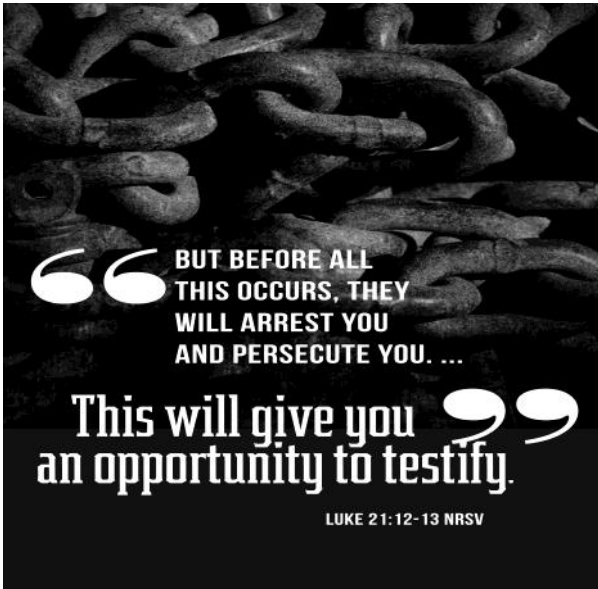




LECTIONARY 33

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

** indicates to stand as you are able*

AED Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	The Heggensallers
Lector:	Deb Wetzel
Acolytes:	Deb Wetzel and JR Erdley
Cantor/s:	JR Erdley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Philip Heggensallers
Communion Set Up:	Deb Wetzel
Communion Baker:	
Altar Flowers:	Andrea Klinger

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WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life. **Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

*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.

*KYRIE

P. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister

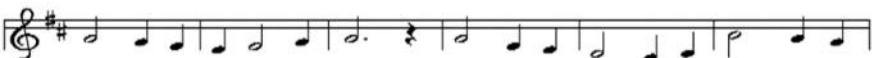


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

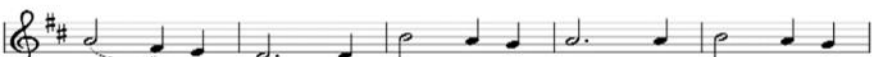


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



WORD



FIRST READING

MALACHI 4:1-2A

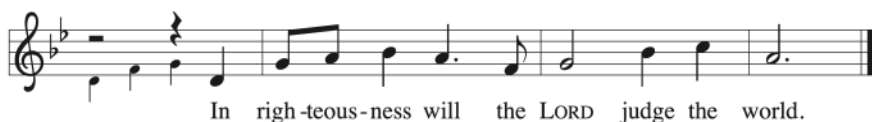
¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

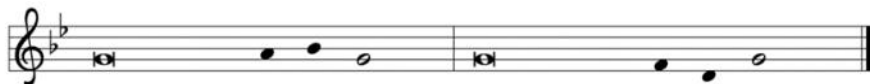
RESPONSE

PSALM 98

Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



Psalm Tone



- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the na-
tions.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹
house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.**
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- ⁸ **Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to ¹ judge the earth.**
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity. **R**
- (Repeat Refrain)**

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

The holy gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And Jesus said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and country against country; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before rulers and governors because of my name.

¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and family, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

HOMILY

BEVERLY HOFFMAN

*HYMN OF THE DAY

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WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*APOSTLE'S CREED

PRESIDING BEGINS

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



MEAL



OFFERING

*An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator.
You may give electronically at <http://newberlinlutherans.com/give>.*

*OFFERTORY

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LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

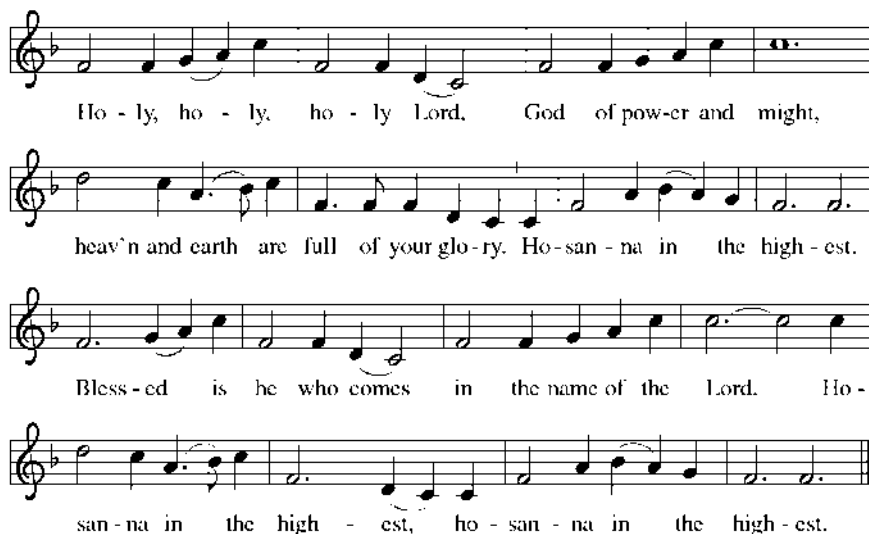
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

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

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

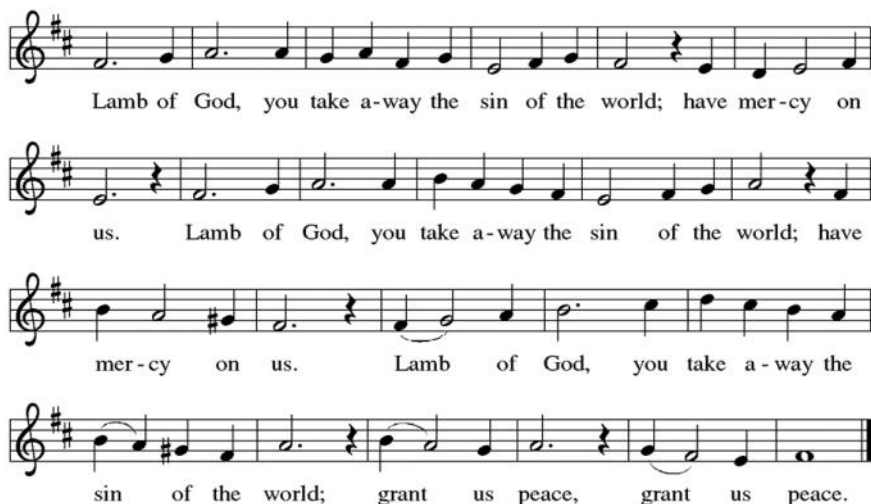
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle.
At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice.*



COMMUNION SONGS

SOON AND VERY SOON

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,

and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**



SENDING



*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you  and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

We hear "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" as we go forth to

LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD

All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The flowers on the altar were placed
to the glory of God by
Andrea Klinger
In honor of loved ones.

Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.

Today's Fellowship is hosted by Clyde and Diane Walter

Nov. 23

The Knit Wits

Fundraisers to get you through the Holidays

December is much too busy to be worrying about cooking dinner every night! Give yourself a break from trying to figure out yet another way to cook chicken by ordering a Marianna Hoagie or Pizza. If you order each, you have two nights of dinner taken care of! And such a deal! Just \$10.00 for a Hoagie or a Pizza! Even better, the spent money has eternal value! Oh yes, you read that right! Because this fundraiser is to benefit the Camp Luther Scholarship Fund, you are ensuring that children can experience the joy and growth that camp offers! Do you remember those who invested in you? Those who led you toward Christ? I sure do and I will be paying it forward by investing into the lives of these children by ordering a couple of hoagies. It's that simple, just plan a hoagie or pizza dinner! Order forms are available from Kathleen Ferster or outside the church office.

Order forms and payment are due by November 25th.

Pick up is on Thursday, December 4th from 11:30 –12:30 in the Fellowship Hall

For all those Holiday Parties and office exchanges...

Messiah is making figuring out what to take to those holiday parties easy, Don't bake cookies or worse yet, buy store bought cookies! Instead, support the New Berlin Preschool buy purchasing Gourmet Handmade Chocolates from New Berlin's own Fine and Fancy. Are you someone's Secret Santa? Give them something they'll love! Chocolate covered pretzels, wait, I'm being biased, they might prefer the peanut butter meltaways. A \$15.00 tin of chocolates is well worth not having to think about what to get your co-worker! They freeze well, so you could bring them out on Christmas morning while your family is opening presents

**Order forms are avail at the church office
or in the Fellowship Hall.**

Orders are due December 2.

Delivery will be December 18th.

YOUR CHURCH SECRETARY IS BEGGING!!!

There is a great need for people to volunteer to be an acolyte. The more volunteers sign up, the fewer times you will be called upon to do it. Ideally, once a month is what I'm shooting for and **I can schedule you on the same Sunday every month or you can sign up for the Sunday that works for you!!!** Now, in case the thought of becoming an Acolyte makes you nervous, let me just say, with some training you will be a pro and never need worry about it again!

Acolyte training for Youth and Adults

November 30th following the Sunday Service

Acolytes will only be asked to light and extinguish candles (not be responsible for prayer readings).

Poinsettia Sales

Order forms for Poinsettias to remember or honor loved ones are in the lobby and on tables in the Fellowship Hall. **ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19!**

Annual Church Meeting

Next Sunday, November 23, 2025

Right after the Church Service



Food Pantry

Please continue to pray for those facing food insecurity and consider supporting our neighbors by donating canned goods and other meal based non-perishables for the Blessing Box. The current government shut down will invariably result in more need. Both a monetary gift to the Food Pantry and a few canned goods would really be appreciated.

Advent By Candlelight

Our annual Advent by Candlelight will be held Monday evening December 8th beginning at 6:00 pm in the New Berlin Fire Company's Social Hall. Please consider hosting a table for friends and family to come together and set the tone for peace and love this Christmas! In addition to decorating your table, each hostess is asked to bring an appetizer and a dessert for buffet style sharing. Tables comfortably seat 8 adults but can be stretched to 10. Please confirm with Kay Trick your willingness to host a table and what appetizer and dessert you wish to provide by the end of November. Linda Ressigue will have the social hall open so that you may decorate your table on December 7th after church.

KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner will be entertaining us with her angelic voice and guitar music!

Donations to support the curating of Lutheran World Relief personal care kits will be received with the following items being needed:

light weight, dark bath towels,
nail clippers,
4 oz bars of gentle soap,
toothbrushes.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, November 23, 2025

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	Kathleen Ferster
Lector:	Kathleen Ferster
Acolytes:	
Cantor/s:	Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Nancy Morgan
Communion Set Up:	Deb Wetzel
Communion Baker:	
Altar Flowers:	Kathleen Ferster

Last Week 11/2/25

Attendance: 35

Giving: \$991.79

Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie,
Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey,
Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber,
Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller,
John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers,
Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas,
Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush,
Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover,
Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman,
George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor,
Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski,
Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Paul Burkholder,
Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire,
Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood,
June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder,
Robert Sauers, Rick Slear, Joe Hoffman, Tommy Ward,
Joani Patterson, Randy Witmer, Nick St. Claire

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou
Shoop, Mary Agnes Hackenberg, Bryce Johnson, Mim Keister,
Ken Moyer, Maverick Resseguie

Providence and Protection for first responders and
military service men and women

Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound

**Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck,
Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka**

Comfort for those who Grieve:

**For the friends and family of Gary Keister, Brian D. Bryson,
Tracy Sassaman, Carol Muchler, Shaun Ray, John Renninger**

This Week

Sunday, November 16

- 9 am **Service Of Holy Communion**
Fellowship
- 4:30 pm *Faith Lab @ United in Christ, W. Milton*

Tues., Nov. 18

- 12:30 pm *Quilt Tying*
- 7 pm *Council*

Wed., Nov. 19

- 11:30 am *XYZ Luncheon @ Lil Eatery, Mifflinburg*
Last day to order Poinsettia

Sunday, November 23

- 9 am **Service Of Holy Communion**
Annual Meeting
Fellowship
Sunday School

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 141

Mon.	Nov. 17	Ezekiel 11:14-25	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Tues.	Nov. 18	Ezekiel 39:21-40:4	1 Cor. 10:23-11:1
Wed.	Nov. 19	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Matthew 23:37-24:14

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 46

Thurs.	Nov. 20	2 Chronicles 18:12-22	Hebrews 9:23-28
Fri.	Nov. 21	Zechariah 11:1-17	1 Peter 1:3-9
Sat.	Nov. 22	Jeremiah 22:18-30	Luke 18:15-17
Sunday, Nov. 23		Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:22-43	