

18TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 21

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 10:30 AM



ST. GABRIEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn – LEVAS #177 “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”

It's me, it's me, O Lord, — Stand-in' in the need of prayer; —
It's me,

— It's me, it's me, O Lord, — Stand-in' in the need of prayer. — **Fine**
It's me,

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord, —
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord, —
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord, —
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord, —

1. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
3. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
4. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's

D.C.

1. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
 2. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
 3. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
 4. me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Glory to God

Gloria – S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson – Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me— that is my petition— and the lives of my people— that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

The

psalm is chanted, with the tone changing on the underlined word or syllable



- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the
fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson – James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn – #574 “Before Thy Throne, O God”

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel; give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

The Gospel – Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, Rector

A period of silence follows the sermon for reflection and silent prayer.

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 III

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Father, we pray for your holy universal Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all laypeople, bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President, government leaders, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

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

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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

The Peace

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with praise. *Psalm 96:8*

Choir Anthem

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

Presentation Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

Dwight Lyles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you
We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering; we are an offering.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer

before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus – S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G-clef, 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care, that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, hurt one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the

wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei – S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

The Celebrant invites everyone to Communion using these words

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.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion at St. Gabriel's. Please come up to the front of the church, where the priest will give you a wafer. Return to your seat by the side aisles, and you can consume the bread once you are seated. To receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the priest.

Communion Hymn – #325 “Let us break bread together”



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

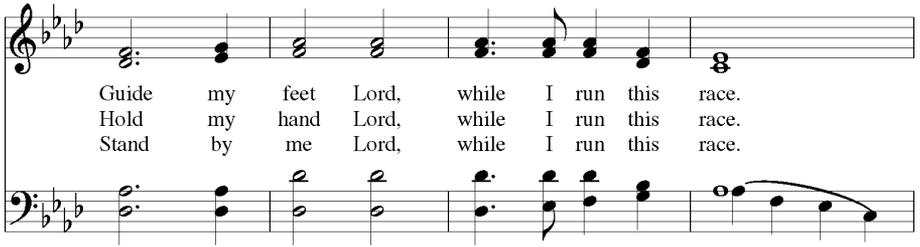
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with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

The Blessing

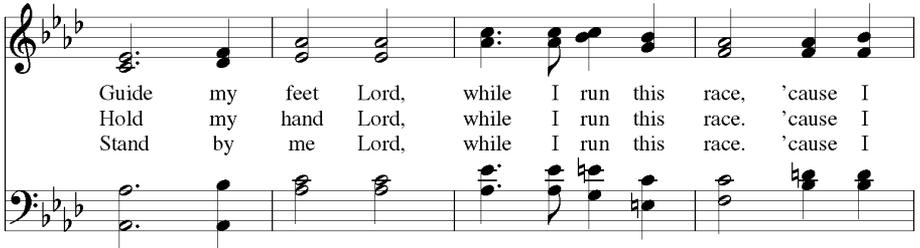
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – WLP #819 “Guide my Feet, Lord”

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I



don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“Go Forth in Faith”

Franklin Ritter

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

This prayer is used if someone cannot be present for the Eucharist.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present
 in the blessed Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things,

and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace you
and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me
to be separated from you. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to be an Acolyte? Stay after this service and learn about this important way to be a part of our worship. Adults and children over age 8 can be acolytes. Verger Stephen Rowe will teach you what you need to know!

Let's End Hunger One Step at a Time! Join St. Gabe's Team to walk, or just raise funds to support the effort. A potluck lunch at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Birdsboro of hotdogs and side dishes (bring one!) will be held at noon; registration starts at 1:30 and the Crop Hunger Walk begins at 2PM. 25% of all funds raised will stay local so why not help our neighbors and enjoy a stroll on a fall afternoon! If you'd just like to donate here's the link:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-gabriels-church>

Anniversary Paperweights - There are about a dozen commemorative St. Gabriel's Anniversary glass paperweights for sale. They are located at the back of the church and the cost is \$25. Please leave the money or check in the envelope when taking one. Contact Marilyn Rittenhouse (e-mail or 610-323-3501) with any questions.

The Outreach Ministry's Hat & Mitten Tree has taken its yearly place at the back of the church, waiting for donations of new or gently used hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and coats. Donations are greatly appreciated and will go to members of our community to provide warmth this winter. The Outreach Ministry also extends its **thanks** to all the donors for the overwhelming response to the Daniel Boone Area Primary Center's request for extra underwear/pants to have on hand for the school year. The donations are sure to help keep the children dry!

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

30 Day Prayer List: Robert Bell; Kenny Bock; Elaine Frost; Carol Heist; Kayci Hiebler; Raziel Liriano; Patricia Owsiany; the family of William Protheroe; Dory Reed.

Military and First Responders: Connor Cooper; Morgan Crummy; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Brooke Moyer; Jared Patt; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman; Kenneth Whitelock.

Long-term Prayer List: Audrey Artus; Lorn Austin; MaryEllen Bailey; Lee Baker; Bill Barrett; Bill; Bob & Marsha; Joel Braverman; Carol & Carl Burkhart; Sonia Calderone & family; Joseph Clark; Lisa Cole; Barbara Cregar; Margaret Crummy; Jed Dean; Joe DeMayo & family; Diane & Paul; Donna; Sandy Douros; Eric; Eva; Tina Fanjoy; Clem Fiorini; Nancy Flohr; Tracy Geary; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Mary Gorham; Bob Green & family; Traci Groner; Lynne Hamm; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Chris Hendricks; Carroll & Lorraine Hine; Colin Hiriak; Pauline Hunsberger; Miss Joann; Jeanne M.; Elaine Kugler; Linda; Lorraine; Maureen; Lorraine McCorkle; the McKeon family; Denny McKernan; Tammy Miller; Safaa Mohammed; Bob & Donna Moore; Nancy H.; Nicole; the Orth family; Carol Parsons; Lara Parsons; Elliot Phillips & family; Amy Reed; Tara Reed; Eric Roda; Gregory Rowe; Ernie Runge, Jr.; Russell family; Carissa Scheid; Kristen & Jon Simchick; Briana Speese; Fred Spiezio; Rita Starkey; Chris Stewart; Mary Lou Tate; Regina White; Justin Zajac.

WE PRAY FOR Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community; Good Shepherd Learning Center.

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for Stephen & Kathrine Rowe & Joshua, Daniel, Gabriel & Gideon Wilson.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the clergy and people of Trinity in Pottsville.

IN OUR ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the clergy and people of The Episcopal Church.

IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, we pray for the clergy and people of Lorudung Parish & Liwolo-Helen Wagner Primary School.

THE BULLETIN is sponsored by Amy Berger in memory of her son, Gabriel.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given by Mike & Kayci Hiebler & Kristyn Walters in memory of Mike's Dad, Gunther Hiebler.