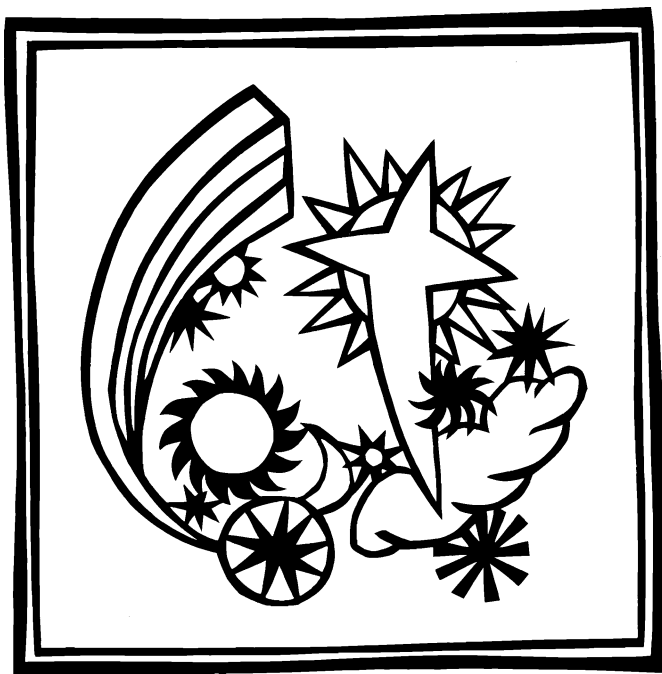


23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025



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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING – TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW 596)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Malachi.

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (*Ps. 98:9*)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of
Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**
⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to |
judge the earth.**
⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give

you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Abide with Me* (ELW 629; vs 1,3,5)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' on the first staff, 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take' on the second staff, 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of' on the third staff, and 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' on the fourth staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✝
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *My Lord, What a Morning* (ELW 438)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ***November 16, 2025***

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Jason, Courtney and family in memory of our Gram, Theresia Bowman.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in memory of Loved Ones.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial**

Bowl. *It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.*

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for 2026, please contact Jan in the office.

Office Hours:

Monday 8:00AM to 1:00PM, Saturday 9:00AM to 3:00PM;
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	23rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	9:45AM	Congregational Meeting
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
Sunday	9:00AM	Christ the King Worship
	10:00AM	Advent & Christmas Church Decorating

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November 16 to November 22

11/16 Gary Schleicher	11/19 Karla Neff
11/16 Todd Schleicher	11/19 Kurt Steigerwalt
11/18 Lydia Steward	11/20 Dianne Gerber
11/18 Debra Strohl	11/22 Carol Burrell

Congregational Meeting: A Congregational meeting will be held today, November 16, 2025 after service to elect council members and approve the proposed 2026 budget. Please plan to attend.

We will be decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season on Sunday, November 23, 2025 after the service.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Trees for Troops: Dinkey will again be collecting money for Trees for Troops. There are collection buckets in the back of the church. There will be Trees for Troops program on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Yensers Tree Farm. All are welcome.

Fundraising: Pick up for filling and pumpkin roll is November 24, 2025 from 2 to 5 PM and November 25, 2025 from 4 to 6 PM.

2025 Free Thanksgiving Meal: Five churches; Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday November 22nd 2025. This will be a drive-thru pickup, at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehigh, PA. 18235 from 1 to 3pm that day.

You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4 pm. Registration begins November 3rd and ends on November 17th. If Nancy is unable to answer your call, please leave your name, phone number and number of meals you are requesting. There are a limited number of meals available.

Stained Glass Windows: Help preserve our stained glass windows by making a donation today. Your support will help us complete the work necessary to repair and upgrade the windows and preserve them for the future. You can donate by marking "Stained Glass Windows" on your envelope and memo line of your check, or by scanning the QR code to download the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your support and commitment to this project.

Dinke Memorial Stained Glass Window Repair Pledge of Support



Name(s)

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City

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Zip

Phone

Email

I/we make the following pledge: \$ _____

☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ One-time

Worldwide Children's Remembrance Day: Trinity Lutheran Church in Lehighton will be sponsoring a children's remembrance day (for those who have passed away) for all parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends on Sunday, December 14 2025 at 2:30PM. This event is hosted by Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow Ministry. Dinner and a ceremony featuring a candle lighting ritual & slide show to honor your beloved child, grandchild or sibling will be provided. RSVP & photo deadline is Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Contact & send photos to: Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow Ministry.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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Sherri Bowman
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Lauren Dugan
Candy Everett
Louise Everett
Family of Jesse
Farber

Ann German
Dick German
Joseph Gorman
Stephen Hoffman
Barbara Niehoff
Janco
Doug Keller
Sandy Keller
Joe Kluk

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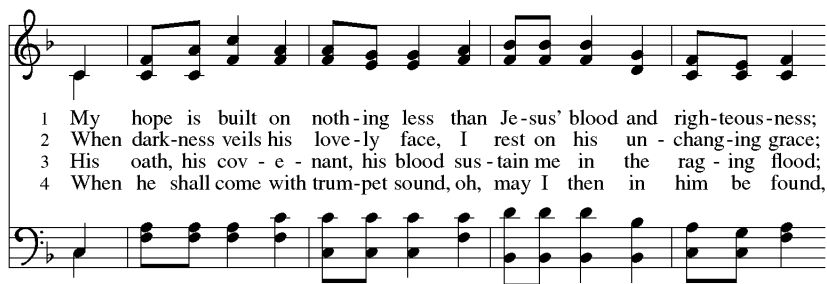
WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation
<u>Pastor:</u>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<u>Interim Music Director:</u>	Coleen Rudelitsch
<u>Greeters:</u>	Frey
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Colby Solt
<u>Lector:</u>	Brian Schell

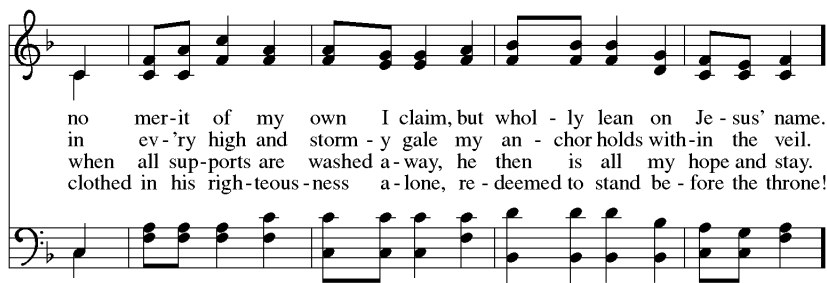
Worship Participants for November 23, 2025:

<u>Greeters:</u>	Wetzel
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Mason Spitzer
	Jordyn Albert
<u>Lector:</u>	Kurt Steigerwalt
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Elijah Pagotto
	Erica Pagotto

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

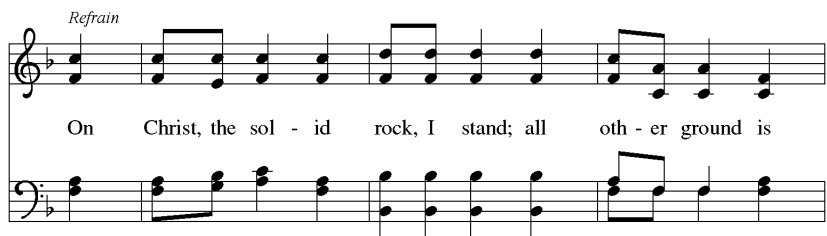


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

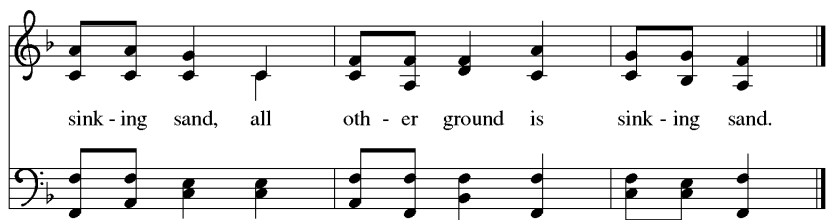


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous - ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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Abide with Me

1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
 3 You will hear the Chris - tian shout,

Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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