

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October 12, 2025

Now the Feast and Celebration

****Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.***

“Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God’s creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!”



Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBER

Janet Denardi

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Michael Burkhardt

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (KNEEL AS ABLE)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

#864

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE

A: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Assistant: *Congregation:*

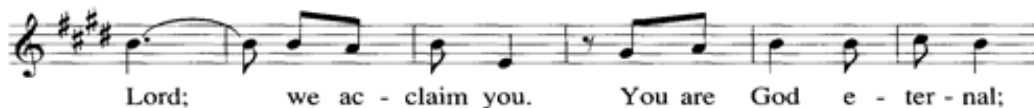
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

GLORY TO GOD

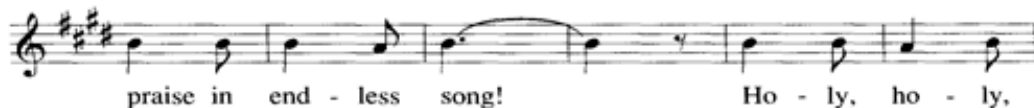
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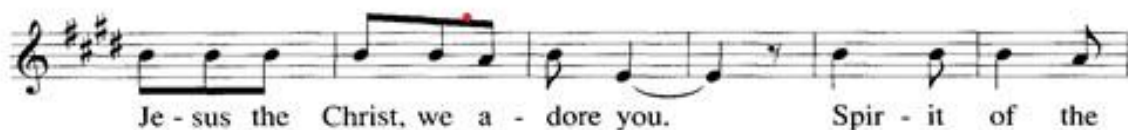
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Verse 3:



Verse 4:



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[11AM] BAPTISM OF EMMI DORIS BIMBER

See Insert

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ 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 a skin disease. ² 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. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ 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 skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

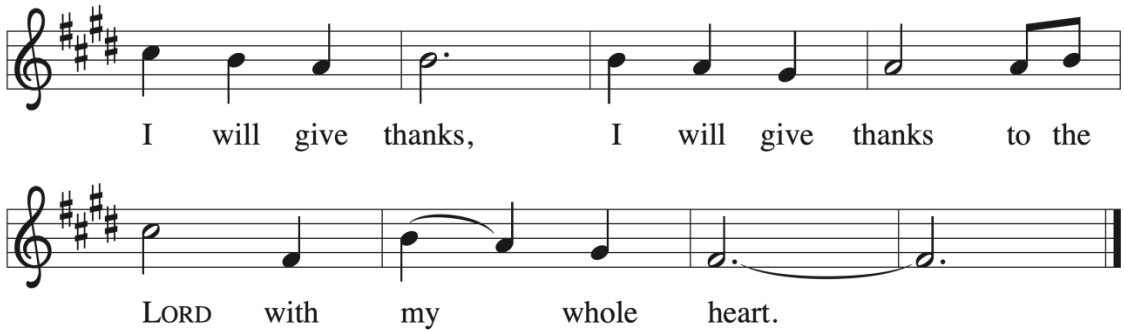
⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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 skin disease! ¹² 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. ¹³ 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'?" ¹⁴ 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.

^{15a, b, c} 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."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*



Psalm 111:1

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- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.
- ² **Great are your ¹ works, O Lord,**
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them. R
- ³ Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.
- ⁴ **You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;**
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion.
- ⁵ You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.
- ⁶ **You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works**
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations. R
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹ cepts are sure.
- ⁸ **They stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,**
because they are done in ¹ truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹ is your name.
- ¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the begin- ¹ ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- ¹ dures forever. R

SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.
I⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

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

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

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

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

P: The Holy Gospel according to ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17: 11-19**

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized and Set Free

#453

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Congregation:

**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**

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL_____

OFFERING

An offering tray is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. For those wishing to do so, we encourage you to donate online at flcwarren.com/give. As always, thank you for supporting the work of bringing God's love to all people through First Lutheran!

OFFERTORY [8AM]
[11AM]

*Children of the Heavenly Father
We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

Roberta Bitgood
Ruth Schram

***AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT** *Sung by the congregation as the gifts are presented.*

Refrain




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provide for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The Presider's parts are marked with 'Presider:' and the Congregation's parts with 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.'

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
lift them to the Lord. Let us give
thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -



men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

*EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



*THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST



*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers.

Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.

The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is **"Amen."**

For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know.

*For our friends who are not celebrating communion,
simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Children of the Heavenly Father
God of the Sparrow*

#781
#740

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Let All Things Now Living

#881

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God,

**C: through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.**

**Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.**

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God

#840

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Leon Boellmann

Please feel free to exit during the postlude

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Today's Altar Flowers

*Given by Colleen & Randy Witmer in honor of
Nathan, Taylor, Sam and Mathew.*

*Given by Diane Stenstrom in honor of Julie Rhoades, Janine Stenstrom and
Charles Merroth and in memory of Colin Rigg who all have October birthdays*



WELCOME JANET DENARDI

Today we are happy to welcome Janet Denardi as a member of First Lutheran Church. Be sure to say hello!

20 Morrison St
Warren, PA 16365

814-706-1346

Serving Today	October 12	October 19
Assisting Minister	(8AM Lori Nowacki (11AM) Heidi Colosimo	Don Reed Heidi Colosimo
Cantor	(8AM) John Beard (11AM) Linda Ross	Anne Benson Bob Holt
Greeters	(8AM) Diane Stenstrom (11AM) Denise Whipp	Debbie Backhus Bonnie Abplanalp
Acolyte	(8AM) Jen Kersey (11AM) Olivia Hecei	Jen Kersey Allyx Hoden
Children's Message	Pastor Jeff	Cynthia Klenowski
Digital Deacon	Penny Lester	Denise Whipp
Counters	Lyn McDaniel Sandy Wachter	Sandy Wachter Cathy Hall

PRAYER LIST

Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.

Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.

Please receive permission before submitting names to be included on the Prayer List.

Prayer Requests: *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jon Donaldson, Jordan Curtis*

October 12: *Larry Rambish, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Sarah Downey, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Ariel Mickle, Dee Schultz, Cory Ristau, Mitch Tabol, Rod Anderson*

October 5: *Christopher Smith, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman, Jeff Granger, Carol Stone*

September 28: *Kim Tome, Rose Trojan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Peggy Nelson, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist, Jim Rapp, Cathy Morrison, Linda Philhower, Dusty Johnson*

Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital.

Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!

FLC MEN IN MISSION SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

The cabbage was bruised and beaten badly at the Sauerkraut Stomp last August!

Now we are getting ready to turn the “fermented fruit into some special” at the Annual Lutheran Men in Mission Sauerkraut Supper on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 4:21 – 5:59 (or gone)! Please mark your calendars, come on over to First Lutheran and enjoy some great homemade sauerkraut and fellowship! Donations gladly accepted for “Christmas Gift Cards for Cancer Patients”.



LAST PICNIC OF THE SEASON!

The Stewardship of Life Committee invites you to our Stewardship Kick-off picnic. Sunday, October 19th right after the 11:00 a.m. service. Hot dogs, sides and drinks will all be provided! All you need to do is show up with your appetite! Help us kick off our

Stewardship drive with some food, fun and fellowship! See you there!

COMMUNITY GARDEN BOXES

As the growing season begins to wane, if you have a garden box from our church, please return it to the church. We will be happy to empty the soil and have it ready for use next spring. Thanks so much!



TRUNK-R-TREAT



Scary times ahead as we prepare to host the annual Witness Committee Trunk-r-Treat on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 6-8PM. Most already have the date on their calendars (has been since last Halloween) and are already been planning their “Trunks”! The goblins, ghouls, ghosts, mighty warriors, and pretty princesses also have had the date marked and have somewhat been patiently waiting as well! See you all at the funniest,

craziest, happiest, most-magical, two-hour twister that blows though First Lutheran’s Parking Lot each year! St. John’s is also hosting a trunk or treat in Pleasant Township!

We would love to have trunks from a lot of churches this year, so if you would like to come and give out some candy, let us know (814-723-6450 or email pastor@flcwarren.com). If you are willing and able to donate candy, we would greatly appreciate it. Please deliver all candy donations to the office.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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FALL & WINTER CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

OCTOBER 17th FROM 9am-4pm

OCTOBER 18th FROM 9am-NOON

300 Market Street in Fellowship Hall



Relief today. Resilience tomorrow.

Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA, provides support for communities recovering from devastating floodwaters by responding to urgent needs, providing emotional and spiritual care, and supporting cleanup and long-term recovery.

We are church together, and together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need.



Scan the QR code to give today.

Floods are one of the most common disasters in the United States. Your generosity supports survivors on the long road to recovery.

If you are unable to use the QR code, there are *Lutheran Disaster Response* envelopes available in the Narthex.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are proud to collect food year-round for the Salvation Army. Any and all donations are appreciated and can be made at any time by simply dropping them in the *Salvation Army* donation box in the Narthex and Randy Witmer faithfully delivers them. We have identified some immediate needs which are listed below.

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauces
- “Pop-Top” Can Goods

First Lutheran Church Presents:
Welcomed: Creating Space for All
A Diversity & Inclusion Educational Speaker Series

Embracing diversity means actively creating space for all identities and experiences. It is a continuous journey of understanding, reconciliation, and welcome—ensuring that people of any race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, and socioeconomic background feel seen and valued. Season four of this educational series is dedicated to celebrating our differences and fostering a more inclusive community through deeper awareness and connection.

Room for All: Welcoming Refugees & Immigrants

Kristine Johnson Whitaker

Immigration is at the heart of the American story.

The rich cultural diversity and open society that defines the United States has promoted creativity, innovation, and economic growth throughout our history. The Bible makes it clear that God has a heart for immigrants, refugees, resident aliens, and strangers. With out current events, immigration is the center of much debate. This session will explore how immigration has shaped American life, both at the country's beginning, and now.



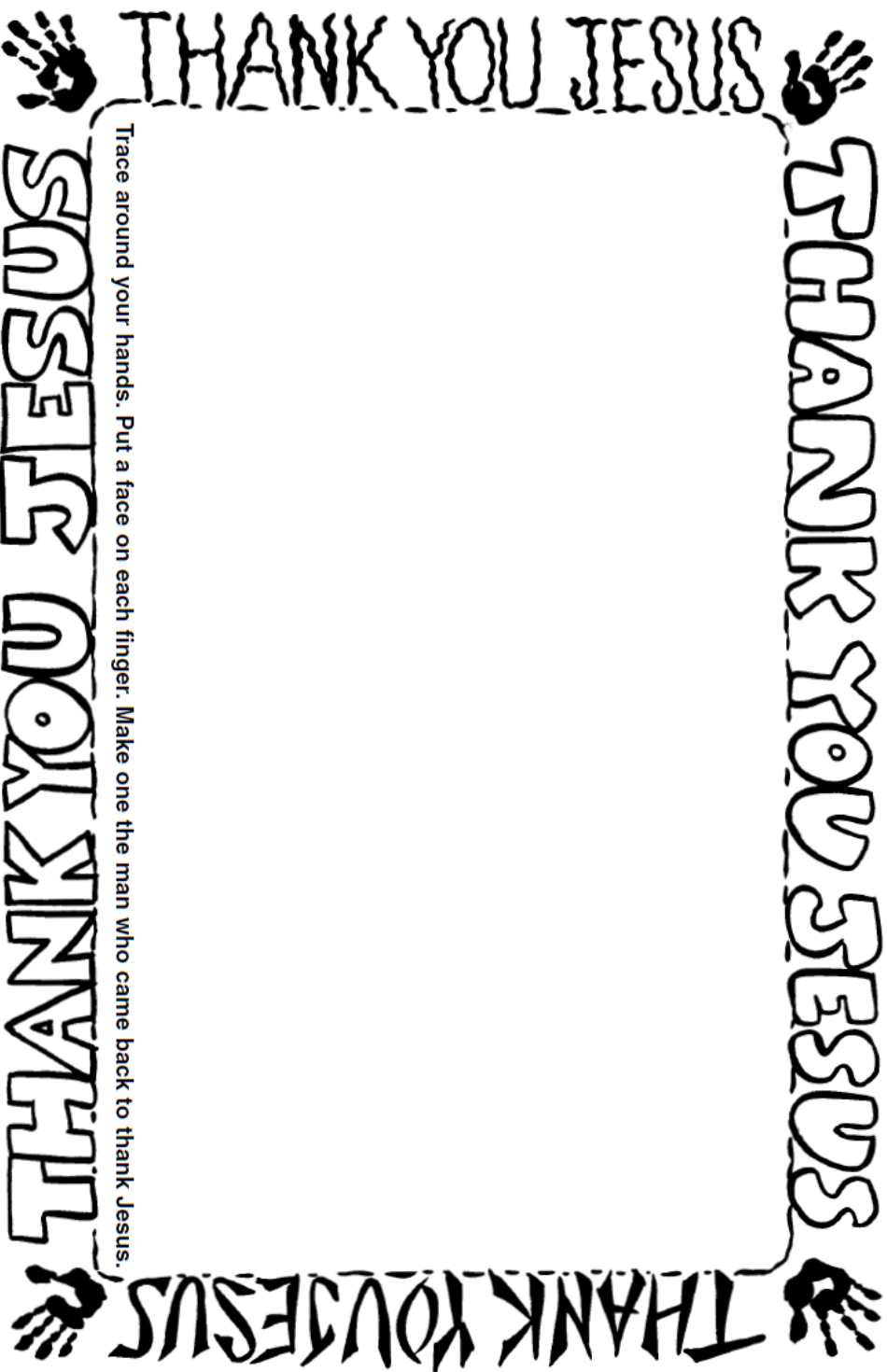
Kris is a native to Warren and has retired after serving at the Suites at Rouse and Warren County School District, including post-retirement substitute teaching. She is a WAHS graduate of 1970 and holds degrees from Houghton College and Jamestown Community College. Kris is active in the Penn State Master Gardeners, New Warren Garden Club, and the City of Warren Parks Commission. At First Lutheran Church, she serves on the RIC Task Force, which hosts these speaker series.

Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6 pm

Lord, have mercy

Luke 17:11-19

Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy. Say: KEE-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-son. Like the people healed in today's gospel, we ask for God's mercy, peace, and help for us and all people.



Trace around your hands. Put a face on each finger. Make one the man who came back to thank Jesus.

THANK YOU JESUS



Refrigerator Schedule

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS

Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday
at 6:30 PM (YR)

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/ Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room
UCC/Upstairs Couch Classroom, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, October 12	8:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
	9:31 AM	Sunday's Cool (NH/OFH)
	11:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
Monday, October 13	1:00 PM	Mahjongg (NH)
	6:00 PM	Diversity & Inclusion Speaker: Kris Whitaker
		Room for All: Welcoming Refugees & Immigrants
Tuesday, October 14	6:00 PM	Silver Winds Rehearsal (SY)
	11:00 AM	Senior Fellowship (SY/NH)
	1:00 PM	Social Ministry (NH)
	4:30 PM	Movers (NH)
	5:00 PM	Ukrainian Bible Study (YR)
	6:00 PM	ESOL (UC)
Wednesday, October 15	6:00 PM	Master Gardeners (NH)
	9:00 AM	Workshop (OFH)
	12:00 PM	Bible Study (NH)
	3:30 PM	TAP (NH/UC)
	5:00 PM	Grief Yoga (OFH)
	5:15 PM	Handbells (NH)
Thursday, October 16	7:00 PM	Choir (CR)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl (HP)
		PRODUCE EXPRESS
Saturday, October 18	6:00 PM	ESOL (UC)
	12:00 PM	Baby Shower (NH)
Sunday, October 19	8:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
	9:31 AM	Sunday's Cool (NH/OFH)
	11:00 AM	Communion Service (SY)
	12:00 PM	Last Picnic of the Season
	6:00 PM	Losers (YR)



October 12, 2025



*The Baptism of
Emmi Doris Bimber*

*Daughtyer of:
Andrew Timothy Bimber and
Katie Chrstine Downey Bimber*

*Sponsors:
Amy Lou Downey and
Kevin Thomas Downey*

HOLY BAPTISM [11:00 a.m.]

PRESENTATION *The presiding minister:*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Emmi Doris Bimber* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *Emmi* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
and the Ten Commandments,
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *Emmi* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Emmi* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Emmi* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Emmi Doris Bimber, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hand(s) on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain *Emmi* , with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says: Emmi Doris, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life

A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.