**SANCTUS**



**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

V. 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.

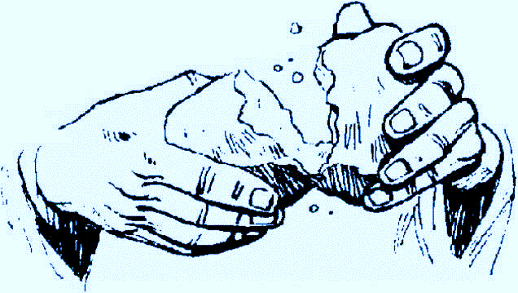
**C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

V. 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.*



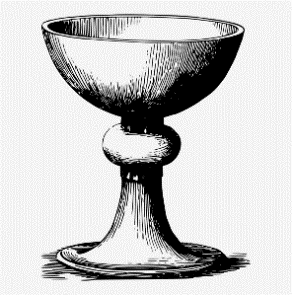
V. Again, after supper, He took the cup, he gave thanks,

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**

(We ring the bell throughout the Lord’s Prayer at all services to

invite those in the community to join in praying the Lord’s Prayer.)

V. May we now join with one another and pray together as Jesus has taught us.

**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.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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V. We invite you to be seated.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

V. Communion here is pretty simple, and all who believe in Jesus Christ are

welcome at this very table. We utilize bread (or wafers), and we also have the

option of individually wrapped gluten free wafers. We have pre-filled red wine or

white grape juice cups in the Communion Tray to choose from.

The Usher will offer the option to leave your pew, and you can proceed forward

on the right side of the aisle to the steps between the Communion Rail. Following

Communion, please process back on the left side of the aisle and place your

empty cups in the basket before returning to your pew. Children who have not

had their First Communion instruction and adults who do not wish to receive

Communion, are welcome to come forward for a special blessing.

If you are unable to leave your pew for health or other related reasons, please

inform the Usher of your desire to remain in your pew and have us come to you.

V. We invite you to stand if you are able.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

V. Let us pray,

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

you offered yourself in love for the world,

and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,

that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,

trusting in your name.

**C. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

V. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

V. Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

V. 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:

**OFFERING SONG**

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

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(Usher(s) brings the Tithes and Offerings up front to the Assistant.)

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

V. Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

**C. Amen.**

(Distribution of Holy Communion)

**COMMUNION HYMN**

(Please enjoy various music offered by our Organist during your

quiet time, prayer, and reflection following Holy Communion.)

(Vicar and Assistant remove Communion Vessels from the Altar.)

V. Let us stand as we are able.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

always in His grace.

**C. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**





**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Let us pray,

Faithful God,

you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink

in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you,

in service to the world you have made,

and among the people you have made your home,

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

V. The Ancient One, enthroned,

the Crucified One, now risen,

the Indwelling One, poured out,

☩ bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

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

**SENDING HYMN**

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

Lutheran Book Worship—Green Book

**320—O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

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

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

(We invite you to be seated.)

V. 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). Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

V. We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all

that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C. And also with you.**

V. 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.)

V. We invite you to be seated.

**OFFERING**

V. We now worship God with our tithes and offerings, wine and bread for use in holy

communion, and monetary gifts to support our ministry for service in God’s name.

Our Ushers will be around to your pews to pass the Offering Plates.

(Ushers come forward to get the Offering Plates from the Assistant.)

(Vicar and Assistant prepare the Altar for Communion.)

Mary Skain (Kathy Poehler's Friend)

Jorge Martin (Kathy Poehler's Family)

Bill Rand (Wayne & Eleanor Rand's Family)

Thomas Mieluchowski (Philomena Noak's Family)

Harold Snell (Fran Green's Friend)

Frances Woolbert (Heather Piekarski"s Friend)

Kevin Naylor (Vicki Rinier's Friend)

Robert Chaplin (Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Joseph C (Mary Melnicoff's Friend)

Marie Hand (Church Member)

Eric Dishman (Church Family)

Frank Ford (Church Member)

Jack Wieckouski (Theresa & Kim McGinley's Family)

Colleen Sherno (Del McKenna's Family)

Diane Weiss (Kathy Poehler's Friend)

Efrain Rodriguez (Heather Piekarski’s Friend)

Arthretta Crandel (Heather Piekarski's Friend)

Rick (Carol Amundsen’s Friend)

Vera (Carol Amundsen's Friend)

Carolyn Santarpio (Bob Fritsch's Friend)

Cathy Hines (Rose Lang’s Friend)

Ken Mortensen (Del McKenna’s Family)

(Additional Names Added Prior to the Worship Service.)

A. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for

worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of

our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting

presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to

the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES,**

**& ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Assistant and Congregation.)

**BIRTHDAYS**

19th Ted Bell

20th Jean Zimmerman

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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

**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

**LICENSES & EXPIRATION DATES**

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Sunday School Students will once again be collecting items to pack in the Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be packed on **TODAY, Sunday, November 17th**. They will be collecting the following items: coloring books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, small toys, small cars, washcloths, individually wrapped bars of soap, toothbrushes, socks, combs, small craft projects, and small stuffed animals. Please no liquid or food items! See Heather for more info.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION**

The Program went through a bit of a restructuring process. Most of the young folks that have been attending over the years have now made it to the age in which they will be preparing for Confirmation. As a result, Vicar Vince spoke with a few Pastors and reviewed various curriculum and programs for this. “Here We Stand” is a program that will allow our young folks to go through a 2-year process while focusing on the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. We will continue the program on **Sundays from 9-10AM**. Of course, there still will be snacks, games, arts & crafts, and other fun things. See Heather, Bonnie, & Vicar Vince for more information.

Linda Dressic (Carol Detweiler's Family)

Suzie Clark (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)

Francis Clock (Dianna DeNote’s Family)

Andrew Hudak (Rose Lang’s Friend)

Fred Lang (Betty Lang’s Family)

Viena Murtha (Bob Fritsch’s Friend)

Christine Schneider (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Jackie Churchman (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Sharon Waicus (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Karen O'Brien (Paul Bowker's Friend)

Dustin Irizzary (Mary Melnicoff's Family)

Linda Smith (Rose Lang's Friend)

Joan Brown (Betty Lang's Friend)

Donna Bradley (Betty Lang's Friend)

Theresa Marioti (Betty Lang's Friend)

The Bryan Family (Wanda Bryan's Family)

Ernie Kinzler (Marie Hand & Doreen Kinzler’s Family)

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

Sarah Dutton (Frank & Sharon Ford's Family)

Christina McNasby (Fran Green’s Family)

The Kinkson Family (Judy Brannan's Friends)

Mark Stephen Dennis (Diana DeNote's Family)

Cathy Snyder (Audrey Kinka's Family)

Dellie Valcourt (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Family)

Joyce (Betty Lang's Family)

Hannah (Betty Lang's Family)

Donna Lee (Betty Lang's Friend)

Bill Lodge (Skip & Bonnie Millard's Friend)

Patrick & Denise Brannan (Judy Brannan's Family)

Joseph Sheretta (Fran Green's Friend)

Ernie Rink (Fran Green's Friend)

Ron Anderson (Bill Kelly's Friend)

Jerry P (Wanda Bryan's Friend)

Pat Labrae (Kathy Poehler's Friend)

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

A. O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death.

Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for

your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the

harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that

protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise

against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence.

Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer.**

A. In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant.

Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any

mental illness. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill;

especially:

Betty Lang (Church Member)

BettyAnn Rich-White (Church Member)

Chip Hand (Church Member)

The Family & Friends of Evelyn Coyle (Church Member)

Lynn Bargstadt (Church Member)

Frank Brunner (Church Member)

Audrey Kinka (Church Member)

Sharon Ford (Church Member)

Carol Amundsen (Church Family)

Kim McGinley (Church Family)

Joan Sommerman (Church Family)

Megan Pratz (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Patty Cioce (Betty Lang’s Friend)

Carla Wagner (Betty Lang’s Family)

Tom McNamara (Audrey Kinka’s Family)

Beth & Bill Knapp (Betty Lang’s Family)

Bill Kanass (Betty Lang's Family)

Ed Borse (Betty Lang’s Friend)

James Kershaw (Audrey Kinka’s Friend)

Kali Poe (Betty Lang's Family)

**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. We are thankful for all the wonderful work being done. If you are interested in any position let Vicar Vince know so a training can be set-up.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices.





**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Share your comments, concerns, questions, or joys with one of our Church Council Members who can bring them back to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome to attend and listen to what is going on in and around the church. Join us In- Person or on our Conference Call at our next Meeting on **Tuesday, November 19th, at 6PM**.

**FOOD PANTRY & COMMUNITY DELIVERIES**

**Open every Thursday**, and the **last Saturday of every month**, from **10AM to 1PM**. 74 people were served in October. 927 people have been served in 2024. 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. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices. If you have questions or need training see Heather, Vicar Vince, or Bonnie.

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| **Thursday, 11/21** | **Thursday, 11/28** | **Saturday, 11/30** |
| Cathie & Garnet | Thanksgiving - Closed | Skip & Bonnie |

Our local North Cape May Acme & Big Lots provide us with Expiring Soon, Recently Expired, and Slightly Damaged Foods & Items 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. Additional items are then taken over to the Branches Outreach in Rio Grande. A special thanks to all who donate, pray, & help in any way!

**BULLETIN ENTRY DEADLINE**

The Bulletin is Printed on **Thursdays** during Church Office Hours. Changes need to be submitted to Vicar Vince or Heather no later than **Thursday by 4PM**. Thank you!



**CHURCH OFFICE**

Open **Thursdays from 6PM 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 reason.

**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. See Heather for more information.



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

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

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Book

**346—When Peace, like a River**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

V. God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in

trust and hope let us confess our faith together using the Apostles’ Creed.

**C. 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,**

**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 into 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**

(The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.)

V. Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the

church, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

**GOSPEL READING**

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were

to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be

alarmed.

V. The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter (Verses 1-8).

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

V. 1 As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look,

Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him,

“Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another;

all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James,

John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will

be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus

began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in

my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of

wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is

still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom;

there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the

beginning of the birth pangs.”

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord,

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

(We invite you to be seated.)



**SERMON**

(Delivered by Vicar Vince Piekarski.)

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

**BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS**

​​​​​Bible Study & Faith Discussions was started in order to focus on various readings,

books, Bible verses, people of faith, and other general topics. Group Members offer

various points of view while reviewing the Bible and various aspects of faith while

being respectful and supportive of each other. There will be **no session this Tuesday** due to our Church Council Meeting. Please join us at **6PM on Tuesday,**

**November 26th**, as we start our new curriculum called “by heart.”

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will be gathering together and getting everything out of storage to decorate for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season on **Saturday, November 30th, at 9AM**.

**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, December 2nd, at 6PM**.

New members are always welcome to attend! Contact Judy for more information.



**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Please join us for our Annual Holiday Open House and Tree Tour! This year we have added well over 10 more trees, and should be over 50 total. Come check out all the other decorations too, and enjoy food, refreshments, and fellowship with one another. We will once again offer 3 different days and time slots for you, your family, and your friends to come out and join the fun while getting into the holiday spirit.

(Please note that if you are unable to make any of the days or times, or if you are uncomfortable coming when others are present, let us know and we will schedule a different date or time for you to able to come on out and check things out.)

**Friday, December 6th 6-9PM**

**Saturday, December 7th 5-9PM**

**Sunday, December 8th 1-4PM**

Our **Facebook Live Tree & House Tour** will be **Sunday Evening,**

**December 8that 7PM** for those that cannot attend in-person.

\*\*\*Please let us know what day you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly\*\*\*

RSVP to Heather 724-875-6895 or Vicar Vince at 412-225-0287.

Our Residence is located at 16 W Tampa Ave., Villas, NJ 08251.

**COFFEE HOUR**

The Women of the Church will be hosting our next monthly Coffee Hour on **Sunday, December 8th,** following our Worship Service. See Judy or Kathy for more info.

**NEWSLETTER**

We will continue on with our seasonal publications. Information, stories, pictures, and committee reports can be submitted at any time to Vicar Vince in-person or via email at vpie8282@gmail.com. **The Winter Deadline is Sunday, December 15th**.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st, and ends on **Tuesday, December 24th**, when we will join one another for our **Christmas Eve Worship Service at 6PM**. Please make note of the time change from the traditional time slot of 7PM.

**S’MORES & SCRIPTURES TO SOUP & SCRIPTURES**

Did you ever look forward to sitting around a fire in the church yard hanging out with some church friends and other folks, enjoying s’mores, and studying scriptures?

We will shift this Fellowship time to **Soup & Scriptures** and be **indoors** following the holidays **when we resume in January**. Ask Heather or Vicar Vince for info.



**75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Fran came across paperwork from our last history theme several years back, and she shared with our Church Council that the 75th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church will be occurring next year around Reformation Sunday. How awesome is that?!?! This congregation is a legacy that we have all lived in and through over all of these years, or maybe just for a short time. However, I know it is a legacy that we hope and desire to continue to carry on and move forward for those people that will be able to gather and worship with us and following us as well. We are the church carries a strong mentality with it, and it does not just mean within these very walls, and we need to celebrate those 75 years of being part of this community, and all that has led up to the very start of this church body as well. I encourage you all to start thinking how we are going to celebrate this legacy as we begin preparations and gather a committee together in this following year leading up to this anniversary.

R. Our Second Reading is from the 10th Chapter of Hebrews

(Verses 11-14 [15-18] 19-25).

R. 11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the

same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for

all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and

since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his

feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are

sanctified. [15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

  16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them

   after those days, says the Lord:

  I will put my laws in their hearts,

   and I will write them on their minds,”

17 and he adds,

  “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

19 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the

sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for

us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great

priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full

assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and

our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our

hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider

how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet

together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more

as you see the Day approaching.

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

V. We invite you to stand if you are able, and I invite you to announce the Gospel

Acclamation with me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C. Alleluia. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to**

**stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.** (Luke 23:36)

R. 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

   I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

  2 All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,

   upon those who are noble among the people.

  3 But those who run after other gods

   shall have their troubles multiplied.

  4 I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

   never take their names upon my lips.

**C. My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

(Psalm 16:9)

R. 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;

   it is you who uphold my lot.

  6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

   indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

  7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

   my heart teaches me night after night.

  8 I have set the Lord always before me;

   because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**C. My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

(Psalm 16:9)

R. 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

   my body also shall rest in hope.

  10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,

   nor let your holy one see the pit.

  11 You will show me the path of life;

   in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures

forevermore.

**C. My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

(Psalm 16:9)

**SECOND READING**

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what

Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received

forgiveness through Christ’s death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in

God’s promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

**DAY OF SERVICE, MLK DAY, COMMUNITY FEEDING**

True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center will be hosting the event in conjunction with Holy Spirit Lutheran Church on **Sunday, January 19th, from 1PM—3PM.** Various community agencies will be informed of the event to promote those in need in the community to come on out and join us for a Spaghetti Dinner, to receive Care Packages, and for Prayer. Please consider helping out leading up to and on the day of the event. Let’s show love and support to our neighbors!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

As 2024 winds down we will be wrapping up the books and reports in preparation for a new year. 2025 will bring about several new things and changes I am sure, but one thing is for certain, we will be meeting as a Congregation for our Annual Meeting. We will discuss and review things, as well as vote on a new budget. I know it is rather early to think about things, but please start compiling your committee reports and make sure **Sunday, February 9th** is on your calendars, in your planners, or in your phones to meet after our Worship Service together.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY**

The 3rd Annual Community Resource Day will be hosted by Tabernacle United Methodist Church, at 702 Seashore Rd, Cape May, on **Saturday, February 15th, 2025, from 10AM—2PM**. There will be 75+ Social Service focused organization available for you to get information from and connected with. Please consider coming to check things out. Our church will be there again this year informing folks about our food pantry, and the church as well. For more info see Vicar Vince.

**TAKING FAITH HOME**

Vicar Vince was introduced to Milestones Ministries weekly guides for faith-filled studies and conversations through a Seminary class. A decision was made to pass these along to you. If you missed a week, or lost your insert, check our website for past issues. Feel free to ask questions and provide feedback to Vicar Vince.

**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 glad to have you, and would love to have you as a member of our Congregation. See Vicar Vince for more info.

**HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY**

A Minister is available if you have a loved one, or if you desire services. We look forward in sharing the Word and Holy Communion! Please inform Vicar Vince, Kathy, or the Church Office so plans can be made for visits.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawls, Lap Quilts, Scarves, and other items have been made with love for those in need. Blessed items are located in the Narthex, and are free for anyone. Members of the group continue working at home on new stitches and patterns. We are blessed to be able to continue collecting newly made items. We currently have a donation station of yarn and other items located in the Narthex. Make sure you check it out and find some new supplies for your next creation!

**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 away, and the words “The Family & Friends of” appear before someone’s name. However, sometimes we forget names are still on the list and their health has improved or the they are no longer struggling, and they can be removed. Please 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. Names will stay on the list until removed by the person(s) who requested prayer.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

You can pick up a copy of your 2024 Church Directory by the Church Office on the bookshelves. We continue to keep it updated throughout the year. Undoubtedly, we probably missed a few changes, and have made a few errors. The printed church directories have spaces for changes in people’s information, new people’s information, notes, and your favorite Bible verses. If you have any changes or updates, please make it a point to inform the Church Office to keep us most up to date and current with all of your information.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

V. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

V. Let us pray,

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to

be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and

your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

V. We invite you to be seated for our Readings and Psalm.

**FIRST READING**

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange

visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic

literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming

kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been

persecuted.

R. Our First Reading is from the 12th Chapter of Daniel (Verses 1-3).

R. 1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise.

There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first

came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone

who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the

earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting

contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and

those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

R. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

R. Our Responsorial Psalm is from the 16th Psalm.

**C. My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope.**

(Psalm 16:9)

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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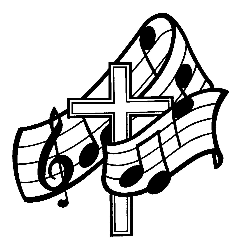


**BAPTISM**

We are a church whose unity is in Jesus Christ, who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread. Baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey that is characterized by our relationship to God, our relationship to our faith community, our relationships in our community and the wider world. Living our baptismal covenant means living a life of growth in the faith practices of discipleship. Please see Vicar Vince for more information.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Although no particular age for first communion is prescribed by The Use of the Means of Grace, one guideline is offered. Because admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord to the baptized, "baptized children begin to commune on a regular basis at a time determined through mutual conversation that includes the pastor/vicar, the child, and the parents or sponsors involved, within the accepted practices of the congregation.” Each congregation is encouraged to ask the question of readiness for first communion, establish their own policies regarding age and practice, and accompany that practice with catechesis appropriate to the age of the communicant. If anyone has questions, please see Vicar Vince.



**FAVORITE HYMNS**

Carol is willing to play some of your favorite hymns for the Prelude & Postlude each Sunday during our Worship Service. Feel free to let her know of your suggestions.

**SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE**

Oliver Phillips at Not the DJ, LLC confirmed being able to locate a 16-channel mixer and 4 new speakers. Oliver told the former owner who upgraded their systems that he could refurbish them and use them at our church and it was decided to donate them instead of selling them. Oliver is currently refurbishing them. He was able to determine how much time, wire, and other supplies would be needed. An estimate for the set-up was provided at a cost of $2,200. We budgeted $5,000 for this, and could not have gotten any luckier that things lined up. The $1,100 deposit has been paid and we are hopeful that work will be scheduled in the near future.

**PROPERTY USE**

​​​​​Do you know anyone interested in utilizing our Fellowship Hall for a Party or Event?

It is a suggested $50 refundable security deposit, and $250 for facility use. There is no alcohol or games of chance permitted due to ELCA policy. Please contact Vicar Vince or the Church Office with questions, for info, or to reserve a date and time.

**OUR LIBRARIES**

New books are added to our library from time to time. Several are borrowed and read and exchanged. Who knows, you might find one particularly interesting and share that with someone as well. Reading is a great way to pass spare time, learn, and explore. You may find some fresh ideas for prayer, ways to grow more spiritually, ways to grow closer to God, or some opportunities to understand our faith more. Visit the library between the church offices and see what books are there!

We also have a hidden extended library located in Vicar Vince’s office on the large green shelves. There are Bibles of various translations, books from his personal collection, books inherited from Pastor Leah, movies, past Bible Study Curriculums, and so much more. Feel free to ask Vicar Vince to be able to check things out!



**TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ENVELOPES**

Envelopes are available in your mailbox in the back of the church, or from the Church Office. We do indeed worship God with our tithes and offerings. We hear this in scripture, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) Feel free to drop your envelopes in the offering plate, mail them to the church, or drop them off in the locked mailbox. We thank you for all of your continued support in the mission of our church, its ministries, the New Jersey Synod, and various other needs!

**ED GREEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

We continue raising money for unforeseen costs or repairs.Kathy sells Wawa Tickets for $6, the donation bin is in the back of the church, and we have our Annual Church Rummage Sale. Thanks for your continued donations, prayers, and support!



**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

V. 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.**

**KYRIE**

V. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

V. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

V. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

V. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C. Amen.**

V. Let us come in truth before the one who loves us

and has freed us from our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

V. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C. we confess that sin has taken hold of us**

**and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,**

**that we may live just and generous lives**

**for the good of your world**

**and the care of our neighbors,**

**following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

V. These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,

swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven

and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,

and rejoice in your salvation.

**C. Amen.**

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



**GATHERING HYMN**

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

Lutheran Book of Worship—Green Book

**241—We Praise You, O God**



**VICAR APPOINTMENT ON MARCH 19TH, 2023**

A Memorandum of Understanding on the Matter of Pastoral Appointment

In Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) Candidacy

TO: Congregation Council, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas

FROM: The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, Bishop, New Jersey Synod

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

This memorandum is in support of your discussions with Vincent Piekarski as pastor of Holy Spirit, Villas. Because this is not the usual pattern for completing the educational and candidacy requirements for ordination, it is my hope that this memorandum will both provide guidelines and engage in conversation with those who are invested in this process.

I would say at the outset that because Vincent is an outstanding candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, we will all want to do whatever is necessary to assure that his placement serves the mission of the church in the best possible fashion.

The following notes reflect my own understanding of this matter:

(1) **The appointment for Vincent will begin on April 1, 2023**. At this time, Vincent

will assume all responsibilities of a regularly called pastor, including presiding at

the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism at Holy Spirit, Villas.

(2) A pastoral appointment in the TEEM process is an option for completing

seminary educational requirements and the steps of the candidacy process.

Upon completion of the candidacy process and seminary education, the

candidate may receive and accept a call to ordained ministry from the

congregation where the appointment is being served.

(3) This appointment is jointly supervised by the Office of the Bishop and the TEEM

pastor’s seminary. A mentoring relationship with a local pastor is required for the

length of this appointment.

(4) The synod of candidacy origin will be responsible for the approval process.

(5) Upon approval for ordination, the congregation would be expected to extend a

call to the pastoral appointee.

(6) Compensation for the TEEM pastor will be according to the guidelines of the New

Jersey Synod. All normal forms of compensation should be in place for the term

of the appointment, including stipulation that base salary and housing shall be in

accord with synod guidelines for first call at time of ordination.

(7) The ELCA Portico benefit plan for lay persons in full-time church service should

be used for the pastoral appointee up to the time of ordination, whereupon the

benefit package is to be converted to the plan for ELCA clergy.

(8) A decision for Pastoral Appointment is made with the agreement of a synod and

its candidacy committee, and the ELCA, normally represented by the regional

staff person of each in consultation with the seminary and its Director for

Contextual Education.

(9) Pastoral Appointment in a TEEM Candidacy is an option that is to serve the

mission of the Church in a particular and vital way and is not to be viewed or

used as a means to circumvent the normal candidacy process and/or first call

placement process.

In the specific case of Vincent, the New Jersey Synod remains responsible for the candidacy and approval process, and has agreed to this proposal for Appointment at Holy Spirit, Villas.

Continued blessings to both Holy Spirit and Vincent Piekarski as you embark on this journey of mutual ministry. As partners in ministry, we walk with you and rejoice in this new relationship.



**VICAR VINCE’S DAY OF REST**

A day of rest can have physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. Vicar Vince looked at his planner and noticed that this day has not really been present throughout 2024. The topic was discussed in two Church Council Meetings, and there was respect in the need for this. “Mittwoch,” German for mid-week, or Wednesday will be the said and respected day. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is an emergency!

**CONFERENCE CALL CHECK-IN**

(Roll Call and Attendance)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Offered by Vicar, Assistant, and Congregation.)

**INTRODUCTION**

A. November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we

anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of

the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief

that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust.

Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our

hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised

forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is

to meet together to provoke one another to love.

**PRELUDE**

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

**Gigue**

**CHIMES**

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

**Lord of Light**

V. We invite you to stand if you are able.

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.)

V. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

our refuge,

our delight,

our beginning and our end.

**C. Amen.**

**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.

**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 for you to get to know us better too. Brochures, welcome gifts, prayer shawls, Bibles, and other items are available at our welcome areas. Church members are happy to show you around and share about our ministries. Please don’t hesitate to speak up and ask questions. Please make sure you sign-in on our clipboard on the podium in the lobby.

**CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION**

We continue conducting our Worship Services in coordination with our Conference Call. Join us at our # 657-390-7423. If that does not allow you to gain access, please utilize our other # 701-802-5170 and access code 8221190, then hit the # key. You may need to dial 1 first, depending on your phone plan. After you log-in, please announce your name. Feel free to talk with others until we start our service.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CANDLE MEMORIALS?**

Candles cost $10 each, and can be dedicated in memory of someone.

The Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board between the church offices.

Please feel free to see Vicar Vince with any questions.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The month of November’s is given to the Glory of God & in memory of

PHILIP ZIMMERMAN, JR. by Jean Zimmerman.

**ALTAR CANDLES**

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

WALT MILLER by Jean, Phil, & Bob Zimmerman.

**VICE PASTOR UPDATE**

Some members of our Congregation were able to meet Pastor William Hodgetts

at our recent Church Council Meeting. We might hold a scheduled meet and greet for the Congregation if there are folks that are interested. Please talk to Vicar Vince.

**JERSEY JOTTINGS**

Jersey Jottings is a weekly e-newsletter that connects our synod together with weekly prayer, upcoming events, synod and churchwide activities, mission stories, congregational activities, and more. You can also sign up by going to https://www.njsynod.org/stay-connected and filling out the form! You can also get the app on your smartphone in the Apple App Store or on Google Play on your android.

**TRUE DELIVERANCE PRAISE & WORSHIP CENTER**

Reverend Maria Brooks and True Deliverance Praise & Worship Center utilize our facilities from 1-4PM on Sundays. TDPWC helps with the Food Pantry & hosts or assists with other events throughout the year. TDPWC hosts a Prayer Line on Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 5PM on their Conference Call # 1-657-390-7957.



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| **2024 FINANCIAL STANDING** | |
| **OCTOBER INCOME** | $3,862.00 |
| **OCTOBER SPENDING** | $7,747.60 |
| **OCTOBER GAIN OR (LOSS)** | ($3,885.60) |
| **2024 INCOME** | $101,563.67 |
| **2024 SPENDING** | $107,350.92 |
| **2024 GAIN OR (LOSS)** | ($5,787.25) |
| **ED GREEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** | $17,578.88 |
| **FOOD PANTRY FUND (SOCIAL MINISTRY)** | $12,514.73 |
| **CD** | $25,197.82 |

**CHURCH STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

**VICAR, BIBLE STUDY & FAITH DISCUSSIONS,**

**EVENTS, NEWSLETTER, & WEBSITE**

Vicar Vince Piekarski

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Pastor William Hodgetts

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Bonnie Millard

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Heather Piekarski



**WHAT IS THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**

**CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA)?**

The ELCA was formed in 1987 by the merger of three Lutheran Church bodies –

the ALC (American Lutheran Church), the LCA (Lutheran Church in America),

and the AELC (Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches).

To learn more, go to the ELCA's website at www.elca.org.

**WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY SYNOD?**

The New Jersey Synod is a geographical grouping of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations that share the mission and ministry of the Church on the New Jersey territory. It is one of 65 synods in the ELCA. The NJ Synod is comprised of 146 congregations, which include over 45,000 baptized members.

**WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2024**

**10:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**