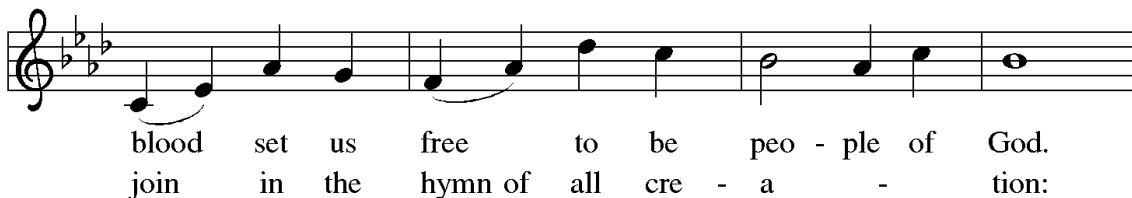
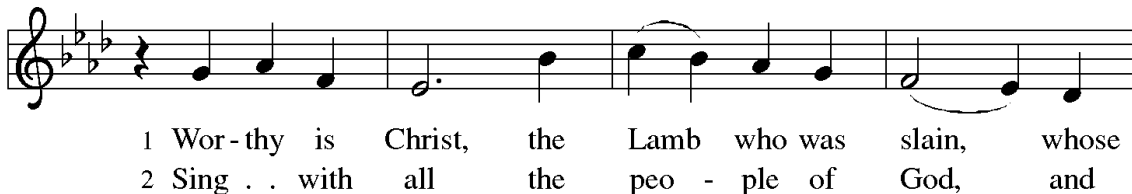
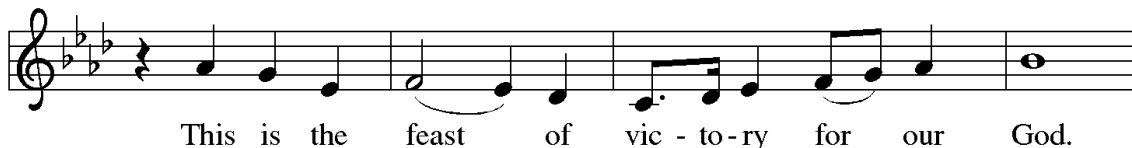
***GATHERING HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”** **LBW 170**

***GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast”**





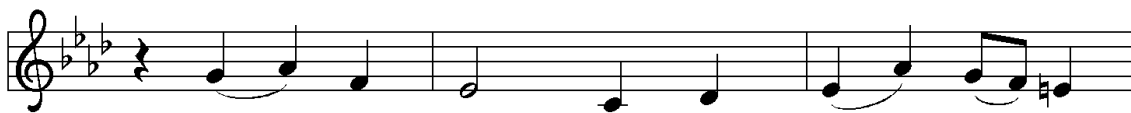
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST READING:

Acts 16:16-34

The First Reading is from Acts, the sixteenth chapter.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to

God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 97

L: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

C: **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

L: Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

C: **Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

C: **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

- L: Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- C: Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- L: For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- C: You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them
from the hand of the wicked.**
- L: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
- C: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

SECOND READING:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The Second Reading is from Revelation, the twenty-second chapter.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL:

John 17:20-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Susan E. Scott

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Son of God, Eternal Savior*”

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your
love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek
your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denomi-
nations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where
drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back.
Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your
people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our hearts and especially for those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, especially Alice Hair, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*”

ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.



DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE *(sung by the pastor)*

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 -



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: O God most mighty ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

P: O God, you are Breath ... life in you, 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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

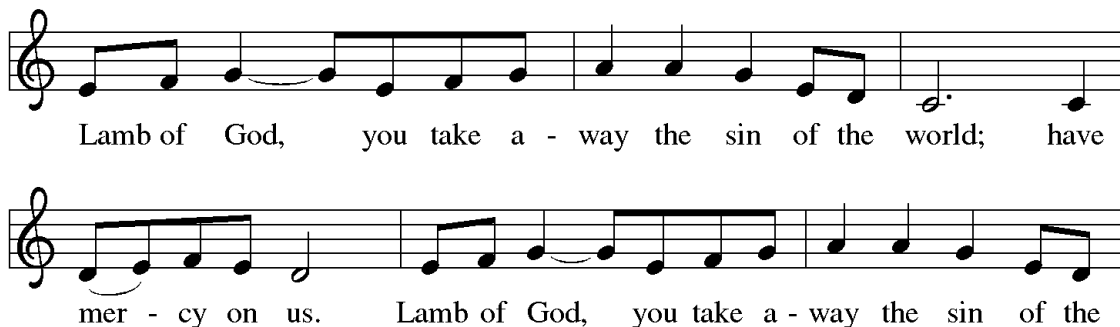
THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

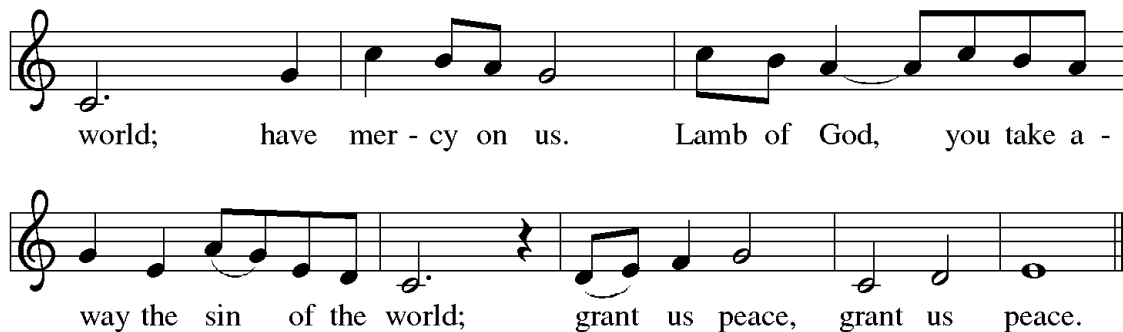
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Lamb of God”



The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Hymn "Lamb of God". It consists of two staves of music in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” WOY 783



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. We do not live by bread a - lone,
and seek, but its and by right you ev - eous - ness,
shall find, word
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God;
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION**

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

C: **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “*On What Has Now Been Sown*”**

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE**

• JUNE 2025 •

SUN. June 1	MON. June 2	TUES. June 3	WED. June 4	THURS. June 5	FRI. June 6	SAT. June 7
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem		7:00 pm: Council Meeting (Christ)	<i>Birthday:</i> David Disbrow Ed Staley	Synod Assembly	Synod Assembly <i>Birthday:</i> Mike Stoner <i>Anniversary:</i> Mike & Vanessa Shank	Synod Assembly
SUN. June 8	MON. June 9	TUES. June 10	WED. June 11	THURS. June 12	FRI. June 13	SAT. June 14
8:25 am: St. James 9:45 am: Christ 11:00 am: Bethlehem <i>Birthday:</i> Laura Albright	1:00 to 3:00 pm: New Hope Ministries (Bethlehem) <i>Birthday:</i> Madison Kuhn	7:00 pm: Summer Book Club (Holy Trinity, York Springs)			<i>Birthday:</i> Lois Rinehart	<i>Birthday:</i> David Rinehart

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).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector

J Karen Carey

C —

B Bruce Schachle

Greeters/Ushers

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Chris & Vicki Cuttitta

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 p.m. 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

• JUNE 23 through JUNE 27 •

Pastor Susan will be on vacation from June 23 through June 27.

Should you need pastoral care while Pastor Susan is on vacation, please contact Pastor Ryan Heycock at 717-339-6084 or email rrheycock@gmail.com.

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.

You are cordially invited to
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
for a
POTLUCK SUPPER!

• **TUESDAY, JUNE 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** •

Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share!

*We will gather with other Adams County Lutheran
congregations for food and fellowship and learn
about opportunities for community service
that we might do together.*

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 10th, to Pr. Susan Scott
via text 717-497-1013 or email –
pastorsusanscott2022@gmail.com.**





Colors of Cancer Concert



Contact: Donna Kime
(717) 253-3430



• **JUNE 22, 2025** •

St. Paul Lutheran Church
25 Franklin Street
Biglerville

Live performance by
The Apple Core Band
3:00-4:00 PM

Followed by
Spaghetti Dinner
4:15 PM

*Spaghetti, Salad and
Garlic Bread*

Adults: **\$15**
Kids – 8 yrs. and under: **\$10**

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. –

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.



You are invited to a ...

♦ **SUMMER BOOK CLUB** ♦

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

York Springs

♦ **JUNE 10 - 7:00 pm: Summer Book Club**

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber

(Warning: This author, a Lutheran pastor, is known for strong language and mature themes.)

♦ **JULY 15 - 7:00 pm: Summer Book Club**

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick

(This YA novel is told from many perspectives.)

♦ **AUGUST 5 - 7:00 pm: Summer Book Club**

All New People: A Novel by Ann Lamott

(A novel by an author who also writes pieces on prayer and spirituality.)

*All gatherings will take place in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome to participate!*



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. –



“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

September 7, 2025 • 1:00 p.m.

- Bethlehem Social Hall -

The Gettysburg Conference coordinates service projects for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. This day is a time to live out one of our most basic beliefs as

Lutherans: “that life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace” (elca.org/dayofservice).

Various service projects from quilting to yard work take place at locations throughout Adams County. Once again, Bethlehem will be a site to assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Also, we will be collecting items for these **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**. The kits are sent to students throughout the world who do not have access to basic school supplies. You will find the list below of specific school supplies needed to fill the kits. We cannot use items that do not comply with LWR’s strict specifications. We especially need notebooks and drawstring bags. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. Your donations may be given to Pastor Susan.

If you would like to donate items for the school kits, see the details below of each item. We are also accepting monetary donations for postage and to purchase other supplies as needed to include in the kits. **Please Note:** Items donated should not reflect religious, patriotic, or military symbols, to include camouflage, and also note all other specifications.

Items you may donate:

- **70-sheet college or wide-ruled notebooks**
- **30-centimeter rulers (or ruler with centimeters and inches)**
- **pencil sharpeners**
- **pairs of blunt scissors (safety scissors/steel blades)**
- **unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- **black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **boxes of 16-count or 24-count crayons**
- **2½" erasers**
- **sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags (approx. 14" x 17" with shoulder straps – NO standard backpacks)**



Prayer List - Parish Members

Adam & Laura Albright b
Dixie Atha c
Tony Bretzman b
Dolly Chronister c
Mary Chronister b
Patsy Gochenauer j

Wahnettah Harvey c
Harold Heller j
Linda Heller j
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
Adam Black
Jeff Black
Tracy Brandt
Bev Bretzman
Nathan Bretzman
Valerie Bushey
June Cline
Nancy Cline
Nicole Cline
Dick Cook
Carl Corl
Jeanne Cuttitta

Peter Cuttitta
Bonnie DeHaven
Diane Feters
John Gantz
Galen Hartz
Cody Johnson
Susanna Kidwell
Deb Litten
Nicole Mackey
Barbara Mahoney
Emily Maiolo
Doug Miller
Glenn Mulvey

Diane Myers
Zach Pelc
Brian Reed
Maurine Rickard
Ginny Rinehart
Ethan Shank
Vera Sprenkle
Robert Tate
Connie Weaver
Laurie Weikert
Marlea Williams

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).*

Alice Hair