

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

***PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-Service Voluntary: *“Trumpet in Dialog”* – L. Clerambault
Welcome / Announcements

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

Prelude: Variation on *“Bunessan”* – D. M. Moore
“Morning Has Broken”

(A brief silence is observed.)

† GATHERING †

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING SONG:**

Hymn #556: *“Morning Has Broken”*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

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.

***Please stand if you are able**

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

(a brief silence is observed)

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 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: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God 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.

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.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† GOD'S WORD †

THE FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

L: A reading from Leviticus the 19th chapter.

The holiness code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

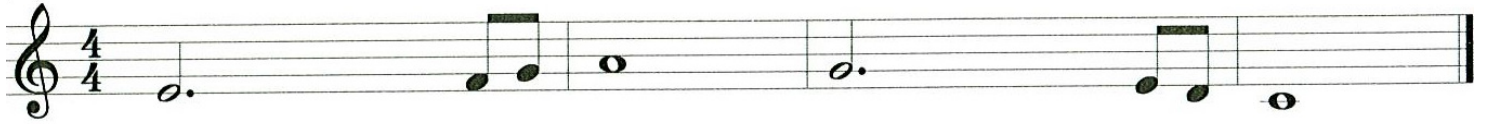
¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 1



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on His teaching | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment
comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians the 2nd chapter.

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of

flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

L: 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.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:34-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is

like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



GOSPEL RESPONSORY: “If a Man Love Me”

– J. Roff

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: “*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*”

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#750: “*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*”

Stanza 1: Choir Only, Stanzas 2 & 3: All

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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.

† WE OFFER TO GOD †

P: In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Heavenly Father, you gave your people the law so that they might know how to live. Grant your church the faith and strength to live according to your law of love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You created the fruit-bearing tree, a model for the godly life. Give your people the wisdom to tend to all of creation, so that in its beauty and life we might see a glimpse of your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Divine ruler, you bid your people to live lives of justice and righteousness. Inspire the leaders of nations, states, provinces, and local communities to use their office not for personal gain but in humble service to their neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

P: From generation to generation, you are the refuge of all who suffer. Hold in your care all who are poor, unemployed or underemployed, homeless, and who live without adequate medical care. Grant your healing mercies to all who are sick

(especially). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Where two or three are gathered in your name, you promise to be present. Bless this congregation as it gathers around word and sacrament, in fellowship and prayer, in learning and service, in your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In your love, gracious God, you hold (*James of Jerusalem, martyr, and*) all who have died in you. Comfort all who mourn with the promise of your never-ending embrace (*especially*), and give us the faith to look expectantly for your promised kingdom, where all will be given resurrection life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***THE PEACE**

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY: *Variation on “Herzlich lieb”* – J. S. Bach

Tune of Hymn of the Day

***OFFERING HYMN:** *“Let the Vineyards...”* **Hymn 182**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful God,

C: As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables.

***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE SANCTUS**

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are more varied than in the Thanksgiving section, including dotted notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

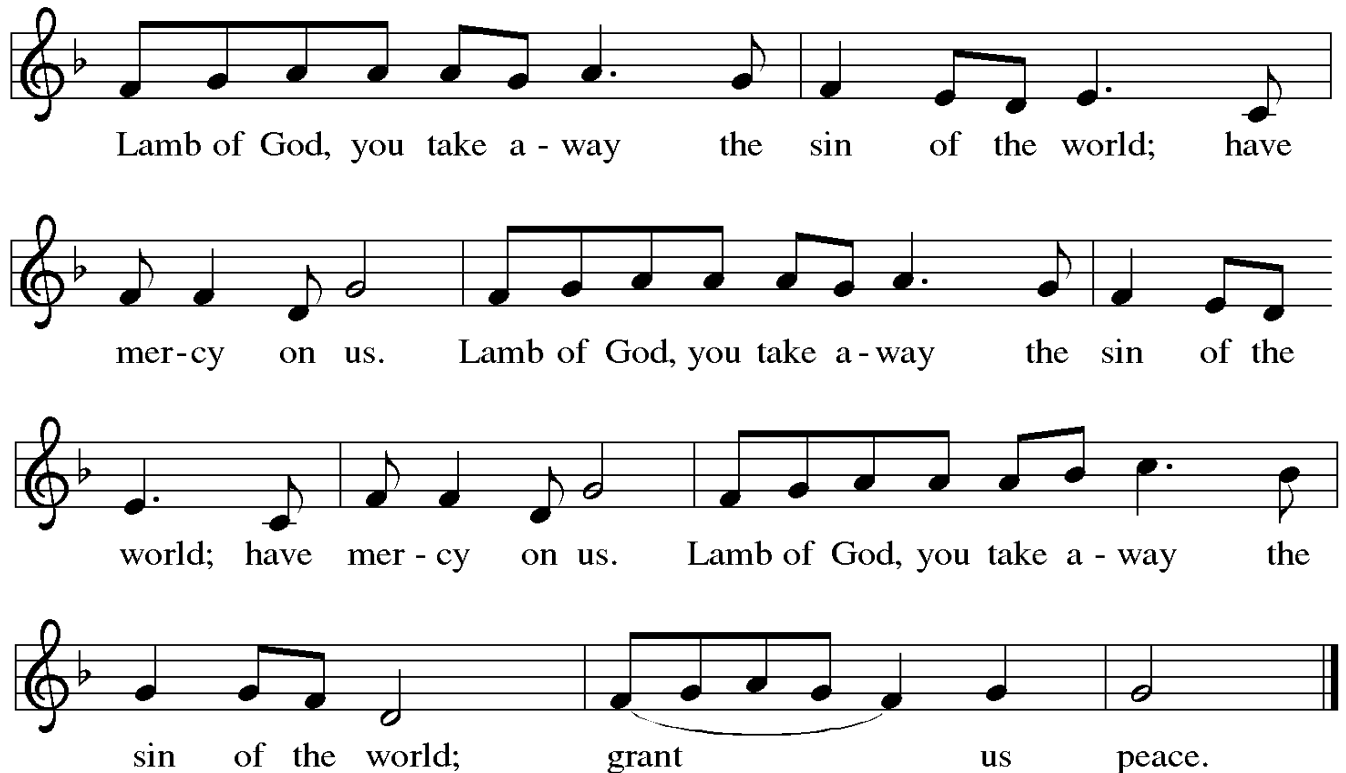
C: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

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*THE AGNUS DEI



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

All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communicating Children with Them to the Communion Rail. Pick up an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion, Exit By Way Of The Side Door. If You Cannot Come To the Altar, the Pastor Will Come To You, Please Notify An Usher.

During Communion

Hymn 650: *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

Hymn 482: *“I Come with Joy”*

Hymn 779: *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

Hymn 616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”* (sing 3 times)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Canticle: *“Thankful hearts”*

Hymn #204

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)

***SENDING SONG:**

Hymn #710: *"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Variation on "Thaxted"* – A.D. Miller/ C. Tobias
Tune of Last Hymn



Acolyte: *Gus Barr*

Communion Assistants: *Ray Enck & Tess Freeman*

Scripture Reader: *Dawn Henry*

Nursery: *Vicki Klopp*

Greeters: *Jennifer Metzger & Barb Moyer*

Ushers: *Tess Freeman (Head), Ryan Brubaker, Ron Gehr, Shari Weaver, Rick Dillon (alt.)*



The Altar Flowers and Bulletins Are Dedicated to the Glory of God by Nancy and Donald Hain in Honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

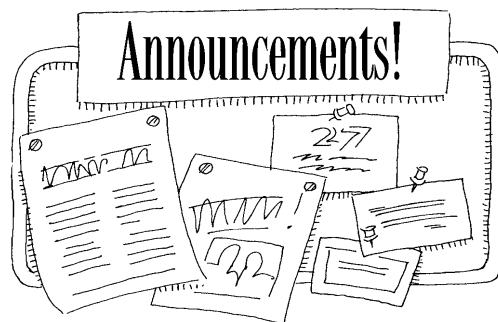
***Welcome to all!** If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again.

***Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has difficulty hearing. Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish to use one of the units during worship.

***Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the back of the church. Please take one during worship. Just return the bag, crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Pastor's Hours
Monday 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

* Call anytime on cell phone
(717)468-9049

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR AVAILABILITY BEFORE SCHEDULING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH!

† ACTIVITIES †

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 10:30 am Pastor's New Member/ Explorer Class /Sunday School; 6:30 – 8:00 pm Youth Group.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: **Monday:** 9:30 am Women in Prayer; 7:00 pm Boy Scouts; **Tuesday:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm Bible Study; **Wednesday:** 1:30 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting; **Thursday:** 6:00 pm Free Community Meal at Bethany UCC; 6:45 pm Chancel Choir; **Saturday:** 5:00 - 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Vespers); 6:00 pm Social Ministry Hayride.

ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2011– Reformation Sunday:
9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 10:30
am Pastor's New Member/ Explorer Class /Sunday School.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 30, 2011– Reformation
Sunday:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-
36.

***Church Boxes:** Supporting Halligan and Ed Leed Jr Families

***Hayride:** October 29th at 6:00 pm, sign-up sheet in narthex

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Reflective service of Evening Prayer (Vespers):** Saturdays
evenings from 5:00 to 5:30.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship:** November 23, 2011 at 7:00 pm at
Mellingers Lutheran Church
- **Needed:** Lay Worship Leader, Acolyte, Candlebearer or Crucifier.
Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way
should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.

PRAYER CORNER:

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



EPHRATA HOSPITAL: Kelly Means

LIFE CARE HOSPITAL (Mechanicsburg): Dave Emberger

GOLDEN LIVING NURSING HOME (Reading): Clair Adams

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM/EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS:

Halligan Family, Ed Leed Jr. Family (Sayre, PA)

CHURCH MEMBERS AT HOME: Mary Burkholder, Kim Craven, Judy Eberly, Lorriane Eberly, Jeanette Engle, Barbara Fetter, Bessie Fetter, Vivian Gehr, Sue Gray, Mary Hagy, Georgette Haldeman, Alice Hehnly, Kathryn Hertzog, Ella Hollinger, Julie Hoyer, Dorothy Hutchinson, Ann Jones, Lottie Lesher (w/son Ron), Pauline Martin, Judy Meckley, Ruth Messner, Ginger Mohler, Pat Rampolla, Betty Weik, Bonnie Weinhold, Deb Zerbe, Rick Dillon, Leonard Gehman, Sam Heiser, Alvin Hollinger, Richard Keller, Nevin Keiffer, Paul Leisey, Jeff Moyer, Tim Pannebecker, Ernie Shimp, Luke Showalter, Jay Weaver, Larry Weaver, Ron Weinhold, Marvin & Michael Showalter, Harry & Joan Wentzel Sr.

FAMILY & FRIENDS AT HOME: Norma DeLong, Ruth Gregg, Katie Hartlove (Rehab), Susan Hartman, Kathleen Kearney, Libby Kern, Caryll Lausch (staying w/daughter Lori Moyer), Jean Newell, Robin Plank, Becca Sprinkle, Pastor Glenn Beard Jr., Pastor Paul Blank, Clyde Brown, Robert Henry (Birdsboro), Pastor Henry Herbner, Mark Larocca, Marvin McGallagher, Harry Roseboro, Ray Starks

We pray for friends and family at home. If you have family or friends in need of prayer, please contact the office. Then contact the office WEEKLY regarding the status of those we are praying for.

GRIEVING FAMILIES OF: Verna Buchter, Dale Weik, Jr., Levi Hoover, Howard E. Allen, Jr, Rick Barron, Lauren Trefney, Evelyn Hauck, Elva Meckley, Fiona and Brigid Tully, Pauline Wealand, Amanda Baum

ARMED FORCES: Jeff Barnett, Eric Clavier, Steven Fassnacht, Jason Freeze, Shane Horning, Adam Lausch, Patrick Thompson, Chris Weidman,

Troops in Afghanistan –Michael Guigley

PRAYER MENTOR PROGRAM: Kimberly Bollinger, Molly Brown, Alex Klopp, Meg Barr, Elijah Leisey

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (717) 336-8800 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO mellingerslutheran@gmail.com IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR PRAYER CORNER. Thank you!

	10/16/2011 9:00 am Service
Attendance	106
General Receipts	\$2,229
Capital Fund	\$0
Bldg./Repair Fund	\$0

Receipts Compared to Budget As of 10/16/2011

General Funds

Adopted Yearly Budget \$233,345

	Receipts	Budget	Over/(Under)
MTD	\$12,015	\$10,562	\$1,453
YTD	\$166,746	\$189,177	(\$22,431)

Other Funds

	Month To Date	Year To Date
Building & Repair	\$240	\$3,635
Capital / Building Fund	\$190	\$2,190
Repay Capital Loan	\$0	\$1,242
Organ Pipes	\$1,000	\$5,620
Sanctuary Improvements	\$0	\$2,275
Computer/Office Equipment	\$2,300	\$2,900

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taking ⁺faith home

OCTOBER 23, 2011



bible readings

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor
Monday	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Love the Lord your God
Tuesday	Luke 10:25-37	Who is my neighbor?
Wednesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love your neighbor as yourself
Thursday	James 2:8-19	Doing right
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalms 15	The path of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

scripture +

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, help us to love our neighbors today. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, good and great, thanks for all that's on our plates.
Amen.*

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you strong and well so that you are able to love God and others with all your heart. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What makes you feel loved? How do you show love to others?
- Read Matthew 22:37-39. How can you love God with your heart? With your mind? With your soul?
- What does it mean to "love others as much as you love yourself"?

DEVOTIONS:

Sometimes people asked Jesus difficult questions, and sometimes he posed hard questions to them (Matthew 22:34-36, 41). Give each household member an opportunity to write down any "hard questions" they have related to the Bible or the Christian faith. In your home devotional times this week, discuss each question in turn. If you struggle to find answers, make a plan to find out more (e.g. borrow some books, explore the internet, ask your pastor or a church friend for help).

SERVICE:

In 1 Thessalonians 2:1-7, the apostle Paul writes about the ministry of the apostles in Thessalonica. Though many people were against them, they shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with boldness. This week pray by name for the pastors and other church workers in your local community. Ask God to give them courage and to help them live good and faithful lives. Plan an act of encouragement for one of them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

The apostle Paul shared not just the good news of Jesus but his life with the people of Thessalonica, because he loved them so much (see 1 Thessalonians 2:8). A key way we can share our lives with others is by inviting people into our homes on a regular basis. A tradition of home hospitality is not only a good means of service and witness to others; it also helps to develop positive community connections and supports for household life. Look together at your household calendar. Set aside times during the coming months when you can have others join you in your home for a meal. Begin to arrange invitations to send out.