Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **: And also with you**

~Announcements~

Offertory Hymn: SUNG BY THE CHOIR "AUTUMN CAROL"

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ***AMEN.***

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People(S129)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Officiant and People Together:
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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

The Breaking of the Bread
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***HAVE MERCY ON US.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***HAVE MERCY ON US.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***GRANT US PEACE.***

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD'S TABLE

Communion Hymn: 337 AND NOW, O FATHER, MINDFUL OF THE LOVE

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRANT: *GO* IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD, ALLELUIA!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Recessional Hymn: 495 HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE Susquehanna

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People ~ Form I From the Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, -let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, Kevin- assisting Bishop, and Fr. Tim, our Priest in Charge-and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Christ Church, Reading and St. James, Muncy-From the Diocese of the Susquehanna; and St. Mark Ajio Parish, Kajo Keji, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Nancy, Jim, Marilyn, Heather, Milton, Ilona, Kris, Alida, John U., Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Logan, Irene, David, Ray, Randy, Ron, Ed, Adam, Kali, John M., Ivan, Patrick, Greg, George, Chad, Penelope, Malcolm and Barbara R. - let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially Tom Diehm, for in whose memory today's flowers grace God's Altar, and William Diehm, for in whose memory today's bulletins have been sponsored - let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of St. Mark and St. John- and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of *your* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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October 4, 2026
Pentecost 19
The Rev. Timothy Griffin

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 598 LORD CHRIST, WHEN FIRST THOU CAM'ST TO EARTH

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Gloria (S277)
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: *Let us pray:*

The Celebrant says the Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (see insert)
HYMN: 313 LET THY BLOOD IN MERCY POURED (VS 1-3) (VS 4)
The Gospel
The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2027 Calendar is now open to take reservations for Bulletin and Flower Sponsorship. There are still openings remaining for 2026. If you would like to reserve a specific date, see calendar located on the wooden table outside the Main Sanctuary, or please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is $10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and $20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Altar Flower Sponsorship is $28.00.

Sponsorship
Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of my brother, Tom Diehm by Bill Diehm
Bulletins: In Loving Memory of the Oct. 5th birthday of my father, William Diehm, By Bill Diehm

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	8:30 AM	
October 4	Pentecost 19	Bill Diehm	Tom Lager
October 11	Pentecost 20	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
October 18	Pentecost 21	Sue Urban	Jill Perry
October 25	Pentecost 22	Rose Douglas	Jim Pompa, Jr.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
October 4	Karen Horvath	Jill Perry
October 11	Laura Ferko	Sue Urban
October 18	Karen Gasker	Rose Douglas
October 25	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: frtimgriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

Email Updates: Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

Cleaning Volunteers: Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or Dfrybikes81@gmail.com Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

Choir: Choir practices are held on **Wednesdays at 6:15pm.** New members are welcome—bring a friend!

UTO- The United Thank Offering (UTO) The Campaign ends today- please consider making your donation. Thank you!

Vestry Meeting: The next meeting scheduled will be held on October 15th at 6pm.

Community Dinners: Date Scheduled- November 11

A Weekend with Presiding Bishop Rowe: On October 16 and 17, we will welcome Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe for a pastoral visit to our diocese. All are invited to attend. On Friday, October 16, Bishop Sean will be at the Delta Hotels by Marriott, Breinigsville, and on Saturday, October 17, he will be at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. Join us for one or both days to celebrate our new diocese with the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Registration is required. Learn more and register at **diosusquehanna.org/PBvisit2026 or call 717-710-4800.**

Blessing Box- **Items most needed:** trial size toiletries, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes and women's feminine products, Peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned pasta.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND– Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Nancy, Jim, Marilyn, Heather, Milton, Ilona, Kris, Alida, John U., Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Logan, Irene, David, Ray, Randy, Ron, Ed, Adam, Kali, John M., Ivan, Patrick, Greg, George, Chad, Penelope, Malcolm and Barbara R.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office

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SERVICES
Sunday 9:00am- Main Sanctuary
Other services TBA

9:00am	September – May	Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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Michael Leonetti (’28)
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Parish Mission Statement
Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God’s work in the Church and Community.

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