

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAYREADER for this week is Jim Hall.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Charlotte Currie.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Felix and Margie Staffaroni, Rick and Becca Sanker and Mike and Norene Rosso.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Bill Cramer to the Glory of God.

DEACON for the month of October is Margie Staffaroni.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education class, 9:00 a.m. in the Lounge
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Finance Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m.

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East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday
Service of the Lord's Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" CECIL ALEXANDER

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Around the world, people gather to break bread and pour wine.
P: We gather with them in heart and mind.
L: Around the world, the broken body is made whole.
P: As part of that body, we join in its unity.
L: Around the world, the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.
P: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
ALL: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

HYMN NO. 396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Redeemer God, we ask that You send Your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for Your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of Your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that You have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for Your peace and justice. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN NO. 530

“One Bread, One Body”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 8 (Pg. 492)

NEW TESTAMENT

John 6:53-63 (Pg. 98)

EPISTLE

Galatians 2:17-21(Pg. 188)

**L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Living Our Communion”

Pastor Nicki

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(see insert)**

SENDING

HYMN NO. 613

“O Lord, Our Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Our God”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE NICENE CREED

(Pg. 34 in red hymnal)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks
and praise,... and with all the faithful of every time and
place, who forever sing to the glory of your name

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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L: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ,
Your Son, Our Lord...Great is the mystery of faith.

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

L: Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
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