



Announcements

This Week of September 20—September 27 at Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

[Church Office Hours are 9:00—2:00, *weekdays only*]

Church Office and Pastoral Emergencies: 412 563-0300

Website: www.mtlebanonlutheran.org



Today Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 8:30 Festive Sanctuary Liturgy
 9:30 Fellowship in the Foyer
 10:00 Festive Sanctuary Liturgy
 10:00 Sunday School
 Monday 7:00 Bible Study
 Tuesday 1:30-3:00 Church Grounds Closed MLMS Evac Drill
 Wednesday 4:00 Farmer's Market
 7:00 Choir Practice
 Thursday 9:30 Bible Study
 Friday 8-9:30 am Church Grounds Closed MLHS Evac Drill
 Next Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Council Meeting

The Reverend Yehiel Curry
 Presiding Bishop
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Bishop Melissa Stoller
 Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
Congregational Staff:
 The Reverend Douglas M. Heagy
 Senior Pastor
 Mr. Hunter Peterson
 Director of Music and Organist
 Mr. Larry Allen
 Director of Music and Organist Emeritus
 Mrs. Kris Malia
 Parish Secretary



The Liturgy may be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel—
 Please contact the church office during weekly office hours for information.



**Seventeenth Sunday
 after Pentecost**

*Welcome
 To Our Church*



**Join us at 9:30
 in the Foyer**

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all who are visiting with us. Please take a moment to receive our Visitor Folder which includes information about Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church. If you are visiting and wish to join our church family please call us or send us an email, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. *We look forward to welcoming you back soon.*

USHERS can assist you during Sanctuary Worship. Restroom facilities for the physically challenged are located just north of the Narthex.

NURSERY CARE is available during both the early and late church services. Children are always welcome in worship.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

During Holy Communion, the congregation processes down the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the bread and wine. We commune by intinction, the dipping of the bread in the chalice. Dip only the tip of the bread into the wine, NOT YOUR FINGERS! After communing, return to your seats for prayer and song. Direct any questions to the ushers. Gluten free hosts are available.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP IN THE FOYER

All are invited for a time of fellowship after the 9:30 Liturgy, in the foyer by the church office. Enjoy refreshments and conversation. Hosts Are needed to volunteer for September. Information is available on the sign up display in the Foyer.



**NEXT SUNDAY
 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Psalm 25:1-9
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Craig Elias; Andy Kelemen; Linda Larkin; Bill Young; Shari Ehrlich; Dave Young; Patrick Brown; Pete Lester;

Sunday, September 20	Crucifer	Lector
8:30	TBD	Jeff McGraw
10:00	Gabriel Provins	Cynthia Nellis

**Altar Flowers are given
 to the Greater Glory of God**

**Mark your calendars: Adult Oktoberfest
 October 18 at 5:00 pm**

RSVP in the Narthex, or call the Church office.

Musical Musings...

This Sunday's music reflects on the expansive and sometimes surprising nature of God's grace. Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, arranged for organ by William Strickland, opens the service with music of profound tenderness and contemplation. Its slow, searching melody creates space for reflection as we encounter readings that ask us to consider the depth of God's compassion and the ways in which our own understanding can sometimes be limited.

The anthem, He Comes to Us as One Unknown by John Ferguson, takes its inspiration from the hymn text by Timothy Dudley-Smith. Its words remind us that Christ does not always come to us in the ways we expect but is encountered among ordinary people and in unexpected places. This resonates especially with Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard, where God's generosity challenges our assumptions about what is fair and who is deserving. Like Jonah, we may sometimes struggle with the wideness of God's mercy, but the readings invite us instead to rejoice in a God whose grace exceeds our expectations.

The service concludes with David German's Festive Trumpet Tune, a bright and jubilant work that sends us into the world with energy and celebration. Its festive character offers a musical response to the psalmist's invitation to proclaim God's goodness: "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised." After reflecting on God's abundant grace, we leave worship not simply contemplating that grace but carrying its joy with us.

Global Links—New Dates & Times:

Volunteer to pack medical equipment for the needy. Our volunteer sessions will begin October 14th from 12:30-2:00 PM, followed by every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Sara Dougherty at: 412-523-1499 or tjdsjd@verizon.net

The Church grounds will be closed Tuesday, 9/22 from 1-3 pm. due to MLMS Evacuation Drill. Rain date will be 9/24 from 1-3 pm. The Church grounds will also be closed Friday, 9/25 for the MLHS Evacuation Drill.

Catechism (Confirmation) classes will begin this month. Days and times are yet to be determined. An orientation meeting for Level 1 parents and new students will be provided. Details are forthcoming.

The Mt. Lebanon Lion's Club Farmers Market is held in our church parking lot on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM.

Bible Studies: Join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm and/ or Thursday mornings 9:30 am to discuss various topics. More detailed information in the September Voice Newsletter.

Pet Blessing -Sunday, October 4 10:00 Liturgy

We are collecting unopened supplies for Animal Friends. These will be distributed to food banks and used at the shelter. Suggested supplies are:

Small bags of cat and dog food; can cat and dog food; scoopable litter; cat & dog treats; new cat & dog toys. Bring drop off in the Narthex. Thank you.

Sunday School Substitute Teachers

needed occasionally in the fall.

Please email Mary Beth at mbtrivilino@verizon.net for more information.

"Condemned: The Toxic Prison Problem"

Documentary Screening

All are invited on October 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please see flyer insert in this week's bulletin, and spread the word.

My E-Offering

Please contribute to the Church using the QR code below:



Everyday will I bless you and praise
your name forever and ever.
Psalm 145:2

