

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026***



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: May we remember

C: That God created.

P: May we remember

C: That God liberated.

P: May we remember

C: That God fed.

P: May we remember

C: That God is *still* creating, God is *still* liberating, And God is *still* feeding us.

P: Let this be our story.

C: Let this be where we begin. Let us worship holy God.

***CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be God: ✝ the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Holy God,

C: We admit to remembering the wrong things.

We remember worldly lessons like, “Everyone for themselves,”

“An eye for an eye,” and “All is fair in love and war.”

And yet, we forget to trust in God’s grace and mercy for all of us,

To love our neighbors as ourselves,

And to live like the body of Christ.

Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

Release us from our muscle memory and self-imposed barriers.

Re-center us in a new place, a fresh place,

A space grounded in your love.

Open us up to receive your word anew,

And to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules,

But with your rules.

Help us remember.

With hope we pray, Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a
new way for us. In Christ, ✝ all your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG: Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult – Verses 1,3,5**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly half and whole notes. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody.

1	Je - sus	calls	us;	o'er	the	tu -	mult	of	our
2	As	of	old	Saint	An - drew	heard	it	by	the
3	Je - sus	calls	us	from	the	wor -	ship	of	the
4	In	our	joys	and	in	our	sor -	rows,	days
5	Je - sus	calls	us!	By	your	mer -	cy,	Sav -	ior,

(Cont'd)



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:

C: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 3)

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

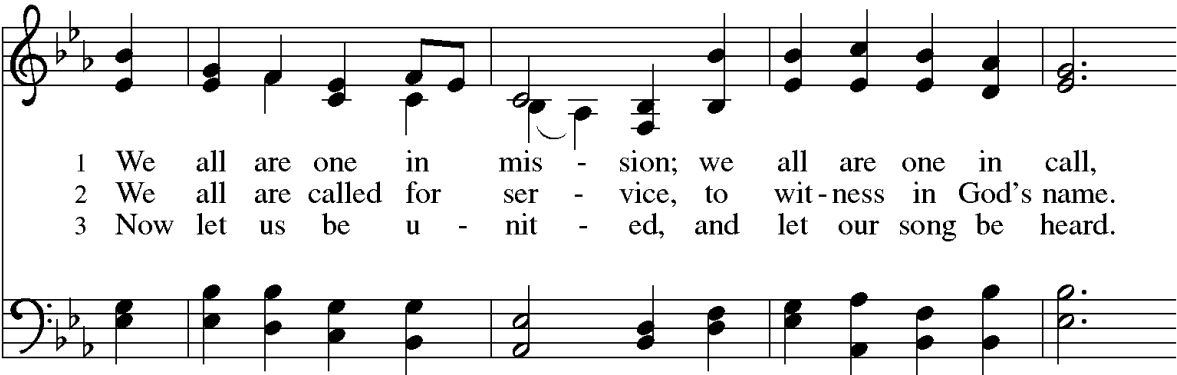
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

(Please stand as you are able)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)**

P: We believe in God,

C: Who creates all things,

who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,

the malnourished one, the climate refugee,

who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Hear us, O God)

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Parent, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

OFFERING:

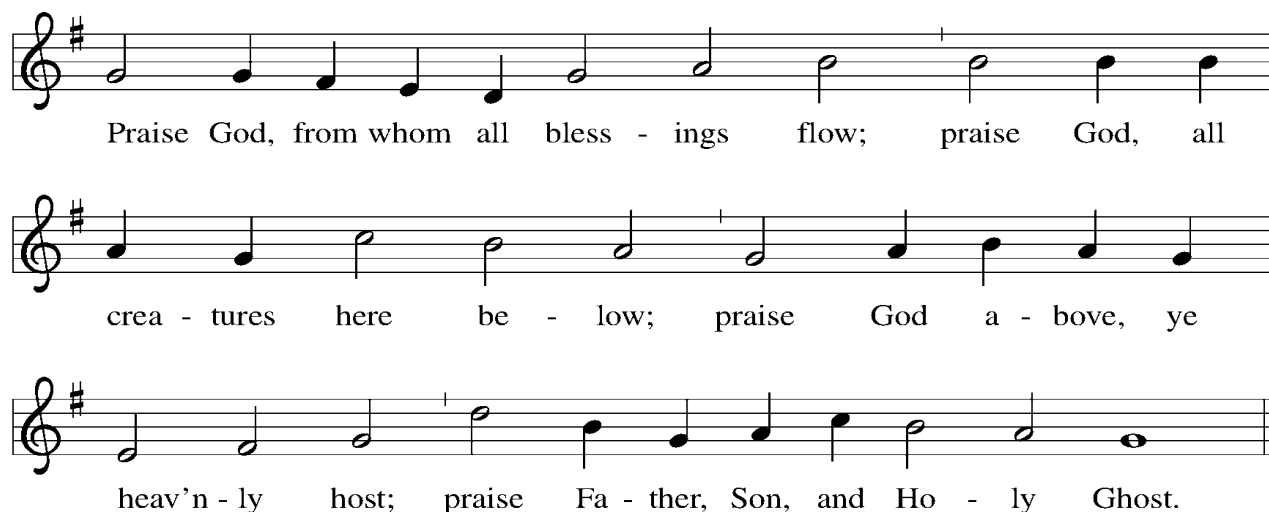
A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving of time, talent, and treasure.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

DOXOLOGY

(ELW 885)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

C: Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is with you.

C: And also with you.

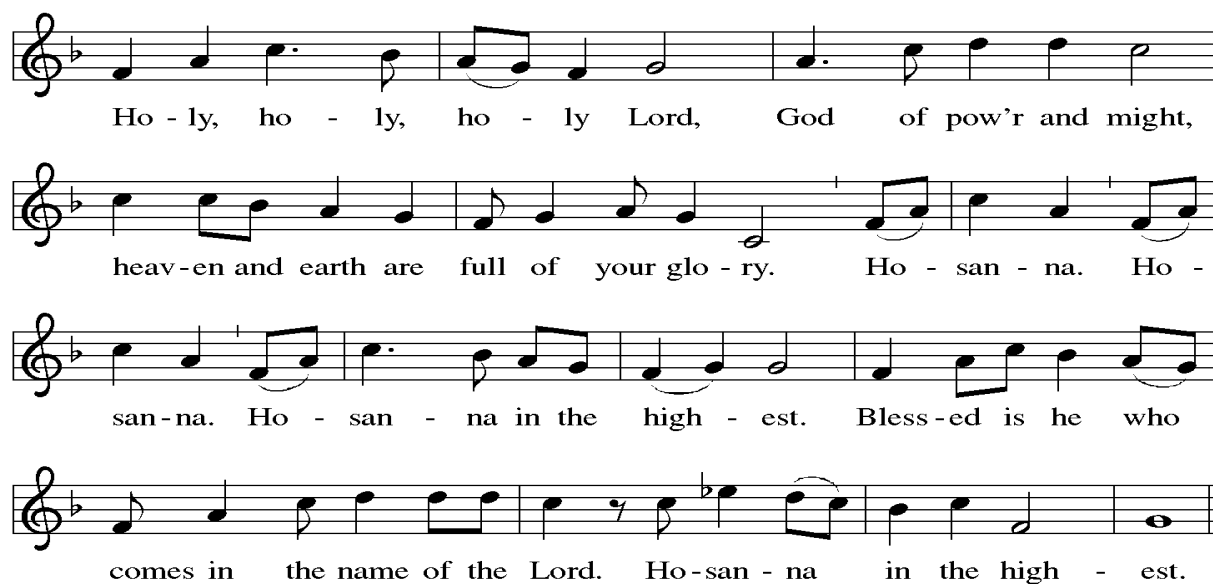
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy [...] 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, as we sing:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water;
by night and day; across the wilderness;**

out of exile; into the future.

**We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner;
among the poor; with us now.**

On the night before he died, 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;
within this meal; among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church,
without end.

C: Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG: Here is Bread

ELW 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING**

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:
✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

***DISMISSAL**

A: God is love.

C: Jesus teaches us to love.

A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us

C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of my Great Nephew, Colton by Uncle Grr.

Sep's Income: \$ 7,105

Sep's Expense: \$ 9,510 Average Attendance: 16

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve 10/18**

Alan S. – Assisting Minister

The Colahans- Ushers

The Colahans – Counters

Meghan G. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 10/25

Alan S. – Assisting Minister

The Klines- Ushers

Downey/Deemer - Counters

Volunteer - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Oct 19

5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

7:00pm – Woodstream Mtg (Hall)

**7:00pm – Delaware Conf (St. Matthews
Springfield)**

Tue, Oct 20

5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

6:00pm – Nursery School Mtg (Mtg Rm)

Wed, Oct 21

5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

7:30pm - AA (Hall)

Thu, Oct 22

5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Sat, Oct 24	10:00am – AA (Hall)
	11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Oct 25	10:15am – Worship
	Reformation
	11:30am – Trunk or Treat
	12:30pm – Song of Praise

UPCOMING
HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS

- **On 11/22 (Sunday), a “Pulpit Swap”;** Pastor Lee will preach and lead the 10:15am service here at Holy Spirit, and Pastor Drummond will do the same at St. Matthew (9:00am) and Immanuel (11:00am).
- **On 12/12 (Saturday) starting at 4pm, Christmas Caroling and a Potluck Chili Supper (with holiday treats!).** Caroling will start at Holy Spirit, and then we’ll go down to Immanuel to sing and then get warm with a chili supper. A sign-up sheet will be available outside of the office.

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May

Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris

*Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan*

Sonya Baxter

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)
Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, and Bob Kerns.
Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for October or November to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE MEETING – Oct 19th at 7:00pm at St. Matthew's Springfield. This is our yearly gathering of Lutheran representatives in Delaware County.

COUNCIL MEETING – October 20th at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

REFORMATION SUNDAY – Sunday, October 25th. Wear your red!!

TRUNK OR TREAT – October 25th 11:30am-12:30pm in the parking lot. Please bring treats for the trick-n-treaters! Children are encouraged to contribute a canned or boxed food item for local Pantry.

ALL SAINTS DAY – **Sunday, November 1st.** Please submit the names of a loved one you would like remembered on this day. Call or leave them in the office no later than **Monday, Oct 26th**. In addition, we invite you to bring a small framed picture of your loved one to sit in front of the altar. We will recognize those who have passed in the last year and also those who have passed before.

All Saints Day is a day we remember all the saints who have gone on before us. We commemorate those we have lost as well as the Christians who have lived before us and testified to their Christian faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25, 2026

starting at 11:30 a.m.

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(back parking lot)

We welcome the community to join us by bringing the kiddos and/or if you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy. Please email us at holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com if you are bringing your car to participate with handing out candy.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food for a pantry to help in these difficult times. Please help if you can.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

What's in Your Wallet? Not Enough.

Say the word *stewardship* in some congregations and people are protectively guarding their wallets faster than you can say “pledge card”! Unfortunately, too often we associate stewardship exclusively with issues of money. The good news is that God wants our whole lives, wallets and all! Nevertheless, this week is prime time for stewardship campaigns in congregations across North America. Today’s gospel provides an ideal time to reflect on stewardship of all sorts—time, talent, and financial treasures.

The Pharisees approach Jesus in a thinly veiled attempt to trap him on issues of financial obligations to the Roman government. Their question of Jesus, simplified to the extreme, is, “Who gets your wallet?” If Jesus answered one way, he would be guilty of treason. If he answered the other way, he would have been considered guilty of heresy in the eyes of the religious leaders. Jesus responds by issuing a challenge of his own: “Give . . . to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). This statement challenges us to ponder: If God created the world and everything in it, doesn’t everything belong to God? God wants a whole lot more than just your wallet. God wants your life, wallet and all!



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