

Sunday, November 10, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshiping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion: *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Music: We've moved the music to the back of the bulletin so that every song appears on its own page. We look forward to your feedback.

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+GATHERING+

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Pause for silent reflection.

P Loving God, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. **C Amen.**

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **C Amen.**


GATHERING SONG: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679) ~ see page 11

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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



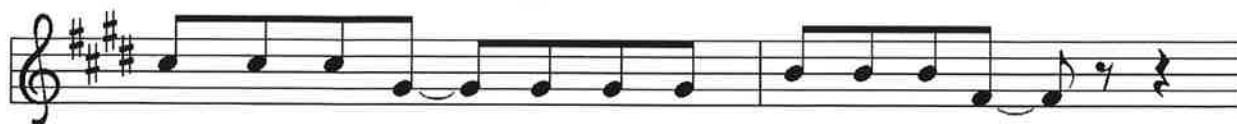
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

+**WORD**+

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

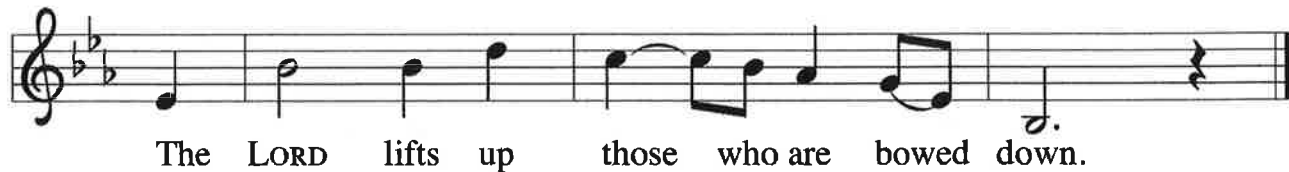
A reading from 1 Kings.

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on

the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146



Hal- | lelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.

When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish. R

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them; who keeps promis- | es forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous. R

The LORD cares | for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

The LORD shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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



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



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

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

P The Lord be with you. And also with you.

P The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (ELW 777) ~ see page 12

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, we profess our 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A The response to our prayers is: receive our prayer.

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Feeney 11/14

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you 2x

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

+MEAL+

OFFERING: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685) ~ see page 13

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

P ...all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P ...sharing your bounty with all the world. **C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

LORD'S PRAYER

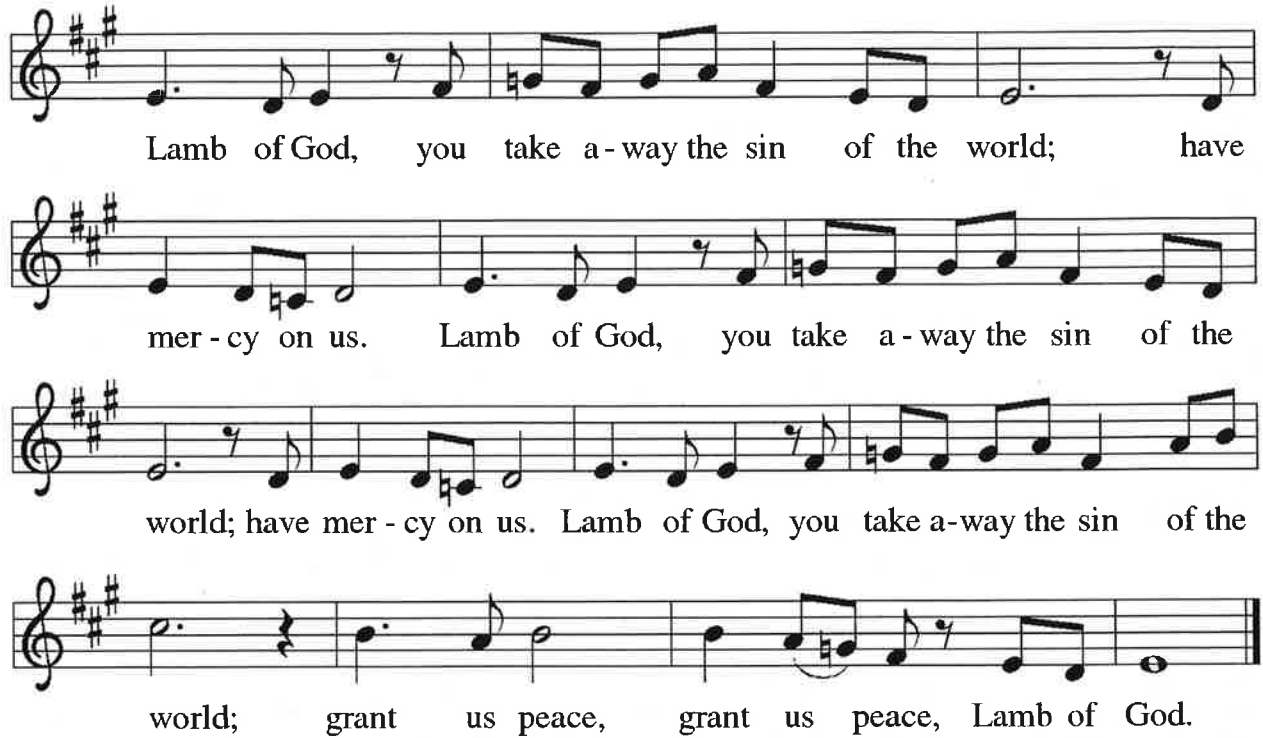
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C Thanks be to God.**

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, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715) ~ see page 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

SENDING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

BLESSING

P As we go forth today, we extend a special prayer for our military veterans. (We invite veterans present with us to stand as we pray for them.)

P On this day, we give thanks for those who have served in our armed forces.

Pause for silent reflection.

P God of life and love, we give you thanks for the men and women of the military who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us to remember the sacrifices they and their families have made so that we could enjoy a life of peace and security.

C We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

P God of healing, we ask you to bind up the visible and invisible wounds of all who have served our country through military service.

C Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

P God of mercy, care for the families of those who have died in service to our country.

C We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

P We pray, gracious God, for peace throughout the world. May we always remember our service members, who have worked to build peace in nations all around the globe.

C We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we long for your peace, your love, and your righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world.

P Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P The God of all grace † bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (ELW 890) ~ see page 15*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C Thanks be to God.**

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Let us carry our first fruits to him who has suffered and risen for us. Do you think perhaps that I am talking of gold, silver, garments, or precious stones? Insubstantial earthly goods, transitory, tied to earth, owned for the most part by the wicked, the slaves of materialism and the prince of this world? No, let us offer ourselves: it is the most precious and dearest gift in the eyes of God. Give to God's image what resembles it most. Recognizing our greatness, we are to honor our model, understanding the force of this mystery and the reasons for Christ's death. Give all, offer all, to him who has given himself for us as a prize and ransom. We will give nothing as great as ourselves if we have grown by the nature of this mystery and have become for him all that he has become for us.—*Gregory of Nazianzus*

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397 ~ Monday, November 11, 2024

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 ~ Monday, November 11, 2024

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

GATHERING SONG: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679)



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (ELW 777)



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

OFFERING: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

SENDING SONG: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (ELW 890)



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Announcements for the week of November 10, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle for November is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur Hagner, her husband & her father Archie Ruland by Joan Hagner.

~ **Veterans Day is November 11th** - St. Stephen's would like to thank all veterans who are with us today as well as the veterans we hold in our hearts. You are truly to be honored and praised for your dedication and service.

~ The **WELCA** bible study for November is on November 20th. The meetings will be held at St. David's in Massapequa Park and start at 10am. They will last for about an hour to an hour and a half. It will continue our study of Ephesians. Please email Joyce Anderson with any questions @ daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com.

~ **Zoom Bible Study** ~ Please join us on Zoom as we study Luke on Monday evenings at 7 pm. The last class will be on November 25th.

~ Please note that there will be a **Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 27, 2024** at 7:30 pm. There will be no Wholeness and Healing service this month.

~ **Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets** ~ Please refer to the flyer in the narthex for details. Donations are due by Sunday, November 17th.

~St. Stephen's **Annual Supper and Advent Wreath Event** will be on December 1, 2024. It will be at 5:30 pm in the Pastor's Lounge. Please complete the form on the table in the Narthex.



~ St. Stephen's **cookie decorating with "procrastibaking"** by Paige will be held on December 15th following our Sunday service. You will learn how to decorate 4 different Christmas themed cookies. The cost is \$40 per person. Please complete the form on the table in the Narthex.



~ A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial/in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored/memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at (516) 931-0710.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK (November 11th - November 17th)

Today	25th Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 am	Holy Communion
Monday	7:00 pm	Bible Study - Luke
		Veterans Day - Office Closed
Tuesday	7:00 pm	<i>Back to Basics (AA)</i>
Wednesday	3:00 pm	CMA - Wellness
Thursday	7:30 pm	Property Meeting
Next Sunday, 26th	Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 am	Holy Communion

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday, 9:30 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER:	Beth Feeney
LECTOR:	Lauren Aiello
ACOLYTE:	Gavin Barone
USHERS:	Kevin Barcavage & Rich Humann
ACCOMPANIST	Mason Griffin & Gregory Hunter
GREETER:	Ilse Zeeck
AUDIO/VISUAL:	Tyler LaVorgna
ALTAR GUILD:	Bill & Lauren Artus

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Bill Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Roger Engert

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn)
William Stanton (cousin of Kellie Barone)

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Cheryl Glasini (friend of the Ahlers-Pendas family)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Lowe (friend of the Staton family)
Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Sarah Motyka (friend of the Maurer family)
Megan Mudd (friend of the Staton family)
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)
John Sheridan (friend of Bob and Nan Maurer)