

Service of Holy Communion

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12th, 2025



INTRODUCTION

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Congregation kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P. Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Congregation stands

THE GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

KYRIE

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

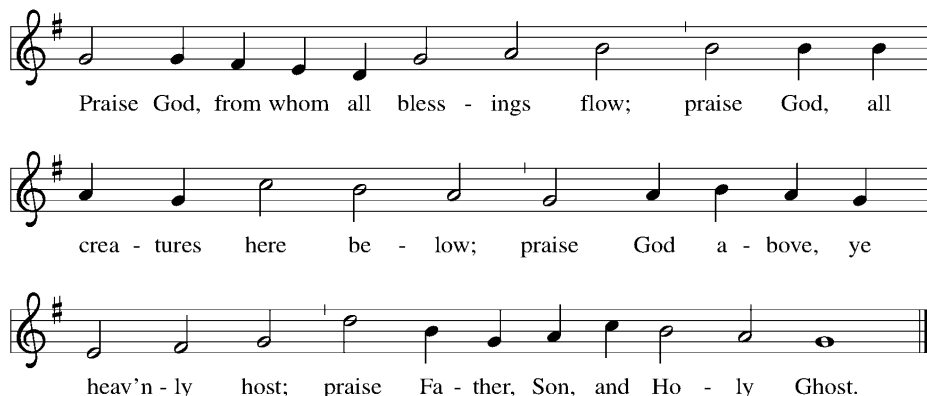
A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!" ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111 (*read responsively*)

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant
forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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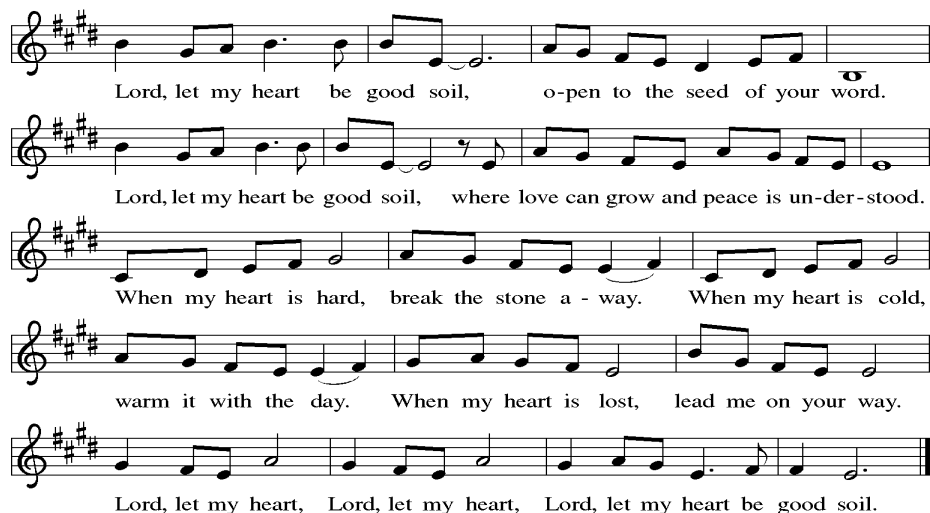
C. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children & Youth are invited forward for a special sermon time with Pastor Peggy.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

P. The holy gospel according to Luke. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated

SERMON

Identity

HYMN OF THE DAY

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

A. Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A. Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A. Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A. Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. We pray especially for...those we now say aloud...and those we hold in our hearts.. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A. Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A. Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P. We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Congregation is seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Is Able to Save

Harland, Walker, Parks

MEAL

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Congregation stands

OFFERTORY SONG


Refrain




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were




gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray... Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE & PREFACE OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we

cannot see. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sing 2x—English 1st time; Spanish 2nd time*)

Congregation kneels or sits



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to Communion this morning. Please come forward, guided by the Ushers, to receive the bread and wine. Children are invited to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free and traditional wafers are available, please note this to Pastor Peggy when you come up. The bread is dairy and egg free. Grape juice is available in the second communion plate. As you return to your seat via the side aisles you can place your empty cup in the baskets on either side.

P. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION SONG

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After all have received Communion the congregation stands.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray...O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P. The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Do not lose heart. C. **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements for October 12th, 2025

Welcome to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church. May you experience the joy of God’s presence in our worship!

If today is your **first time** worshiping at Holy Counselor, please be sure to fill out the “Guest Book” on the table in the narthex and take a welcome bag.

Please ask our ushers any questions you may have regarding worship this morning. **Large print bulletins are available.**

Worship is live streamed to our church Facebook page, but the camera is pointed away during Communion and is not on the children when they come forward during A Time for the Child in Us All.

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**Altar flowers are in celebration of Emilie & Ron Dupont’s 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**Congratulations to Robert Heredi and Felicia Arnold on their wedding!!**

**Thank you, Nancy Knecht, for today’s refreshments!**

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Volunteers for Today’s Worship

Lay Asst.	Debbie Lennon
Ushers	Janet Beach & Jeann Von Oesen
Comm. Asst.	Volunteer needed
Tech	Volunteer needed
Tellers	Volunteer <i>needed</i>
Refreshments	Nancy Knecht

Volunteers for Next Sunday, Oct. 19th

Lay Asst.	Volunteer needed
Ushers	Volunteer needed
Comm. Asst.	Debbie Lennon
Tech	Volunteer needed

Refreshments *Volunteer needed*

******* Join us for refreshments after worship*******

Sunday, Oct.12: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, 9:30am

Choir Practice following worship

Monday, Oct. 13: Office Closed, Indigenous Peoples Day

Spending Plan Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, Oct 14: Adult Ed, Zoom, 10am

Pastor's Community Hours, Café e Dolci, Warwick, 12-2pm

Cluster-wide Study, Zoom, 7-8pm

Saturday, Oct.18: Sisters in Prayer, Zoom, 8:30am

Sunday, Oct. 19: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, 9:30am

Choir Practice following worship

Synod Wide Outing – NJ Gotham Soccer Game, 1pm tailgate,

3pm game

Over the next couple weeks our congregation will be focusing on financial stewardship for 2026. We will reflect on the generosity of HCLC and the importance of financial support for our church's mission by each member and friend of the congregation.

On Generosity Sunday, October 26th, each friend and member of HCLC will be invited to submit an intent card as we pray over our intentions for the coming year. As you hear people provide their Generosity Impact Moments during worship in the coming weeks we ask you to do two things:

First, to prayerfully discern either **making your first intent card** to HCLC, or if you've done so in the past, to **increase your giving** by 1% or 2% of your household income.

Second, consider **making your gifts using Tithe.ly or Venmo** to help the church with sustained giving. We can help you set this up—just let the church office know!

With your support you are helping to spread God's love by Building a Culture of Generosity!

Pastor's Community Office Hours: Pastor Peggy will be at Café e Dolce in Warwick, THIS Tuesday, October 14th from 12-2pm for Community Office Hours. All are welcome to drop in for a visit as she is present in the community.

Prayers for Porch Planks: Please consider supporting the Parsonage Porch replacement fund ("Prayers for Porch Planks") which is displayed on the white board in the narthex.

Trick or Trail: We will be hosting a church table handing out candy at Vernon's Halloween Trick or Trail on **Friday, October 24th**. Set up begins at 2 pm and the last group comes through at 7pm. **If you'd like to dress up and hand out candy to the kids please email Pastor Peggy.** We are also looking for 2 large bags of candy to be **donated**. Please bring your candy donation to church by Sunday, October 19th. Thank you!

Apple Picking: The Loaves & Fishes are going apple picking on **Sunday, October 26th at 4pm**. We will **meet at Ochs Farm in Warwick** to pick apples! They even have a little petting zoo. Let Pastor Peggy know if you plan to attend.

Loaves and Fishes is our **new**, more inclusive and rebranded **20 & 30-somethings group**. All families with young children regardless of the adults' age are welcome, including our young adults. Our primary goal is building connections and supportive bonds for families and younger adults in the church, while doing fun activities together. Events range from apple picking and bowling to playground meet ups. Let's join our Loaves (adults) and Fishes (children) together!

Wine & Cheese Fundraiser: Do you enjoy cheese? How about wine? Chocolate? All the above! Come enjoy '**Cheeses for Jesus! Wine Not?**' for a fun pre-dinner tasting on **Saturday, November 1st from 3-5pm**. Wine flights will be paired with cheeses and chocolates. Suggested donation of \$20 per person. We encourage **signing up in advance**, so we have enough wine for everyone! Designated drivers to and from the event are available for \$15 round trip. Registration is required in advance to take advantage of this service.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is low on canned chili, canned green beans, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned baked beans, canned corn, macaroni & cheese, boxed potatoes, mayonnaise, cereal, instant pudding & jello, snacks and juice packs for kids, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, and 4-pack toilet paper. You can always bring donations of canned goods, paper goods, and hygiene products. All donations can be placed in the blue bin by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

Sing:

Verse 2 with my **soul**
Verse 3: with my **prayers**
Verse 4: with my **voice**

I Am Thanking Jesus



English I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing
Swahili A - san - te sa - na Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na
Oji-vambo Tan - di tan - ga Ye - sus, tan - di tan - ga Ye - sus, tan - di tan - ga



Je - sus from my heart. I am thank - ing Je - sus,
Ye - su mo - yo - ni. A - san - te sa - na Ye - su, a -
Ye - sus mo - mu - ti - ma. Tan - di tan - ga Ye - sus,



I am thank-ing Je - sus, I am thank-ing Je - sus from my heart.
san - te sa - na Ye - su, a - san - te sa - na Ye - su mo - yo - ni.
tan - di tan - ga Ye - sus, tan - di tan - ga Ye - sus mo - mu - ti - ma.

Text: Namibian and Tanzanian traditional

Music: TANDI TANGA YESUS, African traditional, arr. *This Far by Faith*

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MISSION STATEMENT

***As Children of God,
we are called to share and serve
Christ's love and bring God's word to all.***

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Holy Counselor is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

