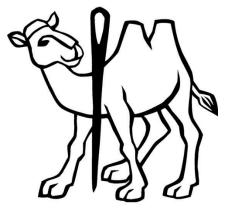
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our



pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*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 confess our sin and come to God for healing.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

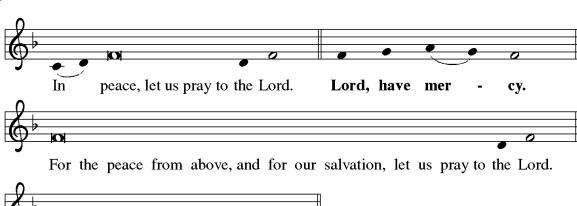
P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

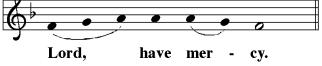
C: Amen.

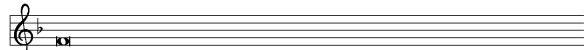
*GREETING

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.

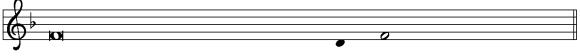
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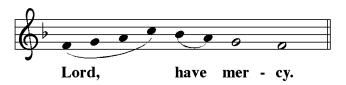


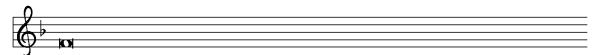


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

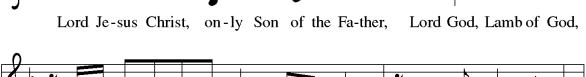




For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,







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



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







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

¹Job answered [his friend:]

²"Today also my complaint is bitter;

[God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning.

³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!

⁴I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.

⁷There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

8"If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;

⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

¹⁷If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

PSALM 22:1-15 (read responsively)

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

8"Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

and you have laid me in the dust of death.

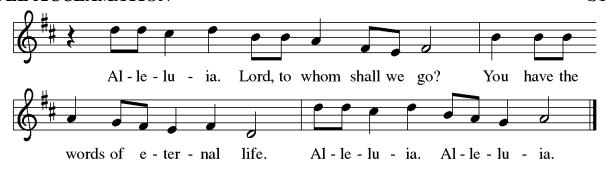
SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Pastor Traci HOMILY

*HYMN OF THE DAY You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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*APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of 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.

*Prayers of the Church

- A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
- A: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. C: Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

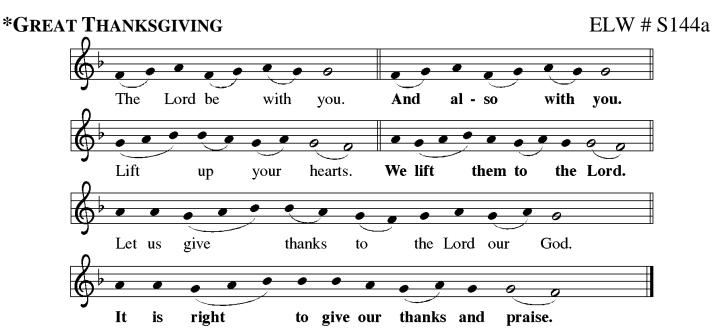
C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

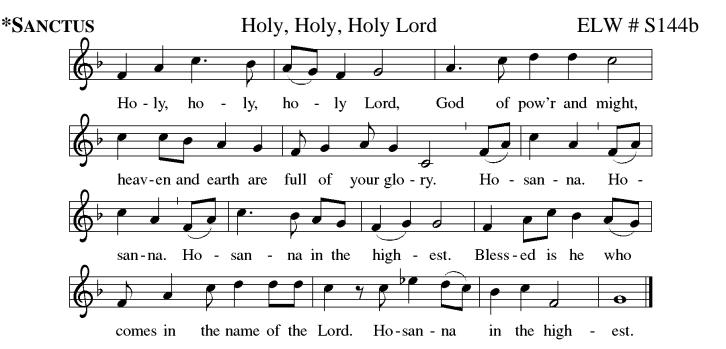
A: Let us pray ... Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.



*PROPER 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P:You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

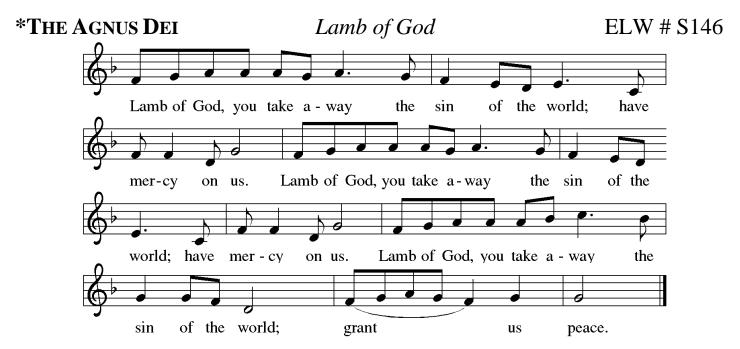
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



*INVITATION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION HYMN

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*BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

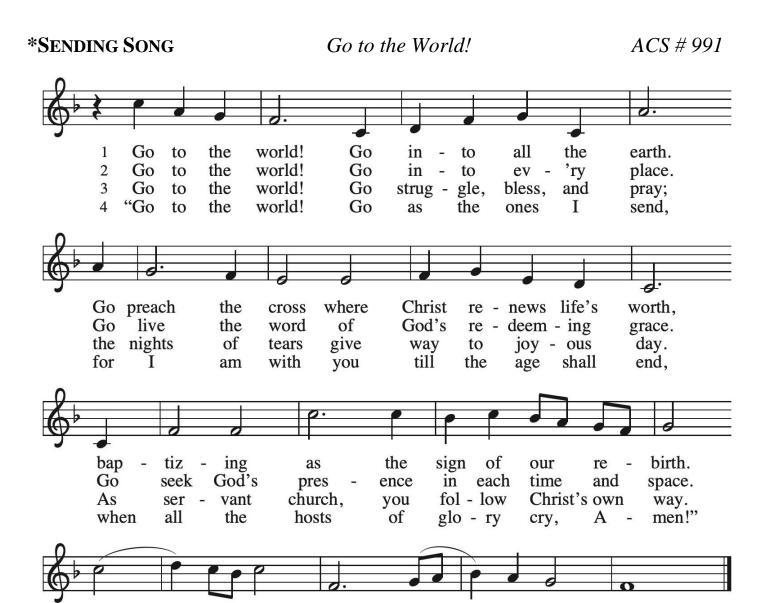
*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.



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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. C: Thanks be to God.

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*POSTLUDE

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in honor of Hurricane Survivors. May God bless them all and give them strength from Tina Harclerode.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Acolyte – Ben Decker

Our Assisting Minister – Melissa Fetzer

Our Lector – Norah & Stacy Kuster

Our Usher – Paul Decker

Our Altar Guild – Jean Sinal and Tonya Walter

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminaries"

This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday – Talk-O Tuesday 6:00 p.m.,

La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Airport

Wednesday – Mending Meal 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Property Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday – Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m., Allegheny St.

Saturday – Lutheran Women's Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Avery, Randy Barrett, Greta Buchart, Tana Byler, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Connie Lamborn, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain, Nathan, Olga Perlov, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.

Away at School: Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine. **Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



Dennis and Margie Smith proudly announce the arrival of their fifth and sixth great-grandchildren. Halle Belle Fischer was born on 10-07-2024 and is the daughter of Kyleigh and Mike Fischer and is the granddaughter of Daniel and Robyn Smith. Allie Jo

Smith was born on 10-09-2024 and is the daughter of Brandon and Mia Smith and is the granddaughter of Douglas and Veronica Smith.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursday, October 17 from 9:00am until 11:00am. The Covenant Brethren Church, Curryville will supply 3 or 4 people to help distribute food in addition to regular helpers.



Most needed for October: Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni, Soup, Crackers.

We appreciate your prayers and support with food, paper products or monetary donations!

Looking ahead, we will be having a "Mitten Tree" to provide hats, mittens, gloves, scarves for elementary school children and for children of food pantry.

Thank you, Linda Smith

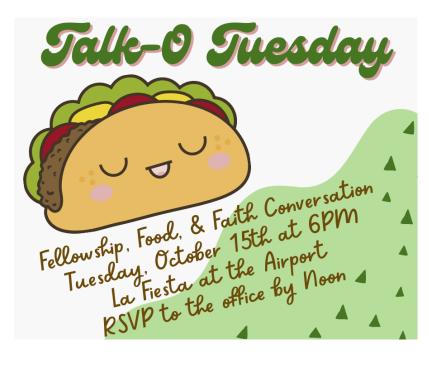
All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024
Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the
form below. October 30, 2024 is the deadline.
You can also submit names using our Email address: stmatthewmartinsburg@gmail.com
Person submitting:

Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal



The Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal will served be at 5pm Monday November 11, 2024, at the Church of God. St Matthew's Lutheran Church will provide the desserts for this community meal. The Social Ministry Committee needs the congregation's support to complete this task. Word from the pews say we have numerous good cooks/ bakers in our congregation. We are looking for desserts that emphasize TASTE OF FALL/THANKSGIVING. A sign-up list will be on the bulletin board till October 27. You can deliver your desserts to the Church of God by 4 pm or drop off at St Matthew's by 3:30 pm and the Social Ministry Committee will see they arrive safely to the Church of God. In the past the Community Thanksgiving Meal has served up to 150 people. The Social Ministry Committee appreciates the congregation's prayers and support for this event.

Lottie Ebersole, Committee Chairman



Community Mending Meal at St. Matthew



Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

Free Light Lunch Served at 11:30AM

LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING
JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER



St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall
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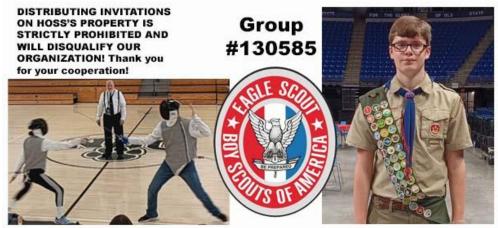
Eagle Scout Project

Fundraising for Northern Bedford High School Fencing Club to purchase new equipment and expand the NBC Fencing program.



Sunday October 20 - Duncansville & Bedford I am excited to team up with Hoss's. Please consider visiting Hoss's in Duncansville or Bedford on Sunday 10/20/2024 to help raise money for my project.

Present a printed paper copy of this coupon Sun 10/20/2024 at Hoss's in Duncansville or Bedford. Hoss's will then donate 20%+ of your total check paid to my Eagle project.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Allegheny Synod Lutheran Women's Retreat

The event will be held Saturday, October 19, from 9am to 1pm at Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1200 Fourth Ave., Duncansville. Cost per person is \$10 and includes light breakfast and lunch. The day will include time for self-care with chair yoga, paint and pour, and holiday craft time. Registration forms are available at the Usher Station which may be completed and emailed to https://luthwomen@yahoo.com.

You may also register online at: https://www.jotform.com/form/242746603684160.

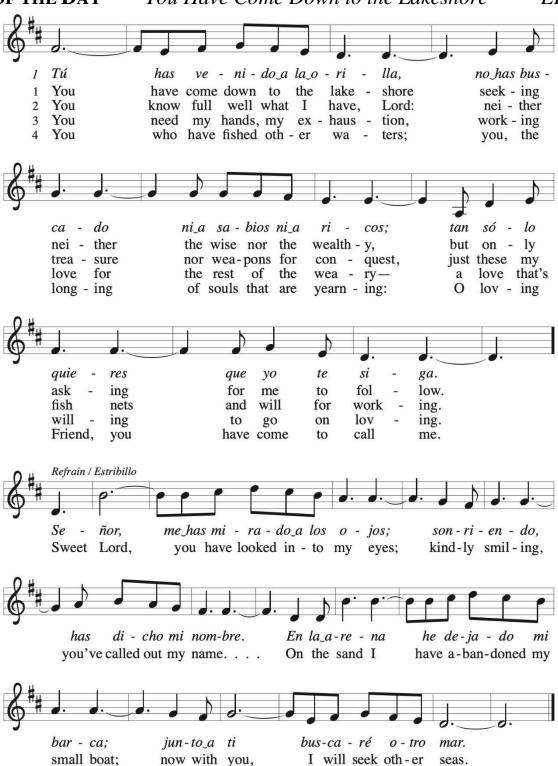
If you'd like, you may pay at the door the day of the event or mail your check, payable to Allegheny Synod, to:

Pastor MJ Irvin-Stellabotte Newry Lutheran Church PO Box 397 Newry, PA 16665





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COMMUNION HYMN

What Feast of Love

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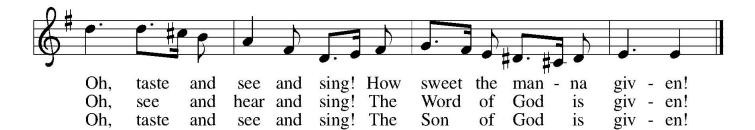
- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



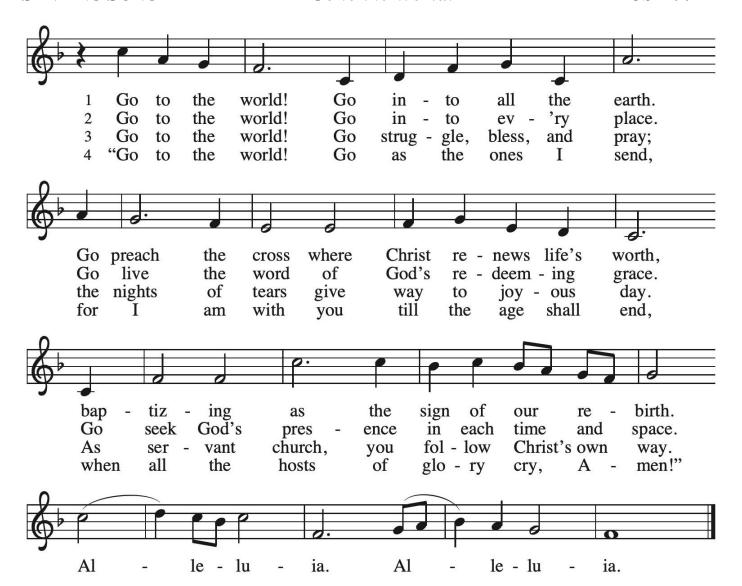
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en. This, this Christ the king, the of is sweet - est wine heav - en.



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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