

\*Gloria Patri  
 Time with the Children  
 Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Prayer Response  
***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.***

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-2 & 17-32 (NIV)  
 Hymn of Preparation #468 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
 Message **"We Had To Celebrate"** Dr. Larry Ruby

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory  
 \*Doxology #34 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
 \*Prayer of Dedication  
 (Attendance Cards will be collected as Deacons proceed back the aisle.)

\*Closing Hymn # 496 *Leaning On The Everlasting Arms*  
 \*Charge and Benediction  
 \*Congregational Response #747 *Go With Us Lord*  
 \*Postlude

\*Indicates those who are able to please stand

**Video Recording:** Portions of today's 10:30 service will be recorded & then posted to the Linway Facebook Page & church website Monday evening at [www.LinwayChurch.org](http://www.LinwayChurch.org)



**Contemporary Service  
 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
 Sunday, July 21, 2024 9:15 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements  
 Invocation  
 \*Praise Song  
 \*Greet One Another  
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer  
 Praise Song  
 Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-2 & 17-32(NIV)  
 Message: Dr. Larry Ruby  
**"We Had To Celebrate"**  
 \*Praise Song  
 Final Challenge and Depart to Serve  
 \*Indicates those who are able to please stand

**When attending the 9:15 Worship Service, please:**

- complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary.
- place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.

**The Church Staff**

Interim Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby  
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*Celebrating 127 Years  
 June 1, 1897—June 1, 2024*

**"Come, grow your faith in Jesus Christ with us."**



**The purpose of Linway United Presbyterian Church is to joyfully worship and serve the mission and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sun., July 21, 2024**

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

*"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"*  
 -Luke 15: 31-32

  
**Linway United Presbyterian Church**  
**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 21, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Prelude George Hawkins, Organist  
 Greeting and Announcements Andrew Dennis, Liturgist

Gathering Prayer: **Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, follow us, call us. We cannot escape from your yearning for us, and only when we turn to you do we find the sweetness of life, the reason for living, and an ever-flowing fountain of joy. Thank you for your amazing grace that surprises us, comforts us and renews us. Give us hearts of gratitude, and forever let us sing your praise. Amen.**

Call to Worship  
 L: The Lord is present in his sanctuary,  
**P: Let us praise the Lord.**  
 L: The Lord is present in his people here.  
**P: Let us praise the Lord.**  
 L: The Lord is present with a message of hope.  
**P: Let us praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 469 *Lord Of All Hopefulness*

\*Invitation to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison) (Psalm 139)  
**Holy God, you created us good, and forever you hold us in your love. Yet we have wandered off and listened to other voices that shout that we are worthless and unlovable, and that we must prove ourselves and earn another's love. We run after any experience that will ease our longing. We look for anyone who will welcome us. We long for a love that has already been given to us.**


**Tender God, remind us again and again that we are chosen and beloved by you. We have our identity given in the waters of baptism. We have our lives renewed by your holy Word and by the gifts of creation. We have a joy that is unending, and we are embraced in a love that lasts through eternity. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*"From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the Lord be praised!"*  
*-Psalm 113: 3*

**Please Remember In Our Prayers:**  
 Helen Alexander, Patty B., Chris Bach, Donnie Baker, Ben B., Doug B., Michele B., Amy C., Chris, Cheryl D., Eremic Family, Betty Frommell, Frank & Mary Lou Fawcett, Bev Harcum, Jill Hardy, Nick Hunter, Michelle K., Kevin, Samantha L., Jean Lawton, Vickie Lofgren, Ken M., Eric N., Linda P., Carol Pascarella, Joan Pierro, Donna Pottinger, Renee R., Andy Sedlak, Laura Shawley, Shawn, Anna Marie S., Bill Szmuc, Tammi, Cindy Taylor, Pat V., Wanda, Linda Wetzler

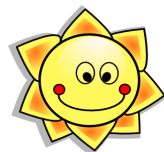
**Deacons on Duty:** Today: Barb H., Sandi S., Arlene S.  
 7/28/24: Nicolle L., Adler L., Deanna B.  
**Sunday School:** Today:  
 7/28/24:  
**Technology:**  
 Today: 9:15: Don A. 10:30: Rich C.  
 7/28/24: 9:15: Don A. 10:30: Rich C.  
**Church Security:** This Week: Trent C.  
 Week of 7/29/24: Jamie S.

<p><b><u>Sunday School for Kids:</u></b>          Sunday School for children age 5 through 5th grade is available during the 10:30 service based on teacher availability. It will be posted on Facebook &amp; announced after the Time With The Children.</p>	<p><b><u>Coloring Sheets:</u></b> are available at the Sanctuary entrance for children. Please help yourself or ask a Deacon. The Nursery is open for parents/guardians to stay with their little one if needed.</p>
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**Missions:** Donations for our various local and international mission projects may be placed in a pew envelope. Please designate that it is for "Mission Fund". Loose change left in the pew also goes towards the mission fund. The Missions Committee thanks you for assisting these worthy programs.

**Church Fundraisers**

Available after the service or contact the church office.  
**Giant Eagle Gift Cards** - In \$25, \$50, or \$100 amounts.  
 -The church receives 5% of the value of the card.  
**Eat'n Park, Dunkin' Donuts, or Denny's Gift Cards,**  
 -The church receives a percentage for each card.



**Good Morning and Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!** We hope you will find the service meaningful and that you can come back and join us again. We ask everyone to please complete an attendance card found in the pews.

**LINWAY HAPPENINGS**

**Sun 7/28** Holy Communion during both worship services  
**Wed 7/31** Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am at Eat'N Park  
**Sun 8/4** Day of Giving for MA's Pantry donation deadline  
**Mon 8/5** Women's Breakfast at 10: am at Eat'N Park

**Main Restrooms Closed. Please Use Downstairs**

**Restrooms:** Due to the kitchen plumbing project, the main restrooms in the preschool hallway are closed as well as the nursery sink and the drinking fountain near the sanctuary. Please use the restrooms located downstairs beside the Social Hall. Thank you for your understanding!

**THANK YOU** to everyone helping with the Kitchen Project! Your hard work is truly appreciated!

**Next Sunday, July 28: Holy Communion**

We will be sharing holy communion during both the 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. We hope you'll be able to join us.

**MA's Pantry Day of Giving: 2 Weeks Away!**

The Pittsburgh Foundation will once again match online gifts given to them on Aug. 6 for our local Food Bank, MA's Pantry. **Linway is collecting monetary donations for MA's thru AUGUST 4 in order to give a gift from Linway.**

YOU DONATE + THEY MATCH =  
 DOUBLE THE IMPACT!

Since we are combining all donations given through Linway, **no monetary amount is too small.** If you'd like to help, please place your donation in the offering box or collection plate, or mail your donation to Linway so that **we receive it by AUG. 4.** Checks should be payable to "Linway Church" and indicate that your donation is for "MA's Pantry". Thanks!

Last year this effort netted MA's \$37,000 in one day! This year MA's goal is \$40,000.