



Praise God

from whom all blessings flow

Rev. Marilyn K. Hale, Minister

Craig Liturgist

Linden Organist

September 14, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

(pg 702 [859 LP] OT)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is the Lord who tends the flock, all those secure;
all those off and wandering.

People: Come, draw our hearts here, O Spirit, to feed on the
lush, green pasture of Your Word.

Leader: See the Shepherd now, bringing us each back,
one-by-one into the fold.

People: Gathered together; here to worship; here to greet one
another; here to renew that place in our souls that
longs for God.

*HYMN #478

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Ever Gracious Lord of our lives, we bow before you in humble recognition of the place we want to be, and that is with you; and not just here or just in this time. We confess a desire for your Presence abiding throughout our days and nights. Help us find that, Dear God; find that sense that you are *there*. Keep us secure as we seek to carry the knowledge of your constant shepherding of our lives. Hear us as we come in prayer with you...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***G LORIA PATRI** (pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

TEACHER DEDICATION

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS Amelia Briar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 14* (pg 495 [609 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Timothy 1:12-17*
(pg 208 [253 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 15:1-10* (pg 78 [95 LP] NT)

SERMON Rev. Hale

To Respond in Faith

***HYMN #171** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

MINUTE FOR *The Peacemaking Offering* Cari Matejka
Literacy of Love

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

To Serve in Love and Hope

***HYMN #428** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

For the week beginning September 14, 2025

GREETERS: Judy and Terry
PRAYER FAMILY: Emmy
ELDER for the Month: Steve

Tue	3:00 a.m.	PNC
Wed	4:30 p.m.	Session
Thu		Bethel Lutheran Council Mtg (MKH)
Sat	11:00 a.m.	Fitzsimmons Funeral at the church
Next		
Sun	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service; Dorothy Fearman, Guest Minister

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting **TUNA FISH** for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMINDER: Egg cartons are also being collected.**

September's Mission Highlight of the Month is... **GIFT-A-BOOK**. Donations may be dropped off on the display rack downstairs in the hallway. Thank you!

Literacy of Love Inc. was founded by Cari Matejka, a teacher at the Olean Intermediate Middle School. Providing an education and medical care to the people of Uganda are among the priorities Literacy of Love, Inc.

Thank you to our Christian Education Teachers: Bizzy Amy
Carly Nicole Diana

The church office position has been filled!
Thank you, Judy for accepting this responsibility!

