



The Season After Pentecost

September 7, 2025

9:30am

GATHERING

Prelude

Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace *(Please remember to fill out an attendance sheet)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Gathering Song:

"Lift High the Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.
¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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Children's Time

Alleluia Verse

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

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

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,



³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

Sermon

Song: "I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone, higher than my sight
High above my life, I will trust in You alone

Chorus

***Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You***

Yeah I will follow You, yeah

Light into the world, light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in You alone, in You alone **Chorus**

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy, and I will follow **Chorus 2X**

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah. I will follow You yeah

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 People

**God of grace,
receive our prayer.**

MEAL

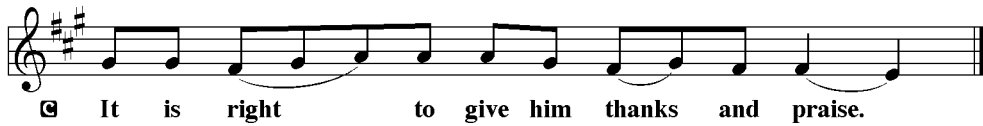
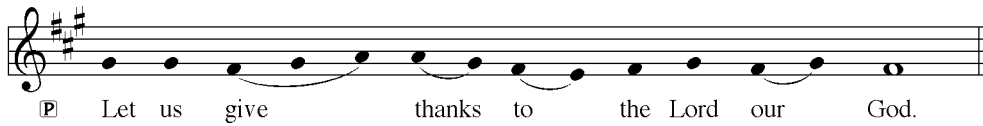
Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly
provides for us.

**Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in
need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of Holy Communion



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:



Blessing of the Bread and Wine



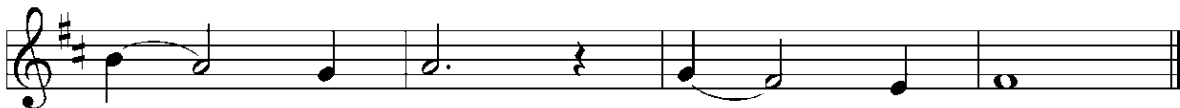
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

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**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should you let my
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such at -
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

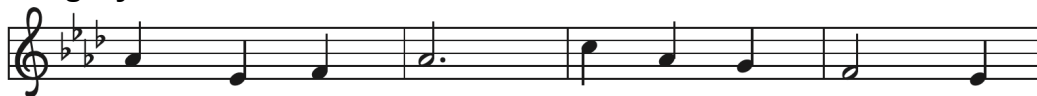
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn:

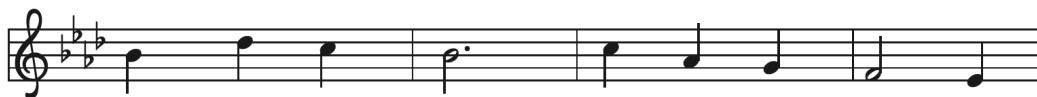
"God's Work, Our Hands"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

Together

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Looking forward to Sunday School?

Join us for field day games after service TODAY.

Teachers and teachers' aides are needed, please contact Jen Langlais (specialedtchr1996@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Classes begin September 14th.

Blessing Box

We are running low on: canned meat, beans, rice, pasta/sauce, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies/formula/dry cereal, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, tooth care, deodorant hand/dish soap.

September Mission of the Month

WAVE RIDER/CAMP ERIN – Camp Erin is a free, weekend bereavement camp for children ages 6-17. Wave riders provide weekly support group for grieving families and children ages 3-17 years old.

Flu Shot Clinic

The Good Shepherd Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Sunday, October 12th from 8 - 11am. Nancy Woods will be signing people up before or after the service.

Support our youth! Place your bottles and cans in the bins at the south end of the church (by the kitchen) or bring them directly to Creating Change Redemption Center at 309 Saratoga Rd, Glenville and let them know you are donating for the Good Shepherd Youth.

Choir Alert

Our singers will be performing regularly and could always use more voices. This week we will meet at 7pm Wed, and Sun morning at 8:30 to rehearse for Sunday's performance at the 9:30am service. Considering joining us? Now is the time!

"Letters from Jesus"

This Thursday at the 7pm service, Biblical characters will come to life in the sanctuary with a presentation of Letters from Jesus. After the drama & discussion of how we might prepare to meet (& recognize) Jesus, we'll enjoy refreshments & fellowship. The door will be open for you.

The **Good Shepherd Hikers** will be starting a new hiking season with a hamlet walk and an exploration of the new Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy's Alplaus Preserve at on Sunday, September 14. We'll meet at 1PM at the Wang's house 14 Rivercrest Drive, Rexford and will walk from there to the Alplaus Preserve where there are about one mile of field and streamside trails — total distance for this outing will be 2.5 miles on sidewalks and mostly flat terrain. If you plan to attend, please contact Richard at (518) 380-3303 or Karen at kreissigwang@yahoo.com.

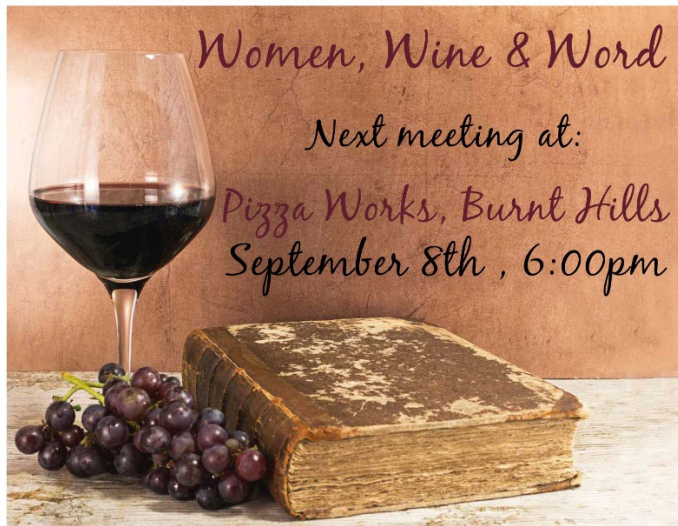




Monday, September 8th, 7 -8 pm
Bros, Bibles & Beer Event

Walter Stoeckl's House
6 Kathleen Dr. Glenville

Bring a lawn chair & your favorite beverage
Guys are invited to this casual bible event
discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink



Spiritual Retreat

On October 17-19 we are planning a spiritual retreat in beautiful Speculator, NY at Camp Fowler. We need a minimum of 10 people to commit. Only \$50 per person. We have a kitchen to bring or prepare meals. The retreat will include contemplative prayer, ancient Chinese practices such as Qi Gong, Tai chi, and acupressure, some sort of artistic project and a group discussion to be determined. None of the above activities are mandatory. Or opt to hike, walk, nap, read a book or ride a bicycle. Also, it is not necessary to attend all three days. You can opt to come on Saturday October 18th when the majority of the programs will be held. All are welcome. To register please email Lorraine Chambers at Ichambers46@yahoo.com or call 518 796-9413. Please let her know ASAP.

Adult Education

This Fall Good Shepherd is digging into the difficult topic of the millenniums old Conflict in the Middle East. We often pray for peace and an end to violence; but we rarely take the time to truly dig deeper into causes and the lasting effects. We will hear firsthand from Palestinian Christian pastors and special guests who have recently visited the West Bank.

Join us Sunday mornings starting September 28th at 8:30am.



Help Needed

Helpers needed for coffee hour. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Contact Judy with any questions 518-309-4295.

Gentle Yoga Returns!

Join us starting Monday, September 15 at 7pm for a weekly Gentle Yoga class. This slow-flow practice is designed to be accessible for all bodies and abilities - no experience needed! Cost: \$15 per session
Come as you are -everyone is welcome!



SAVE THE DATE

Trunk or Treat

Oct 25th 2 - 4pm

We need trunks and other volunteers!

Contact Renee Janack if you can help!

***Today's altar flowers were donated by
Carolyn W. & Jenn S. in loving memory of David Sass.***



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