

SERVING GOD AND YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Charlie de Mets
Acolytes	Amanda Wisner, 8:15; Haleigh Woodman, 11:00
Lectors	Ann Plenderleith 8:15; Betsy Leone, 11:00
Greeters	Jean Young & Joan Smith; 8:15; Marlene Snarr, 9:30; Bill & Beverly Felix, 11:00
Head Usher	Jack Tarman
Ushers	Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Terry Morissette, Al Zoller, The Banks Family 11:00
Sound Operators	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck and Kris Borcheck 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor  
Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets - Organist	Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager
Susan Tinney – Handbells and Childrens’ Choir Conductor	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director	Lisa Lang – Administrative Asst.
Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coordinator	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

NURSERY STAFF

Danielle Cole - Nursery Coordinator      Samantha Ford - Nursery Asst.

LEHMAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL STAFF

Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher	Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown - Teacher

Teacher Assistants –  
Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,  
Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga



# Lehman Memorial Church

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**8:15 a.m. November 19, 2017 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

*Grace and Thanksgiving*  
Lehman Ringers, Susan Tinney, Conductor

Wissinger

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME

Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the Covenant of Fellowship, sharing as much information as you'd like, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ Please stand if comfortable

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Let us come to offer gladly our lives and gifts this holy day.

**People: Let us be imitators of the grace and generosity of God.**

Pastor: Let us hold nothing back from the God who gave us all.

**People: Let us proclaim the wonders of God's love.**

Pastor: Let us sow with hope and reap with joy.

**People: Indeed! God has done great things for each of us!**

▲ HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

No. 694

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, today we humbly pray that all our expectations be frustrated; that all our plans be thwarted; that all our desires be withered into nothingness, so that we may experience the poverty we need completely to sing, dance, live, move, serve, and trust in your love and goodness, O God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

INTERLUDE

*Voluntary No. 6* Franck  
Charlie de Mets, Organist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann Plenderleith, 8:15; Betsy Leone, 11:00

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible (NT), p. 205

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER (With Response)

Psalm 76 No. 797

ANTHEM (11:00)

*Lauda Anima* Andrews  
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30 Pew Bible (NT), p. 28

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

▲ GLORIA

*Glory Be to the Father* No. 70

**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.**

SERMON

*A Head for Knowing!*

Pastor Bill Lentz

Advent is on the horizon, coming into view as an annual reminder that Christ promised he would be with us always. The expectation and anticipation of the glorious coming of Christ in resurrection glory fed the souls of early Christians with the food of hope. Over the centuries, we too have had moments when we needed—and still need—the glorious power of Christ to show us the way in the life. Are we prepared to receive Christ when he comes and as he comes? Are we ready to bring an end to anything that keeps us from answering Christ's call to serve? Are we willing to take risks to live to the fullest, even when Christ's idea of fullness may mean emptying ourselves of everything we now hold dear? Do we know what God wants from us?

▲ HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

No. 399

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

*Nimrod from the Enigma Variations*

Elgar

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE

*Doxology*

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

No. 895

▲ HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord (1-3)*

No. 438

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

POSTLUDE

*Fantasia Chromatica*

Sweelinck

▲ LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

O God Most High,  
Before Jesus fed the multitudes, he gave you thanks.  
Before he raised his friend Lazarus, he gave you thanks.  
He gave you thanks that all might know your glory.

We are blessed to do your works in the world,  
that all might know your love and glory.  
Accept our thanks and our praise for you, O God.

For the grace to feed the poor,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to heal the sick,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to lift up the brokenhearted,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to harbor the refugee,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to aid the endangered,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to speak on behalf of the powerless,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God.**

For the grace to be present for the prisoner, the addict,  
the lost, the outcast, the dying the way Jesus has been for us:  
as a comfort, a beacon, a shepherd, a sage, a healer, a hope,  
the light of the world,  
**we thank you and praise you, O God. Amen.**