



**ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1400 Market St.,  
Williamsport, PA 17701**

**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost,  
Sunday, July 12, 2026  
8:00AM & 9:30AM**

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*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*  
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***Please make sure your phone is silenced during the service.***

**GATHERING**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** – *I am the Good Shepherd*, by James Southbridge

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Compassionate God,

**C** we confess to you all our sins.

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.**

**P** Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN – LBW 250** *Open now thy gates of Beauty*

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORD**

*Sit*

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13**

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**PSALM: PSALM 65:1-13 (read responsively: light *print-cantor*, dark *print-congregation*)**

*Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)*

<sup>1</sup> You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup> **To you, the one | who answers prayer,**  
**to you all | flesh shall come.**  
<sup>3</sup> Our sins are strong- | er than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell**  
**there!**  
**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the**  
**holiness | of your temple.**  
<sup>5</sup> Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our  
salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.  
<sup>6</sup> **You make firm the mountains | by your power;**  
**you are girded a- | bout with might.**  
<sup>7</sup> You still the roaring | of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at**  
**your | marvelous signs;**  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**  
<sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is | full of water.  
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

- <sup>10</sup> **You drench the furrows and smooth<sup>|</sup> out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and<sup>|</sup> bless its increase.**
- <sup>11</sup> You crown the year<sup>|</sup> with your goodness,  
and your paths over-<sup>|</sup> flow with plenty.
- <sup>12</sup> **May the fields of the wilderness be<sup>|</sup> rich for grazing,  
and the hills be<sup>|</sup> clothed with joy.**
- <sup>13</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
them-<sup>|</sup> selves with grain;  
let them shout for<sup>|</sup> joy and sing.

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:1-11**

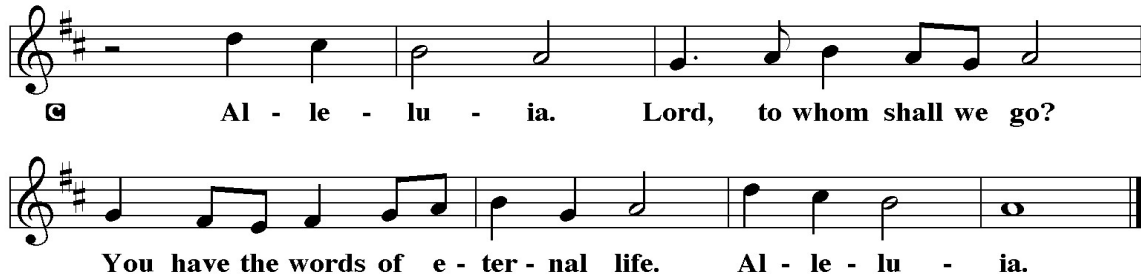
*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the

lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

### The Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

### **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

*Stand*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY – WOV 760 *For the Fruit of All Creation***

### **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 INTERCESSION**

**A** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers:*

A God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we  
cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.  
C **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

*The ministers & congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you R Peace be with you

## MEAL

*Sit*

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** featuring Rebecca Ciabattari, trombone;  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*, arr. by Stan Pethel

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

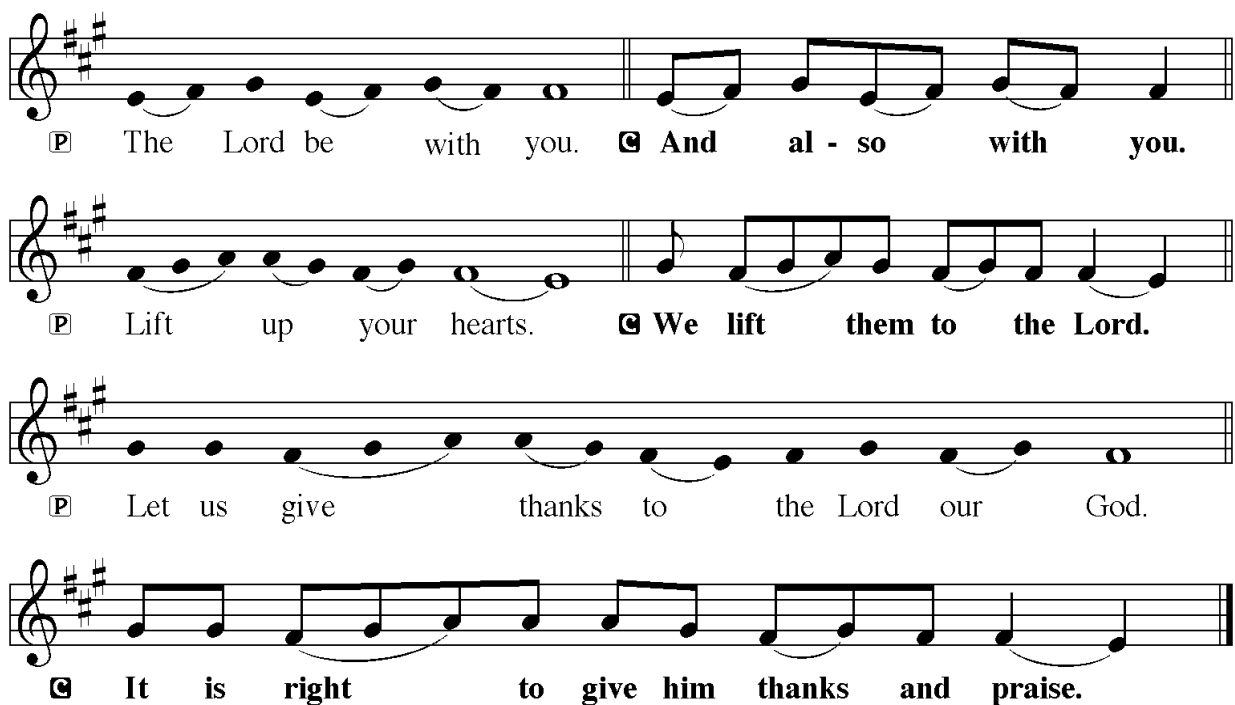


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



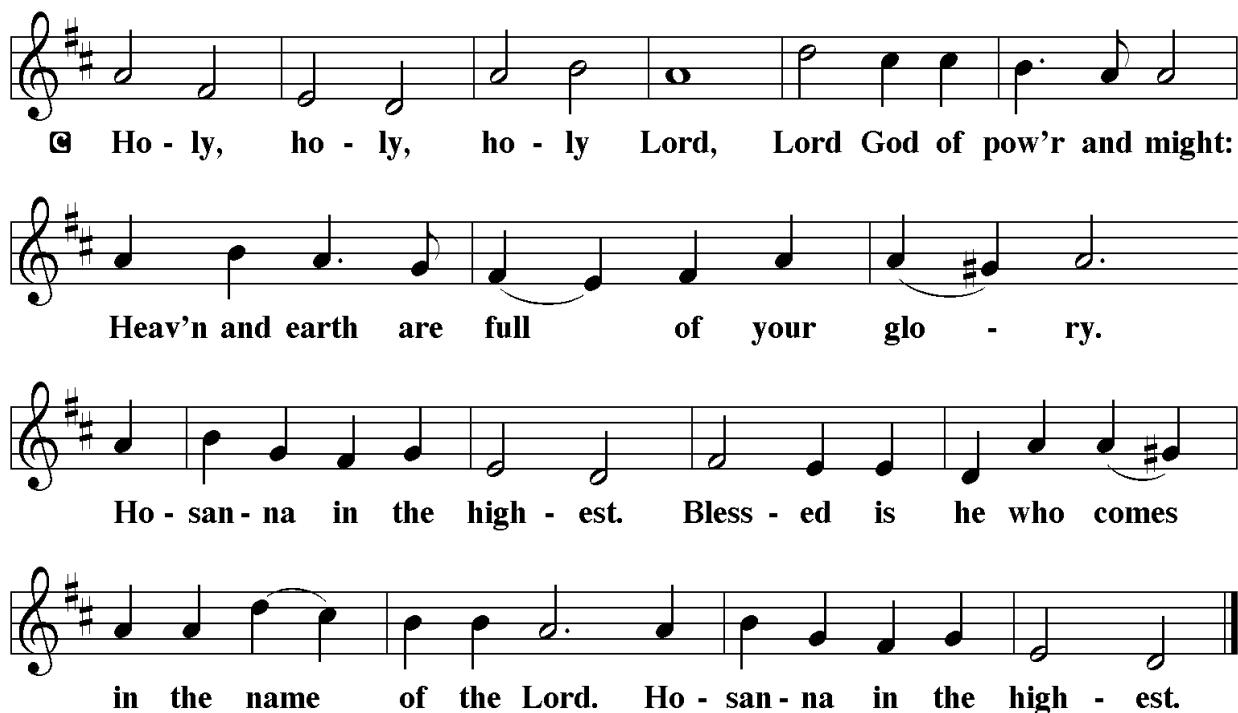
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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 him thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right. . . *(The preface appropriate to the day or season is said, concluding. . .)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

*In the night... (The pastor proclaims the Words of Institution,  
concluding)...Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*Sit*

## **LAMB OF GOD** (*Administrants commune*)



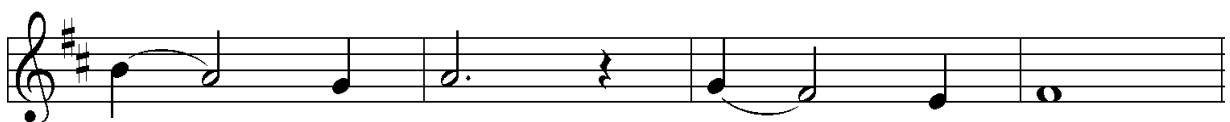
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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.**

## COMMUNION (*Congregation Communes*)

*All are invited forward. If you do not normally take communion, please cross your arms and you will be given a blessing. Children who do not take communion will receive a piece of bread with the words "Take and Eat." Visitors, if you commune in your home congregation you are welcome to commune here. (If you prefer juice rather than wine, please take one of the pre-filled glasses.)*

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

*Stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

## CANTICLE



**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A    Compassionate God,  
         through the gifts of bread and wine  
         our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
         may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
         through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C    **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P    Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
         ✠ one God,  
         bless, heal, and hold you  
         today and always.

C    **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN – LBW 221 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

A    Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C    **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, setting by Emily Maxson Porter.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026

*The **Altar** flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of  
our wedding anniversary by Mark and Karen Bergren.*





*Dear Friends,*

*Bonnie and I would like to thank you for the altar flowers which were delivered to our home following Worship on June 21st. Knowing that they were a part of Worship last week as a silent witness to our faith gave us both comfort and assurance that God is, indeed, good. Their quiet presence in our home speaks to the compassion of a caring congregation, which we have always known St. Luke to be. We are grateful for your kindness. We have also received notes of sympathy and consolation from members of St. Luke, and we want to acknowledge those personal messages as well.*

*My sister's death was unexpected, but I am grateful that my family was able to celebrate Mothers' Day together, this past May. It was a good surprise for Mom and a fond memory for us kids (she still calls us that). Again, thank you for your kindnesses and sympathy during a trying and difficult time.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Ted and Bonnie Cockley*

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## PRAYER LIST

### FROM OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY:

Samuel Mahler; Maria Daigle; Tom Smith, and our homebound members.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Dr. Yeh (*friend of Diane Kohler*) Betsy Rider (*friend of Nancy McCarty*); Deb (Rhodes) Wertman (*Sister of Dwight Rhodes*); Sue Meyers (*friend of Kirk & Sondra Fisher*); Kathy Eshleman (*friend of Hanne Schuman*).

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS MOURNING:**

- † the loss of Leonard Bellott (*father of Lenny Bellott, father-in-law of Lee Bellott and family*)
- † the loss of Mike Fogerty (*friend of Becky & Jim Donnell*)
- † the loss of Robert Fremberg (*brother of Kim Fremberg*)
- † the loss of Connie Rush (*sister of Pastor Ted Cockley*)
- † the loss of Rev. William Anderson (*friend of Kim Fremberg*)

For servicemen & women serving in posts far from home, and our servicemen & women readjusting to their lives here in the States.

For persistence and strength for those going through all types of recovery.

*After 4 weeks' names will automatically rotate off, you may call the Church Office at 570-323-7309 to have them put back on the Prayer list.*

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **TODAY: July 12th THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream

### **SERVING DURING WORSHIP**

#### **8:00 AM:**

**Lector/Administrant:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Jeanne Yaggi; 19<sup>th</sup> – Nancy McCarty;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Nancy McCarty*

#### **9:30 AM:**

**Altar Care:** *JULY – Cindy Belles ~ AUGUST – Sondra Fisher*

**Assisting Ministers:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Charles Mahler; 19<sup>th</sup> – Marilyn Eshleman;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – John McNassor*

**Lectors:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Kim Fremberg; 19<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Lamade;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Melanie Taormina*

**Communion Helpers:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Rod Strother; 19<sup>th</sup> – Janice Ogurcak;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Sue Beidler*

**Greeters:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Jan Matz; 19<sup>th</sup> – Patty & Doug Durand;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Cindy & Terry Belles*

**Ushers:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Charlie & Susan Duchman; 19<sup>th</sup> – Mark Bergren;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Mark Bergren*

**Acolyte:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Charles Mahler; 19<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Taormina;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Luke Edmonds*

**Live Stream Assistant:** *July 12<sup>th</sup> – Dan Taormina; 19<sup>th</sup> – Brad Nason;*  
*26<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Taormina*

**Offering Counters: July 12<sup>th</sup> – Ray Schreckengast & Janice Ogurcak;**

19<sup>th</sup> – Nancy McCarty & Marilyn Eshleman;

26<sup>th</sup> – Terry Belles & Pat Kelley

**THIS CALENDAR WEEK: July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>**

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM – Church Council Meeting

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30AM – Pericope

July 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM - Mutual Ministry Meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY: July 19<sup>th</sup> – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream,

Coffee Hour following the service (National Ice Cream Day)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**American  
Red Cross**

***ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE 2026***

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**BELL HALL**

**1400 Market St.**

**Williamsport, PA 17701**



**American  
Red Cross**

***TRAVEL TO GERMANY WITH THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA  
AND NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNODS***

The Upper Susquehanna and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods invite you to join a special journey to Germany this October!

The trip is scheduled for **October 10-18, 2026**, with an optional extension through **October 21**. This promises to be a meaningful opportunity to experience the rich history, culture, and Lutheran heritage of Germany while traveling with fellow member of our synods.

For more information about itinerary, pricing, and registration, please request a trip brochure from the church office! 570-323-7309.

If you've ever wanted to explore the places that shaped the Reformation and deepen your understanding of our Lutheran heritage, consider joining this memorable journey!



**PEACE LAMP** – The Peace Lamp on the altar is one of many that have been produced in the small Christian village of Taybeh, located northeast of Jerusalem. Out of the 3400 inhabitants living there 30 years ago, only 1,500 remain today, largely because of the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The

lamps were created as an initiative of The Olive Branch Foundation to raise awareness of the unbearable conditions that Christian communities in the Holy Land are facing as well as a call to prayer for peace in the area. When used in worship, the lamp will be a reminder to pray for peace around the world, but especially in the Holy Land.

### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS**

**THE SERVICE MINISTRY** is filling LWR school kits for this fall, as we have in previous years. The school supply items needed are listed below: (At least 50 bags will be filled).

**While summer sale shopping, please help us fulfill this goal by looking for these items needed to fill the school kits:**

- Spiral notebooks -70-80 sheet – wide or college ruled paper, 8"x 10 ½" (4 notebooks per bag)
- Ruler (centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Eraser 2 ½"
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- **Unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- Crayon Box of 16 or 24 count
- Blue or Black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

**Items may be dropped off at the church office.**

**Many thanks for your continued support!**

**OUTREACH MINISTRY** – Our next meeting will be the first Thursday, **August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM** in the library. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to attend. We will be discussing the ***Blood Drive, Festival, and other events.*** Any questions call Jan Ogurcak, at 570-772-8196 or email [jlo1956@gmail.com](mailto:jlo1956@gmail.com)

**FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY** – Please consider volunteering for Coffee Hour! All coffee, tea, paper products, etc. are in the kitchen. Volunteers are asked to provide snacks, such as muffins, donuts, cookies, etc. Please contact Ruth Croyle at 570-433-3873 or Jeanne Yaggi at 570-

329-6980 if you would like us to help you set up for Coffee Hour or if you have any questions.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – If you or someone you know needs prayer, please call Cindy Belles at 570-419-1363 or Karen Bergren at 570-220-3201 to start the prayer chain. If you want the name to be on the bulletin prayer list, call the church office at 570-323-7309.

**GREETERS** – Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office at 570-323-7309.

**USHERS** – Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact Nancy McCarty - [nmac7149@gmail.com](mailto:nmac7149@gmail.com) , 570- 419-7827 or church office at 570-323-7309.

**SERVING (*Lectors, Assistant Minister, Communion Helper, or Live Stream Assistants*)** – If you would like to help serve in our 8:00AM or 10:30AM (9:30AM during the Summer) worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at 570-419-7085 or email [kohlerdede@gmail.com](mailto:kohlerdede@gmail.com) or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

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## **ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST LUKE**

**DANIEL’S CLOSET** - Seasonal clothing and accessories are needed for all ages, from infant through adult. **Seasonal clothing (*no winter clothing at this time and please NO hangers*)** for infants, children, and adults, as well as accessories (belts, ties, shoes, purses, backpacks/bags, suitcases, etc.). All clothing must be bagged, no loose clothing, please. A collection box is located in our West Hall or items can be taken directly to Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport.

**SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS** - Items needed are of regular sizes **not trial size**: Deodorant (Women’s), Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (adults/kids), Q-tips, Band-Aids, Tissues, Combs (men, women, children), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Pods, Sunscreen, Twin, Full & Queen Sheet Sets (new/slightly used), Pillow Cases (new/slightly used). *These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.*

## THE FOOD PANTRY

Your help is desperately needed! Food supplies are very low. Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Granulated White Sugar | SPAM             |
| Ritz Type Crackers     | Canned Pineapple |
| Alfredo Sauce          | Canned Beets     |
| Tea Bags, Coffee       | Relish           |
| Pork & Beans           | Wide egg noodles |

**Also, in need of: Plastic bags and egg cartons**

*These items are collected in our West entryway.*

After office hours' drop-offs: Bell Hall foyer entrance.



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America



St. Luke Lutheran has helped sponsor an ELCA missionary for several years. Our missionary, Stephen Deal, works in Central America and will be visiting St. Luke from August 14, 15, and 16, 2026. If anyone in the congregation would like to help with his visit, we are looking for people who are interested in:

- 1) letting Stephen Deal stay one or two nights with them (August 14 & 15);
- 2) hosting or going to a meal with him; and/or
- 3) participating in events with him at church or elsewhere.

The tentative plan is for members of the congregation to attend a Crosscutters game with him on August 15. If you are willing to help with any of these, please let the church office know. More details to follow 570-323-7309.

**STEP UP TO THE PLATE!**  
**CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK + PICNIC IN THE COVE**



Get ready for a summer highlight! The Ministry of Outreach is planning a fun-filled evening of baseball, food, and fellowship at a Williamsport Crosscutters game August 15<sup>th</sup> – And you're invited!

This year is extra special as the team celebrates 100 | years of baseball at historic Journey Bank Ballpark at Historic Bowman Field—one of the oldest active ballparks in the country.

 **Date:** August 15<sup>th</sup>

 **Picnic in Cutters Cove:** Starts at 6 p.m. before the game

Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat picnic featuring a build-your-own burger and hot dog bar, classic sides like mac & cheese, baked beans, desserts, and refreshing drinks. Then sit back and enjoy the game—either from the picnic area or from reserved stadium seating.

More than 25 St. Luke friends joined us last year—let's make it even bigger this time!

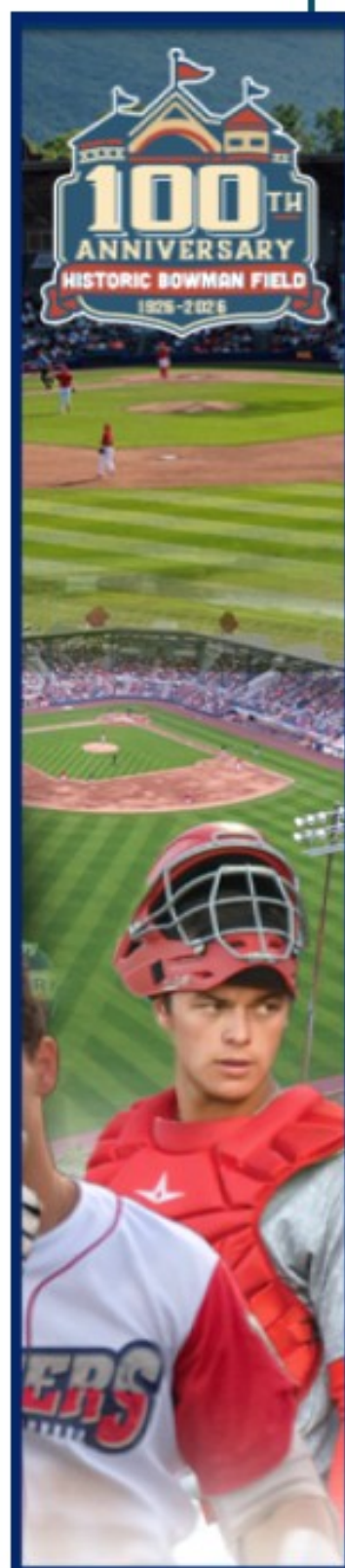
**COST:**

- \$16 per person (kids 5 and under are free)
- Optional stadium seating: \$9 or \$6

Add August 15 to your calendar and let an Outreach member know if you're interested so we can reserve our group space. Final details and payment information will be shared in June (**deadline July 24**).

Come enjoy a classic summer evening filled with great food, exciting baseball, and even better company!

*Ministry members include Jan Ogurcak, Ray Schreckengast, Charlie Duchman, Bill Yaggi, Tom Spitler and Pastor Jeff.*



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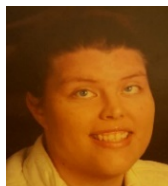
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Bulletin **deadline** – WEDNESDAY 9:00AM

Spectrum Newsletter **deadline** – **15th of each month**

Council Pack **deadline** – FRIDAY 9:00AM before Mtg

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