Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10th, 2024



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster, Pa.

Blessed by God+++Grounded in Faith+++Serving in Love

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink." (Small Catechism, Martin Luther) Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for a blessing. During the Celebration of Holy Communion, we offer two alternatives: a gluten free wafer and grape juice. If you would like the gluten free wafer, please inform the pastor when he/she comes to offer you the body of Christ. If you would like grape juice, please inform the assisting minister as he/she offers the blood of Christ. Please note you will still need a cup for the grape juice. Any questions please ask an usher.

The worship service for this morning is printed in this booklet. Hymn numbers refer to the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship found in the pew rack.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? Please use a "Welcome Card" and let us know who you are. If you would like to receive additional information about our congregation, write us a note on the back of the card.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a companion congregation with Mbalizi Lutheran Church in Mbeya, Tanzania, a congregation of the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We support ELCA missionaries Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson serving in Arusha, Tanzania.

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A Celebration of Word & Sacrament (Based on Setting 4)

Bold type following "C:" is spoken/sung by the congregation.

P = Presiding Pastor

A = Assisting Minister

L = Lector

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Strength for Victory

by Todd Kendall

† THE GATHERING †

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\frac{1}{2}\) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW # 589

All Depends on Our Possessing



Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

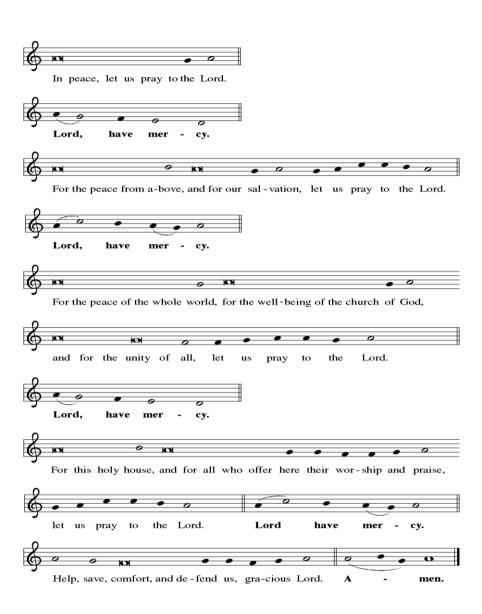
GREETING (ELW p. 147)

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 (ELW P. 147)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)



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PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please he seated.

† THE WORD †

God speaks to us in Scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

L: A reading from 1 Kings.

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself

and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

L: The psalm will be read responsively between the lector and congregation.

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! Glory to the Father, (+) the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW P. 151)



GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

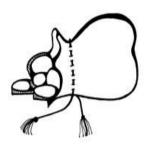
P: The gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children/Youth/Young-at Heart Story

SERMON

Time for reflection



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought us ELW #707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

CREED (ELW p. 152)

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

Each prayer petition will end with; "Hear us, O God," Please respond with; "your mercy is great."

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. A wave or a bow may be preferable to a handshake or hug in light of public health concerns.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

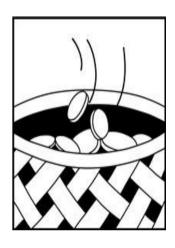
Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Still Small Voice

by Steven Scott



† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GATHERING OF GIFTS & PREPARING OF THE TABLE *Please stand as you are able.*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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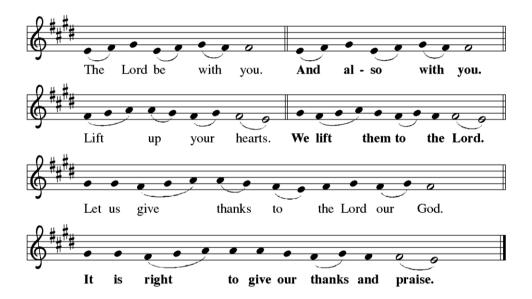
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

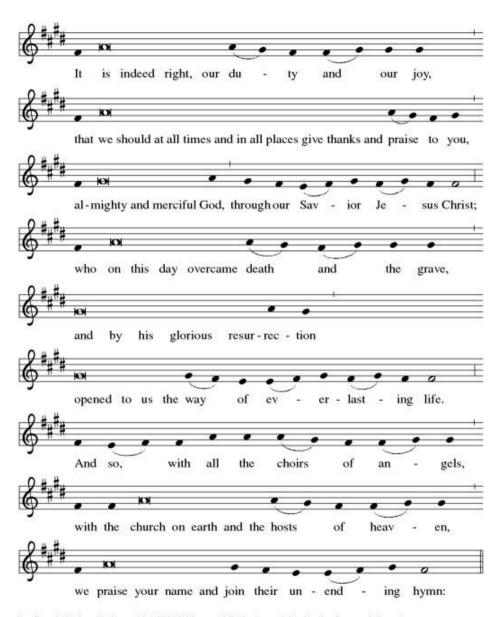
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Dialogue (ELW p. 152)



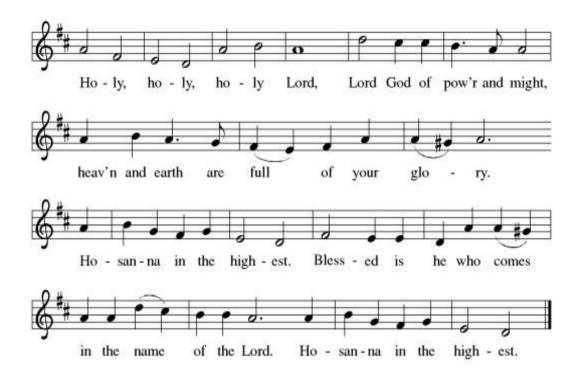
The presiding minister continues:

Preface (ELW p. 153)



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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (ELW p. 153)

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

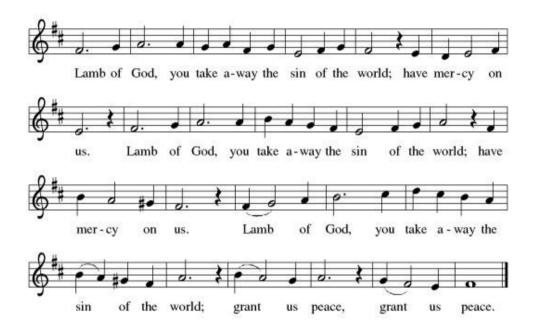
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God

LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe "Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Small Catechism, Martin Luther).

The presiding minister may say:

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.



MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977
Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS 950

HYMN SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Please stand, as you are able after all have communed:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. 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.

† THE SENDING †

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

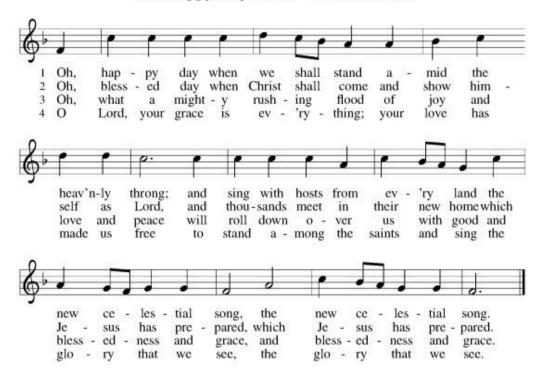
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son (+), and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* ELW 441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. composite

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

by Franklin Ritter

Sermon Notes

The Weekly Messenger

Introduction to the day

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, 11 th		Veteran's Day Remembrance*	
Monday, 11 th		Nothing Scheduled*	
Tuesday, 12 th	9:00 am	Conference Meeting (Landisville)*	
Tuesday, 12 th	2:30 pm—Stewa	rdship and Finance Committee Meeting*	
Tuesday, 12 th	6:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting*	
Wednesday, 13th	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Meeting*	
Wednesday, 13th	10:00 am	Bible Study*	
Wednesday, 13th	11: 15 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting*	
Wednesday, 13th	1:00 pm to 4:	:00 pmPastor Tim's Office Hours*	
		Al-Anon Meets in Chapel Basement*	
Friday, 15 th		Nothing Scheduled*	
		Nothing Scheduled*	
Sunday, 17 th	9:00 am	Sunday School*	
Sunday, 17 th 10:15 amWorshipTwenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*			
Sunday, 17 th Immediately following Worship Fellowship in Sanctuary*			
*Every day of the week AA will be meeting from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the basement of the chapel.			

Today's Worship Team and Volunteers

Assisting Minister	Gini Horn
Ushers	Phyllis Strittmater, Mary Kay Mulcahy
Lector	Mary Kay Mulcahy
Cantor	George Ehemann
Acolyte	Marilyn Soutner
Offering Counters	George Ehemann, Keith Frey
Set-Up for Fellowship	Mary Kay Mulcahy
Clean-Up for Fellowship	Lee Lee Nissly

Attendance for November 3, 2024

Sunday School—21 Worship—42

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read as there are weekly changes and additions.

Parish Helper Deadline

Deadline for the DECEMBER Parish Helper is Tuesday, November 12th. Please use Parish Helper or PH in the email subject line.

Support Disaster Ministry

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet to benefit Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Ministry in 2025 will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at Swamp Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Located at 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds. Phone 717-336-2849.

For more information see the printout in the Narthex.

Stewardship and Finance Committee

If you have not returned your pledge card and/or Time and Talent sheet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of our ministry at Emmanuel.

Sunday Morning Schedule

The current Sunday morning worship schedule starts with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. After worship everyone is invited to enjoy Coffee in the Courtyard, weather permitting.

Greeting

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. A wave or a bow may be preferable to a handshake or hug in light of public health concerns.

Weekly Messenger Announcement Deadline

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Hospital Visitations

If you or someone you know from this congregation is admitted to a local or regional hospital, please contact the pastor or the church office immediately. No longer can we rely on hospitals to notify us for the hospital admissions. Pastor Tim at 717-752-5832 or church office.



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