

This cup
is the new covenant

by my blood,
which is poured
out for you.

LUKE 22:20

Rev. Lee, Guest Minister
Karl, Liturgist
Linden, Organist

November 2nd, 2025

Celebrating Holy Communion

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Isaiah 1:10-18 (pg 630 [771 LP] O T)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; forever has been – forever will be!

People: The grace of the Lord comes fresh into each life, and endures from generation to generation!

Leader: The love of the Lord knows no bounds; freely offered, freely given, an abundance exceeding all our expectation!

People: Merciful Lord; Grace holding all of life; Love who knows us and never leaves us, we come to worship you!

*HYMN #309

"Of the Fathers Love Begotten"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We read that, Dear Lord, and wonder about all "those" who fall so short; who cause you pain; who bring pain into their own lives and the lives of others! Merciful God, forgive us. Check our wonder and help us see ourselves as you see us, and know the wonder of your grace toward us all. 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.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 32:1-12* (pg 506 [623 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *2 Thessalonians 1:1-4*
(pg 205 [251 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 19:1-10* (pg 82 [100 LP] NT)

SERMON The Man in the Tree Rev. Lee

To Respond in Faith

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* (pg. 14 in Hymn Book)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER (*Unison*)

Holy God, you call us to come together and eat this meal

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remembering the love and sacrifice of your Son, our Lord. We hear the words of forgiveness. We hear the words of comfort, of Presence. Let us know the Love of your Heart for us, and carry that love into all we do. Ever to the honor and glory of your Name; we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

HUNGER FUND OFFERING

The Hunger Fund Offering is a special offering we gather after communion and is dedicated to ministries carried out in the local community.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR HARVEST SUNDAY Julie McLarney-Pagett

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linden Foster's Jr. Recital is Monday evening, Nov. 10th, in Houghton at the Houghton Wesleyan Church from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for carpooling.

Next Sunday, Nov. 9th, there will be a *Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time* after worship.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #300

"Down to Earth, as a Dove"

* BLESSING

*Postlude

Linden Foster

For the week beginning November 2, 2025

GREETERS: Megan, Julie & John
PRAYER FAMILY: Diana
ELDER for the MONTH: Connie

Tues.	Office Hours	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	PNC	3:00 p.m.
Wed.	Office Hours	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thurs.	Office Hours	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Next

Sun. 11/9	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Worship Service:
	Elizabeth, Guest Speaker
	Liturgist: Buffy
	Greeters: Terry and Judy
	Coffee Hour/Fellowship after worship
11/10	<i>Linden's Jr. Recital in Houghton</i>
	8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
11/11	Veterans Day

FOR PASTORAL CARE PLEASE CONTACT

Pastoral
CARE

Rev. Bruce Levine at 716-378-6773 or
Judy 716-933-6303

Pastoral
CARE

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex. Please ask the greeters for assistance.

The *Portville Community Food Pantry* is once again in need of **clean egg cartons**. It is also accepting donations of **EGG NOODLES**. Thank you so much for supporting our local food pantry!

The **November & December WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SHEET** is available in the Narthex. Please stop by on your way out today and sign up to help.



In 1849 each Ruling Elder used the chalice (on the dais)
to serve members at the communion table.



Community Happenings

Pancakes at Bethel Lutheran Church

79 Brooklyn St., Portville:

Sat., 11/8/2025 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$10.00

Good way to fuel up for the “*Art and Antique Show*”
at Portville Central School!



PORTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Is hosting their

ARTS & ANTIQUES SHOW

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.