



**ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**The Tenth day after Pentecost,
Sunday, August 2, 2026
8:00AM & 9:30AM**

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*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*  
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Please make sure your phone is silenced during the service.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – Variations on the Welsh Tune "*Lledrod*" by Richard Warner
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 235 Break Now the Bread of Life

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

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and
you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the
food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the
starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

Sit

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God
also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises
that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations,
these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

PSALM: PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (read responsively: light print-cantor,
dark print-congregation)

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.
- ⁹ **Lord, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O Lord,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in [|] all your ways
and loving in [|] all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;
you hear their [|] cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

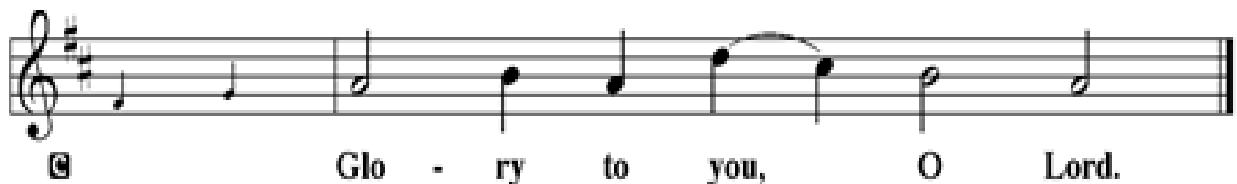
¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Stand

ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

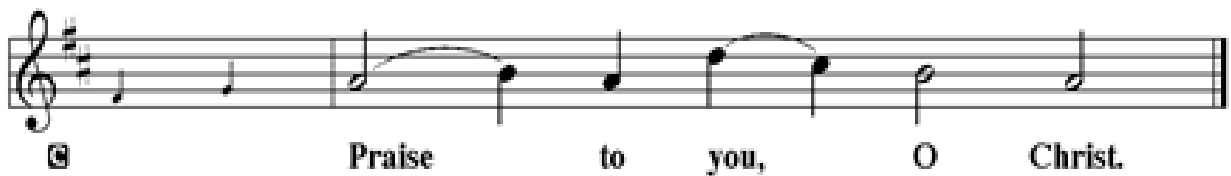


GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY – WOV 711 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers:

A Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All
this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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Peace be with you

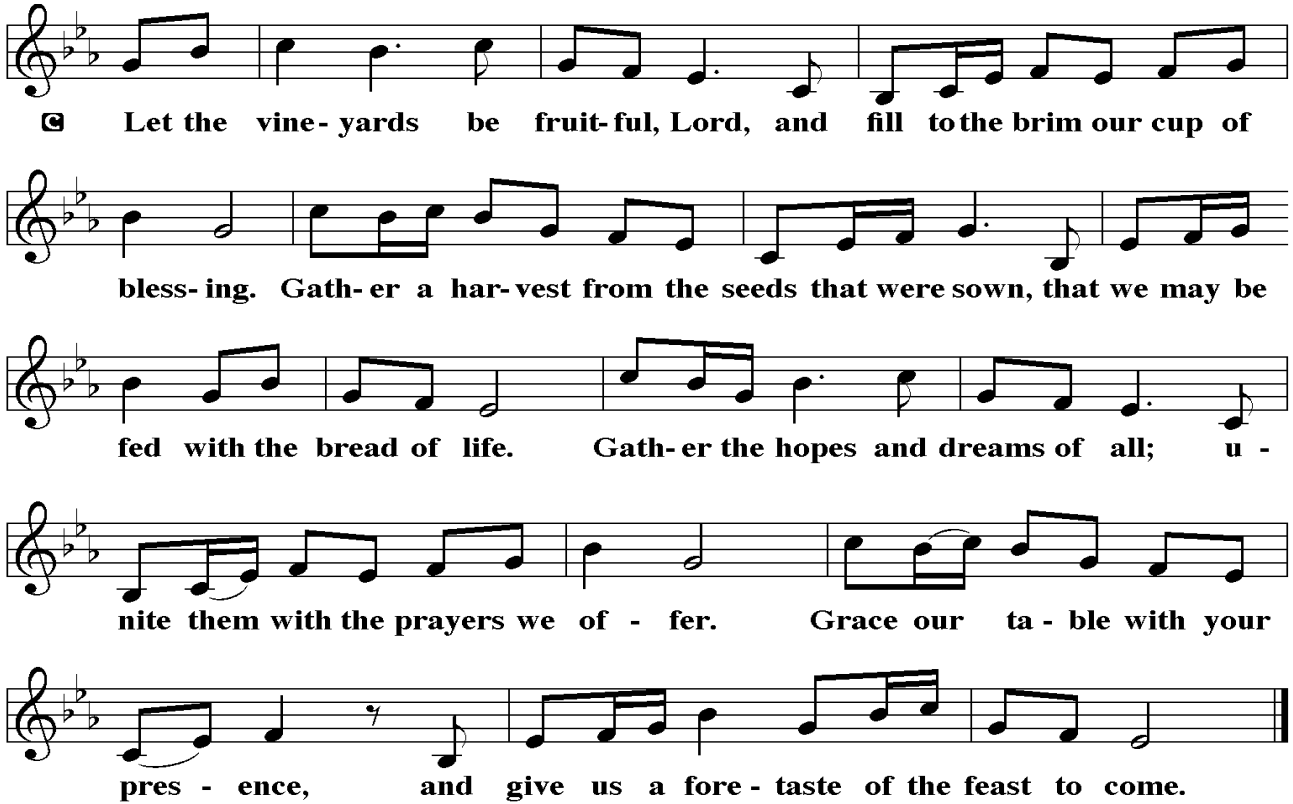
MEAL

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MUSICAL OFFERING – (8:00 & 9:30): *God Bless the U.S.A.*,
by Lee Greenwood, featuring Connor Segraves

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN



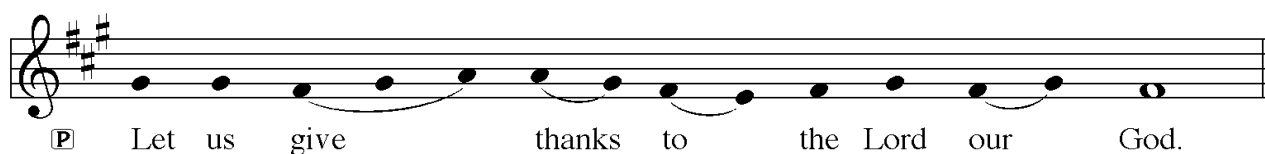
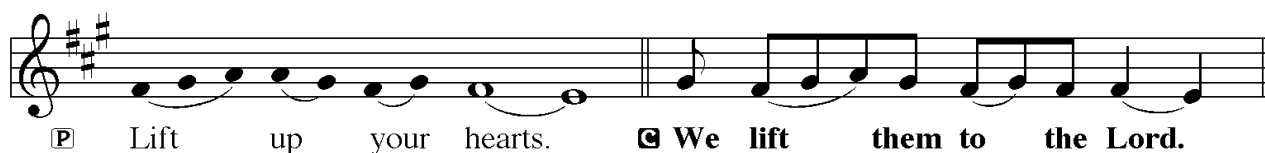
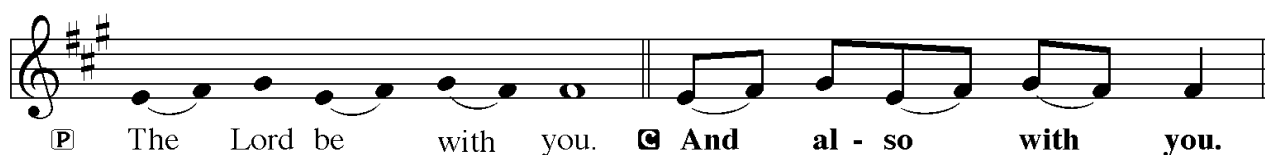
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

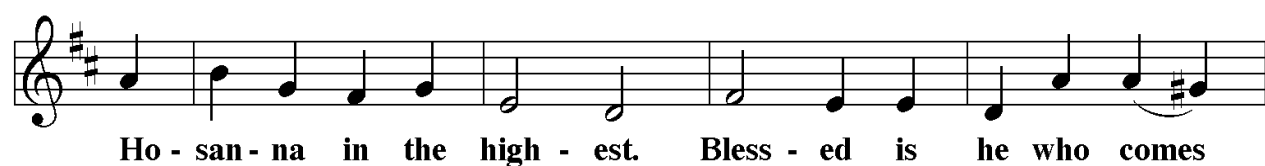
A Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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*)



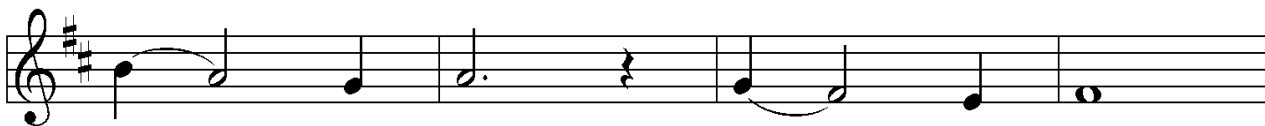
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 343 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*, arr. by Emily Maxson Porter

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

The Altar flowers are given in memory of my loving wife, Barb and in honor of our grandchildren, Carter, Kayden and Wyatt, by Bob McCullough.



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PRAYER LIST

FROM OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY:

Mary Jane Webster; Samuel Mahler and our homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Dr. Yeh (*friend of Diane Kohler*); 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 Connie Rush (*sister of Pastor Ted Cockley*)
- † the loss of Rev. William Anderson (*friend of Kim Fremberg*)
- † the loss of Betsy Rider (*friend of Nancy McCarty*)

For servicemen & women serving in posts far from home, and 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: Aug 2nd THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:00AM – Fellowship Meeting

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream

SERVING DURING WORSHIP

8:00 AM:

Lector/Administrant: Aug 2nd – *Nancy McCarty*; 9th – Jeanne Yaggi;
16th – Nancy McCarty; 23rd – Jeanne Yaggi; 30th – Ed Kelley

9:30 AM:

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

Assisting Ministers: Aug 2nd – *Laura McNassor*; 9th – Marilyn Eshleman;
16th – Charles Mahler; 23rd – Mark Bergren; 30th – John McNassor

Lectors: Aug 2nd – *Sandra Lentz*; 9th – Sue Beidler; 16th – Cheryl Newburg;
23rd – Melanie Taormina; 30th – Ray Schreckengast

Communion Helpers: Aug 2nd – *Karen Baldys*; 9th – Hanne Schuman;
16th – Patricia Durand; 23rd – Sue Beidler; 30th – David Briggs

Greeters: Aug 2nd – *Marge Holland & Diane Kohler*;

9th – Dave & Lynn Shade; 16th – Sue Beidler; 23rd – Ruth Croyle;
30th – The Strothers

Ushers: Aug 2nd – *Marilyn Eshelman*; 9th – Charles Mahler;

16th – Allan Husband; 23rd – Charles Mahler; 30th – Allen Husband

Acolyte: Aug 2nd – *Lily Judge*; 9th – Daniel Taormina; 16th – Luke Edmonds;
23rd – Lily Judge; 30th – Daniel Taormina

Live Stream Assistant: Aug 2nd – *Charles Mahler*; 9th – Dan Taormina;

16th – Brad Nason; 23rd – Daniel Taormina; 30th – Charles Mahler

Offering Counters: Aug 2nd – *Nancy McCarty & Marilyn Eshleman*;

9th – Sondra Fisher & Terry Belles;

16th – Ray Schreckengast & Janice Ogurcak;

23rd – Sue Beidler & Jannine Monness;

30th – Terry Belles & Charles Duchman

THIS CALENDAR WEEK: Aug 3rd – Aug 8th

Aug 3rd – 6:00PM – Executive Committee

Aug 4th – 9:30AM – Pericope

– 2:00PM – PVC Parish Visitation Corp

– 3:00PM – Service Meeting

Aug 5th – 7:00PM – Worship & Music Meeting

Aug 6th – 6:00PM – Outreach Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY: Aug 9th – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream

7:00PM – Evening Vespers Service - Courtyard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Sunday August 9th at 7:00PM
there will be a vespers service in the church courtyard. Come and join us for an evening prayer service that will be our opportunity to worship outdoors this summer!



**American
Red Cross**

ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE 2026

Friday, August 14th ~ 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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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.

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 , 570- 419-7827 or church office at 570-323-7309.

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.

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 or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

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), **URGENT NEED OF: Q-TIPS, BAND-AIDS**, Tissues, Combs (men, women, children), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Pods, Sunscreen. *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	Boxed Potatoes
Small ketchups	Canned Pineapple

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.

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REMINDERS: Office hours – M - F /9:00AM-1:00PM

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

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

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

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