



## The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 28

11 October, 2026

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### Gathering

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

*We welcome you, whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.*

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book and are numbered at the top of each hymn. We will celebrate Holy Communion today – all are welcome, and directions are included after the invitation to the Table. If you have trouble coming forward, or need gluten free bread and wine, there are element cups near the door for you to use. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

*Changes and additions to the prayer list are published every Sunday in the announcements. Please share your prayer concern with Pastor, or Cindy Carper, if you would like it included on the prayer list. Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email ([christpipersville@gmail.com](mailto:christpipersville@gmail.com)) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the parsonage at 267-362-8129.*

### WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS / THE PRELUDE

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW #533, OPEN NOW THY GATES (ON NEXT PAGE)**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## GREETING

The grace of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ELW P.148



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



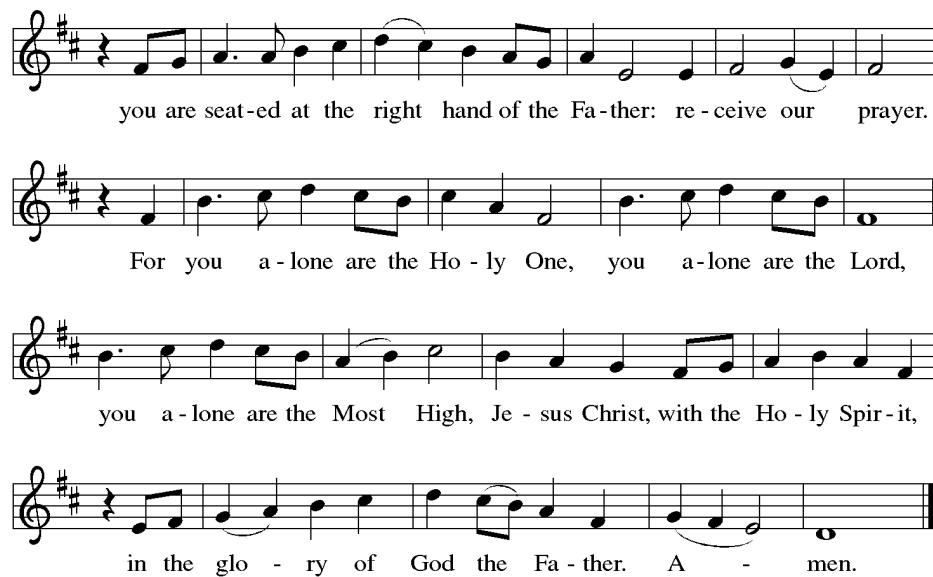
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered as we join in our hearts.* The prayer concludes: ... our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

**THE FIRST LESSON** is from Isaiah, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Isa. 25:1-9)

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
  - <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.
  - <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
  - <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
  - <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
  - <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
  - <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.
- Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence* +

**PSALM 23** is read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING** is from Philippians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Phil. 4:1-9)

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter. (Mth. 22:1-14)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and

bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia Repeats. Following, please be seated.  
The children are dismissed to learning time.*

## TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

### THE HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #659, WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold to my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence. We offer our prayers for the church, our community, neighbors and nation. Each petition concludes: '...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**'. A time to offer our own petitions aloud or in silence follows the invitation '...for what else shall we pray'.*

*The prayers conclude:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## Meal

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.  
Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.*

### OFFERTORY, AS WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies.  
In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org) or using the QR code.*



### OFFERTORY RESPONSE CREATE IN ME ELW P. 186 (HILLERT)

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creating God:

**The fields and forest, sea and sky are the work of your hands  
and we are blessed by their bounty.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,**

**and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God...

*Pastor offers the Eucharistic prayer; we join in our hearts. The prayer concludes:*

...as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI: O LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God - come to the Table,  
for all is now ready. **We shall come with joy, alleluia, amen!**

*Please be seated.*

*We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: 'The Body of Christ given for you' and 'The Blood of Christ shed for you'. The recipient may respond "Amen".*

*Those online are communed, then the musicians. The congregation follows by the organ side, then the pulpit side. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Host from Pastor. Then move towards the side aisle to receive the Wine by intinction, dipping the Host into the cup, and returning to the pew by the side aisle. Take your time – be in prayer, sing, pray as you come to the Table.*

*The hymn during communion is ACS 981, All Who are Thirsty.*

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

All who are thirst - y, There's e - nough for all.

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Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel  
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*When all have communed, the Table is cleared. Please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *a brief silence*

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated for Mission & Ministry Announcements.*

## Sending

*Please stand in body or spirit at Pastor's invitation.*

## THE BENEDICTION

The Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**OUR SENDING SONG** is hymn ELW #545, LORD DISMISS US



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP** can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website ([www.christpipersville.org](http://www.christpipersville.org)).

**THE OCTOBER WEB SITE** is sponsored by Kim and Jim Campbell in loving honor of our sons, Andrew and Nicholas.

**THE OCTOBER BULLETINS** are sponsored by Susan Bechtold in memory of Henry and Randy Bechtold.

**GREETER:** LB Lindquist

**LECTOR:**

**FELLOWSHIP:** Debra Moench

**WE WELCOME** Louise Gerdemann as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Bailey Sanford (pregnancy loss) and the family and friends of Paul Gruver and Kirk Reed (Susan Bechtold's brother) as they mourn their deaths. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes meet today and are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month through May. Teachers are still needed throughout the year. See the sign-up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board at the top of the stairs. Lessons are provided in advance and you can sign up for one or more Sundays. Share your faith with our youth!

**GREETERS:** We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a week that's convenient for you.

**FELLOWSHIP PERIOD** hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**BOOK, BAKE & SOUP SALE** is scheduled for October 16, 17, 23 & 24 in the parish hall. Donations of baked goods and soup are needed, especially for October 16th & 17th. Volunteers are also be needed to staff the kitchen. See the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for volunteers to staff the kitchen as well as for donations of soup and baked goods. Contact Kathy Brown (267-370-2765) with any questions or to volunteer to help during the sale. There are deli soup containers available under the coat rack if you want to use them for your soup donations. Thank you.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:** Sponsors are needed for our participation in the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 19<sup>th</sup> to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at our Lower Tinicum Union Cemetery. Wreaths are \$17 each. Please see Steve Gruver to be a sponsor. All donations need to be in by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short ceremony at the cemetery on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

**LECTORS:** Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board...see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

**DID YOU KNOW...**Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and \$1,549.00 to date in 2026.

**GIANT GIFT CARDS** can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 & \$100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. (*Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.*) Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised \$2,600 in 2025 and \$2,400 to date in 2026.

**THE LORD'S PANTRY** has a continuing need for donations. During the month of October we are collecting canned fruit, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (pasta & sauces, juices, tuna, cereal, soup, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

**TABOR HOME SUPPORT** – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn, but sizes 4, 5 & 6 are preferred) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

**SIMPLY GIVING** is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

#### **The Week of October 11<sup>th</sup> at a Glance**

*Parish Hall is reserved through October 24<sup>th</sup> for the book sale.*

Sun. 10/11 The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School  
10:30AM Fellowship Period  
Happy Birthday, Jacob Leister!

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Tues. 10/13 7:00PM Council  
Wed. 10/14 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal  
Happy Birthday, Amanda Gearhart!  
Happy Birthday, Sven Hedin!  
Thur. 10/15 NO Morning Prayer, NO Bible Study  
Happy Birthday, Mike Clement!

Fri. 10/16 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off  
10AM-6PM Book/Bake Sale

Sat. 10/17 9AM-1PM Book/Bake Sale

Sun. 10/18 The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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