**WELCOME TO**

**HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, are People of God, who

are called by the Holy Spirit to pray, worship, joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ,

and compassionately witness and serve others in Christian Love.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2022**

**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cape May County is in the Yellow. We are in a moderate area of community spread. Per CDC guidelines, you may choose to wear a mask. At this time, we are strongly encouraging masks to be worn by people with symptoms, people who have had a positive test, or if you have had exposure to someone with COVID. Please continue to refrain from handshakes or hugs, continue to social distance, and continue to be respectful of people’s various comfort levels. May you encounter God, connect with others, and go out to serve God and neighbor by letting your light shine in the world!

**CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION**

We continue to conduct our Sunday Worship Service in coordination with our Conference Call. Join us on our Conference Call # 657-390-7423. If that does not allow you to gain access, please utilize our other # 701-802-5170 and the access code 8221190, then hit the # key. Please announce your name after you log-in.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

We utilize Pre-Filled Communion Kits with a wafer, and a choice of wine or grape juice. They will be provided during Worship Services that an Ordained Minister is presiding over to adults and children who have had First Communion instruction.

**AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are glad that you joined us for Worship today! Thank you for enriching our time together. We would like to get to know you better, and we would like you to get to know us better too. We invite you to let us know how we can help you. Some informational brochures, small welcome gifts, prayer shawls, Bibles, and more are available at our welcome areas throughout the Narthex. Our church members are happy to show you around the building, answer any questions you might have, and share about our ministries. Please don’t hesitate to speak up and ask questions.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The month of October’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

JOAN NASH by Jean Zimmerman.

**ALTAR CANDLES**

The month of October’s are given to the Glory of God & in memory of

THE KIROW FAMILY by Rose Lang, Vince & Heather Piekarski.

The Sanctuary and Altar Candles cost $10 each, and can be dedicated in

memory of someone. The sign-up sheet is located on a clipboard in the narthex.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant, Pastor, and Congregation.)

**INTRODUCTION**

A. It’s a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The

body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died

with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer

thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

**PRELUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist before the start of our Worship Service.)

(We invite you to be stand as you are able.)

**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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us

beyond our days.

**C. Amen.**

P. Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus

does.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P. God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C. we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P. Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**FIRST HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

Lutheran Book of Worship – Green Book

**549 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

**GREETING**

P. May 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.**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray,

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep

us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may

with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**FIRST READING**

R. Our First Reading is from the 5th Chapter of 2nd Kings (Verses 1-3, 7-15c).

R. Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in

high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram.

The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on

one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she

served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the

prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of

Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life,

that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see

how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes,

he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come

to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with

his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent

a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh

shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went

away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call

on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and

cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than

all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and

went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the

prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done

it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he

went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the

word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and

he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood

before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in

Israel.”

R. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

R. Our Responsorial Psalm is from Psalm 111.

**C. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

R.Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

  in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

  Great are your works, O Lord,

  pondered by all who delight in them.

**C. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

R. Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,

  and your righteousness endures forever.

  You cause your wonders to be remembered;

  you are gracious and full of compassion.

  You give food to those who fear you,

  remembering forever your covenant.

  You have shown your people the power of your works

  in giving them the lands of the nations.

**C. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

R. The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;

  all of your precepts are sure.

  They stand fast forever and ever,

  because they are done in truth and equity.

  You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

  holy and awesome is your name.

  The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

  all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.

**C. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

**SECOND READING**

R. Our Second Reading is from the 2nd Chapter of 2nd Timothy (Verses 8-15).

R. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is

my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a

criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for

the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ

Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

  If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

  if we endure, we will also reign with him;

  if we deny him, he will also deny us;

  if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

  for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling

over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your

best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no

need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

R. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

(We invite you to be stand as you are able.)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C.** **Alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in**

**Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING**

P. The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter. (Verses 11-19).

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria

and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their

distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he

saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they

went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at

Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were

not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them

found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to

him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We invite you to be seated.)

**SERMON**

(Delivered by Pastor.)

(Following the Sermon we invite you to stand as you are able.)

**SECOND HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

With One Voice – Blue Book

**693 Baptized in Water**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

P. Let us confess our faith together by using the Apostles’ Creed.

**C. 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. In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s

creation.

(A brief silence.)

A. Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire

leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may

be known to all. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest.

Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your

creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and

deforestation. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world

who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those

marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need.

Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who

live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer, especially:

Mo Bixler (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Christy Spero (Blanche Cameron's Family)

Donald Williams (Delores Basco’s Friend)

Lisa Mishler (Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Megan Pratz (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Patty Cioce (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Rob Norcross (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Mildred McDonald (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Linda Bowker (Church Member)

Butch Mitchell (Mary Pierce's Family)

Carla Wagner (Betty Lang’s Family)

Tom McNamara (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Beth & Bill Knapp (Betty Lang’s Family)

Denny Lauer (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Judy Po (Betty Lang's Family)

Janet Coleman (Church Member)

Eric Brown (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Allison Hopkins (Church Member)

Terry Davis (Alice Davis’ Family)

Pete (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Dave Griffin (Sandy Hansen's Family)

Christine Fuller (Betty Lang's Family)

Rhiannon (Frank & Sharon Ford's Family)

Joe Basco (Delores Basco’s Family)

Bob Brady (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Bill Kanass (Betty Lang's Family)

Betty Lang (Church Member)

Betty Becker (Church Member)

Mary Pierce (Church Member)

Kevin (Betty Becker's Friend)

Peter Berger (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Ed Borse (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Rosalie Stackhouse (Church Member)

James Kershaw (Audrey Kinka’s Friend)

Edna McCann (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

BettyAnn Rich-White (Church Member)

Kay Call (Church Member)

Melissa Moore (Harry Streit's Family)

Salvatore Friscia (Diana DeNote's Family)

Debbie West (Church Family)

Susan Horn (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Dorian Barton (Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Patrick Brannan (Judy Brannan's Family)

Bandit (Betty Lang's Dog)

Charlotte Heigon (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Suzie Clark (Rose Lang's Friend)

Kathy Beard (Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Butch Hines (Rose Lang's Friend)

Evy (Betty Lang's Friend)

Amelia Skyrm (Audrey Kinka's Family)

Cindy Irana (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Ed Watson (Betty Lang's Friend)

Bill Bickley (Betty Bickley's Family)

Joe Cox (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Francis Clock (Dianna DeNote’s Family)

Bonnie Magill (Judy Brannan's Friend)

Jacalyn Nehlig (Church Member)

Jamie Miller (Vicki Rinier's Family)

James Colubiale (Diana DeNote's Friend)

Frank Ford (Church Member)

Mike (Maryanne Lauer's Friend)

Dolores Johnson (Church Family)

Jean O’Brien (Diana DeNote's Friend)

Helen Schlereth (Diana DeNote’s Friend)

John Lauer, Jr. (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker’s Family)

Craig Brearey (Judy Brannan & Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Bruce Becker, Jr. (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Joseph Sheretta (Ed & Fran Green’s Friend)

Sally Shaffer (Betty Becker's Friend)

Carmen & Brook (Maryanne Lauer’s Friends)

Christine Schneider (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Maisie Donnelly (Betty Bickley’s Family)

Alice Basco Matics (Delores Basco's Family)

Jackie Churchman (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Caroline Palush (Bonnie & Skip Millard’s Family)

Sharon Waicus (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Jill (Maryanne Lauer & Betty Becker's Friend)

Tom & Anne Dickinson (Dianne & Ted Bell’s Family)

Delores Basco (Church Member)

Joanne (Maryanne Lauer’s Friend)

Andrew Hudak (Rose Lang’s Friend)

Fred Lang (Betty Lang’s Family)

Viena Murtha (Bob Fritsch’s Friend)

Lorraine Fennimore (Church Member)

Amanda Testa (Betty Bickley’s Family)

Bill Johnson (Mayanne Lauer & Betty Becker’s Family)

Charlie & Vicky Rowe (Kathy & Butch Poehler’s Family)

Karen O'Brian (Linda & Paul Bowker's Friend)

Joe Hartman (Chip & Marie Hand's Family)

The Henning Family (Maryanne Lauer’s Family)

Mike Maguire, Jr. (Betty Becker & Maryanne Lauer's Family)

Gary Waltz (Church Family)

Charlie Buckley (Church Family)

Rose Lang (Vince & Heather Piekarski's Family)

(Additional Names Added Prior to the Worship Service.)

A. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation.

Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick. Give insight to doctors, nurses,

home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

A. Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us

to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and

new life. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P. Watch over all of us who are worried and suffering, and especially those whose

names we now say aloud or within our hearts (extended pause). Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

P. With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us share God’s Peace with one another.

**(**Please remain in your pews and offer the sign of peace with a peace sign or wave.)



**OFFERTORY**

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(The Usher brings Tithes & Offerings up to the Assistant to place on the Altar.)

(Assistant Prepares Altar for Communion.)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P. Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**C. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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P. It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer

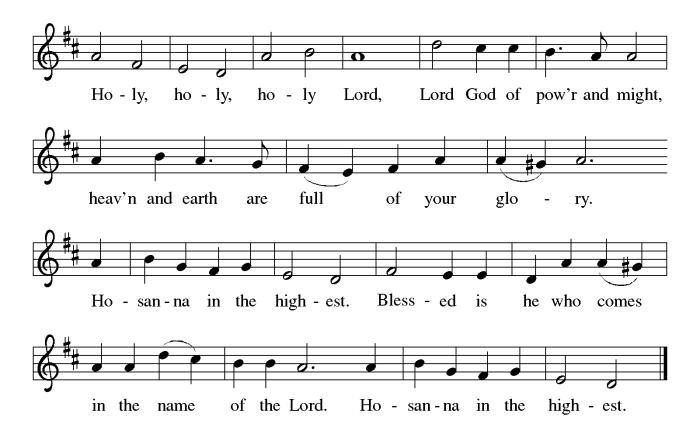
thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose

beyond the bounds of death and, as he promised, poured out your Spirit of life

and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless

joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your

name and join their unending hymn:



**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, in mercy for our fallen world you gave

your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have

eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us

through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may

receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, he 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, he 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.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P. May we now join with one another and pray the Lord’s Prayer.

**C. 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.**

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

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(We invite you to be seated.)

**HOLY COMMUNION IN YOUR PEWS**

(Please utilize the Pre-Filled Communion Kits.)

P. Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

**C. Amen.**

P. The Body of Christ, given for you.

**C. Amen.**

(Extended Pause)

P. The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C. Amen.**

(An Usher will be around to collect your empty Communion Kits for disposal.)

**COMMUNION SONG**

(Please enjoy music offered by our Organist.)

(Assistant removes Communion Vessels from the Altar.)

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P. Let us stand as we are able.

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us

always in His grace.

**C. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Let us pray,

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal

with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

(Home Communion Ministers come to the Front of the Altar with Communion Kits.)

**SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

P. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: As you sent the

angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your

word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In

your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament,

and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood

of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P. God, who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C. Amen.**

(We invite you to remain standing if you are able.)

**CLOSING HYMN**

(We invite you to sing along with the music offered by our Organist & Cantor.)

Lutheran Book of Worship – Green Book

**360 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come**

(Assistant extinguishes the Altar Candles half way through the Closing Hymn.)

(Pastor processes out once the Altar Candles have been extinguished.)

(We invite you to be seated.)

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant and Congregation.)

**BIRTHDAYS**

None

**ANNIVERSARIES**

14th Marie & Chip Hand

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

(Music offered by our Organist as we depart following our Worship Service.)

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| **OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE** | | | | |
| **2nd** | **9th** | **16th** | **23rd** | **30th** |
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| **2022 FINANCIAL STANDING** | |
| **SEPTEMBER INCOME** | $37,988.00 |
| **SEPTEMBER SPENDING** | $4,652.13 |
| **SEPTEMBER GAIN OR (LOSS)** | $33,335.87 |
| **2022 INCOME** | $89,139.12 |
| **2022 SPENDING** | $56,891.96 |
| **2022 GAIN OR (LOSS)** | $32,247.16 |
| **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** | $24,374.56 |
| **FOOD PANTRY FUND** | $15,001.76 |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Women of the Church host their monthly Coffee Hour **TODAY**, following our Worship Service. If you have any questions, see Judy or Kathy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children of all ages are welcome to attend in order to learn through Scriptures, Crafts, Games, Videos, & Activities. Classes will resume next Sunday, October 16th,

at 9AM. See Heather for more information or volunteering opportunities.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Share your comments, concerns, questions, or joys with one of our church council members who can bring it back to our meetings. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings & listen to what is going on in and around the church. Join us In- Person & on our Conference Call at our next Meeting this Tuesday, October 18th, at 6PM. Please ensure that if you are a member of council that you do attend, as we have a topic that we need to discuss and vote on due to timelines and follow through. We currently have a vacant Church Council seat. If you are interested, or happen to have any interest or questions, please see Vince or any member of Church Council.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER**

Have you been attending our church for a while? Have you just recently returned to church after being away for a bit? Maybe you transitioned from another church,

or just started to recently attend our church. We are looking at holding a New Member Class soon, and having an Affirmation of Faith during the Worship Service on Sunday, October 30th, 2022. Ask Vince for more info about becoming a member.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther is said to have nailed his 95 Theses to the wooden doors of the local church in Wittenberg, Germany. In his theses, Luther attacked the church’s corruption and the indulgence-for-sale system that had grown popular. Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. Red is the liturgical color of Reformation Sunday because it represents the Holy Spirit. It also reminds us of those who have been martyred for their faith in Jesus. And all of us have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Join us and wear red on Sunday, October 30th.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Come on out and join us on Sunday, October 30th, from 1-3PM, as True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center hosts their Annual event for the kids. Decorate your trunk, dress up in costume, and hand out activity kits or candy. If you can’t join us for the day, and want to donate things to be handed out, you can do so as well. For more information or to confirm attendance please reach out to Vince or Heather.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

On Sunday, November 6th, we will pay special respect and remembrance to those lost since last year. We will recite their names during our Worship Service, and have a gong played to mark their memory. If you have not already added names to the list, please do so. Names can be added to the list on the clipboard in the Narthex, by calling the church office, or by addressing it on the Conference Call.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Sunday School will once again be Collecting items to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We will be collecting: Small Toys, Small Games, Puzzles, Stickers, Markers, Crayons, Coloring Books, Activity Packs, Stuffed Animals, Wash Cloths, Individually Wrapped Soap Bars, and Tooth Brushes. Money can be donated for shipping or items too. Please bring all items by Sunday, November 6th, so that the children can pack the boxes on Sunday, November 13th, during Sunday School.

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 7th, at 6PM. New members are welcome to attend! Contact Judy if you are interested, or have any questions.

**THANKSGIVING**

As we celebrate together with our families and friends on Thursday, November 24th, please remember to say a special prayer for all that you are thankful for.

We will not have a Worship Service this day.

**ADVENT LEADS TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Advent 2022 begins on Sunday, November 27th, and ends on Saturday,

December 24th, when we will have our Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7PM.

**BULLETIN ENTRY DEADLINE**

The Bulletin goes to print on Wednesdays during church office hours. Changes need to be submitted to Vince or Heather no later than Wednesdays at 5PM. Thank You!

**NEWSLETTER**

Our Fall Publication was mailed out if you did not pick-up your copy last Sunday.

We will now begin to work on our Winter Seasonal Newsletter. Please start to gather all of your info, stories, pictures, and committee reports for the upcoming Winter publication of the Newsletter. Feel free to submit them to Heather at any time.

**DONATION STATION**

Get on the train and place all purchased items in the specified project donation bins located on the counter by the front doors. The list below has the focus donation for that particular month and project. See Heather for more information.



**BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers,

or are just curious about the Lutheran church-this is for you! All are welcome to

join us as we explore Lutheranism 101 on Wednesdays at 7PM.

**HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY**

When an Ordained Minister celebrates with us during our Worship Service our Home Communion Kits will be blessed. A Minister is available if you have a loved one, or if you yourself desire services in the community. We look forward in sharing the Word and Holy Communion with you! We continue looking for anyone interested in being trained. Please inform the Vince, Kathy, or the Church Office so plans can be made.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY**

The most important thing we do each week is gather together as God's people to worship. God is the center and focus of everything we do. Participating in worship is active. Liturgy means the work and actions of the people gathered. Everything we do during the week to prepare for worship, and everything we do as we assist in leading worship, is important. Worship Leaders, Worship Assistants, Conference Call and the Computer, Readers, Greeters and Ushers, Communion Assistants, Home Communion Ministers, Altar Guild, Choir and The Music Team help make worship a meaningful experience. We are thankful for all the wonderful work being done. If you are interested in any position, please let Vince know so a training can be set-up. 

A Supply Pastor has been requested once monthly through the NJ Synod of the ELCA to Preside over Worship Services to allow for Holy Communion. If we are notified that we have been assigned a Pastor the Worship Leader will be replaced.

**PRAYER LIST**

Our Prayer List continues to lengthen and we realize the important need for prayers and healing. Sometimes the unfortunate result is that someone has passed on, and the words “The Family & Friends of” appear before someone’s name. However, sometimes we forget names are still on the list and “they are healed” or the “they are no longer struggling” and they can be removed. Share the good and bad stories as we continue to pray for strength and healing. Names can be added or removed from the list on the clipboard in the Narthex prior to the Worship Service, by calling the church office, or addressing it on the Conference Call. Please let us know the relation to the person(s) you listed so we can be more mindful with our prayers too. Names will stay on the list until removed by the person(s) who requested prayer.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Open on Wednesdays from 6 to 8PM to serve the Congregation, the Community, and to continue handling the business of the Church. Feel free to stop in to talk, pick-up or drop off something, pray in the Sanctuary, or for whatever other reason.

**PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Jeff Elliott has office hours weekly on Thursdays from 10AM to 1PM for various levels of support and prayer as needed. He can also be reached via email

at Jeffrey.elliott2006@comcast.net or calls and texts at 609-770-3207.

**FOOD PANTRY, COMMUNITY DELIVERIES, & MORE**

Open every Thursday, and the last Saturday of every month, from 10AM to 1PM.

61 people were served in September. 482 people have been served in 2022. We have been blessed to serve a total of 6,383 people since we reopened in May of 2014. Donations can be dropped in the basket in the Narthex, placed in the outdoor drop-box by the Church Office door, placed in the money jug in the back of the Church, mailed into the Church Office, or placed in the Offering Plate. Volunteers are needed each week. See Vince, Heather, or Bonnie if you are interested. We will be holding a Volunteer Meeting to address some changes, to provide refresher training, and to train new Volunteers. Stay posted for an upcoming date and time.

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| **FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** | | |
| **Thursday, 10/13** | **Thursday, 10/20** | **Thursday, 10/27** |
| Kim (Solo) | Tori & Cathie | Tori & Cathie |

Our local North Cape May Acme provides us with Expiring Soon, Recently Expired, and Slightly Damaged Foods weekly. Kathy helps those in need by delivering items each Saturday in the community. Kathy then brings leftover items to the Church for church members in need, and those who visit the food pantry during the week.

**STAINED GLASS REPAIR**

Sometime in the Fall, Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc. will be repairing the

Stained Glass above the front entryway doors and the other two front windows.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

We worship God with our tithes and offerings. These are monetary gifts in order to support our ministry for service in God’s name. Feel free to drop your envelopes in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or drop them off in the locked mailbox.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawls, Lap Quilts, and Scarves have been made with love for those in need. The blessed items are located in the Narthex, and are free for anyone. Members of the group continue to work at home on new stitches and patterns.

**FAVORITE HYMNS**

Charlie & Karen are willing to play your favorite hymns for the Prelude & Postlude

on Sundays. Let them know your requests so that they can be added to the list.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

We continue raising money for any unforeseen costs or repairs at the Church.Kathy is continuing to sell $5 Wawa Tickets, and the donation bin is in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness, donations, prayers, & support!

**CLEANING & DISINFECTION SERVICES**

Bactronix & Stanley Steemer both completed their COVID wipe downs, sprayings, and disinfection services in September of 2021. Heather’s Heavenly Cleaning Services completed the cleaning of the entire building in May of 2022. Then, Dave from Bactronix completed the swab test on our surface levels in June of 2022. One level fell in the Food Safe Zone; several other areas fell in the Relatively Clean Zone which require minimal action; and one area fell in the Cautionary Zone and requires more action and attention. We can continue to keep mindful of all of this and ensure good cleaning each week to make sure we provide a safe environment for everyone.

**TRUE DELIVERANCE PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER**

Reverend Maria Brooks and her Congregation continue to utilize our facilities

from 1-4PM on Sundays. Their congregation helps us with the Food Pantry and hosts or assists with various other events throughout the year at the Church.

True Deliverance PWC also hosts a Prayer Line you can join on their Conference

Call # 1-657-390-7957 on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 5PM.

**VICE PASTOR APPOINTMENT ON JUNE 7, 2022**

The Rev. Jeffrey Elliott

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Cape May Lutheran Church

509 Pittsburgh Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204

Dear Jeffrey,

With much appreciation, I write this letter to confirm your appointment as Vice Pastor of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas, New Jersey, beginning June 13, 2022. I shall recount the understanding and expectations discussed with you.

The Synod Constitution accords to the Vice Pastor the full rights of a regularly called

pastor (see Chapter 14, Section S14.17). There are seven specific responsibilities I have indicated for the Vice Pastor. They are:

(1) To meet monthly with the Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

and provide them with pastoral counsel and guidance. If there is a schedule

conflict, the Congregation Council should accommodate itself to your schedule.

(2) To preside, or arrange appropriate Lutheran presidency, at any extraordinary

worship services such as weddings or funerals.

(3) To supervise the educational program of the congregation, and, if possible, to

teach the catechetical program.

(4) To call upon and provide pastoral care for those members of the congregation

who are hospitalized or long-term home bound.

(5) To make yourself available, including how to be reached, to those who need to

see a pastor, e.g. crisis counseling.

(6) To see that the administrative matters of the congregation are well attended to,

and especially that the Parish Register is correctly maintained during the interim.

(7) To report on a monthly basis to the Office of the Bishop as to the status of the

congregation's life in the interim.

The Congregation Council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is responsible to assist and support you in every reasonable way so that the mission of the congregation continues to be well served. The Congregation Council is also responsible to compensate you for your services. The compensation proposal, to which I believe you agreed, and to which I trust the Congregation Council will also agree, is as follows:

(1) Compensation of $600.00 per month for serving as Vice Pastor.

(2) Extra compensation, not less than $175 per event, for any extra worship services

such as funerals or weddings.

(3) Reimbursement for travel expenses (1current I.R.S. standard for reimbursement)

including tolls, parking, and also for other usual expenses such as telephone

charges. If and when long distance travel to provide pastoral care is involved, say

in a distant hospital, such should be agreed upon in advance with the chief lay

officer of the congregation.

Again, let me tell you how pleased we are that you are willing to take on this responsibility. Thank you for your willingness to be the Vice Pastor at Holy Spirit. Blessings to you.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop

**IBBETSON FAMILY HOME REBUILDING PROJECT**

On July 23rd, 2021 a tragedy occurred in the Villas when the Ibbetson home caught fire. Unfortunately, due to family health and setbacks there was no insurance on the home. As a result, the cost of rebuilding is an overwhelming amount. Ted is a Board member of Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission (CAM), a 501C3 organization, a part of the community outreach mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington, WV. CAM can function to receive donations that would be tax deductible, within the IRS rules. In December 2021 more than $16,000 was raised and through a Corporate match from the company Ted works for, DEPCOM Power, Inc., that was increased to more than $32,000. Funds were disbursed to start framing to enclose the structure. The total estimate is that about $100,000 is needed. Even with the possibility of “hands-on” volunteers helping to reduce that amount, there is a long way to go, to finish this home. Mailing information for CAM, the 501C3 organization, for donations to meet the goal: Mr. Bill Likens, Director, Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission, PO Box 81, Dunlow, WV 25511 All donations should be identified for the benefit of the “Ibbetson Family”. To help physically, or if you have questions reach out to Ted & Diane Bell at 908-963-4500 or at tbell@depcompower.com

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Pastor Jeff Elliott

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY, & NEWSLETTER**

Heather Piekarski