St. Peter's Episcopal Church Hebron, CT

Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

November 15, 2026 ~ Holy Eucharist Rite 2

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost ~Veteran's Sunday

OPENING HYMN: #719 "O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES"
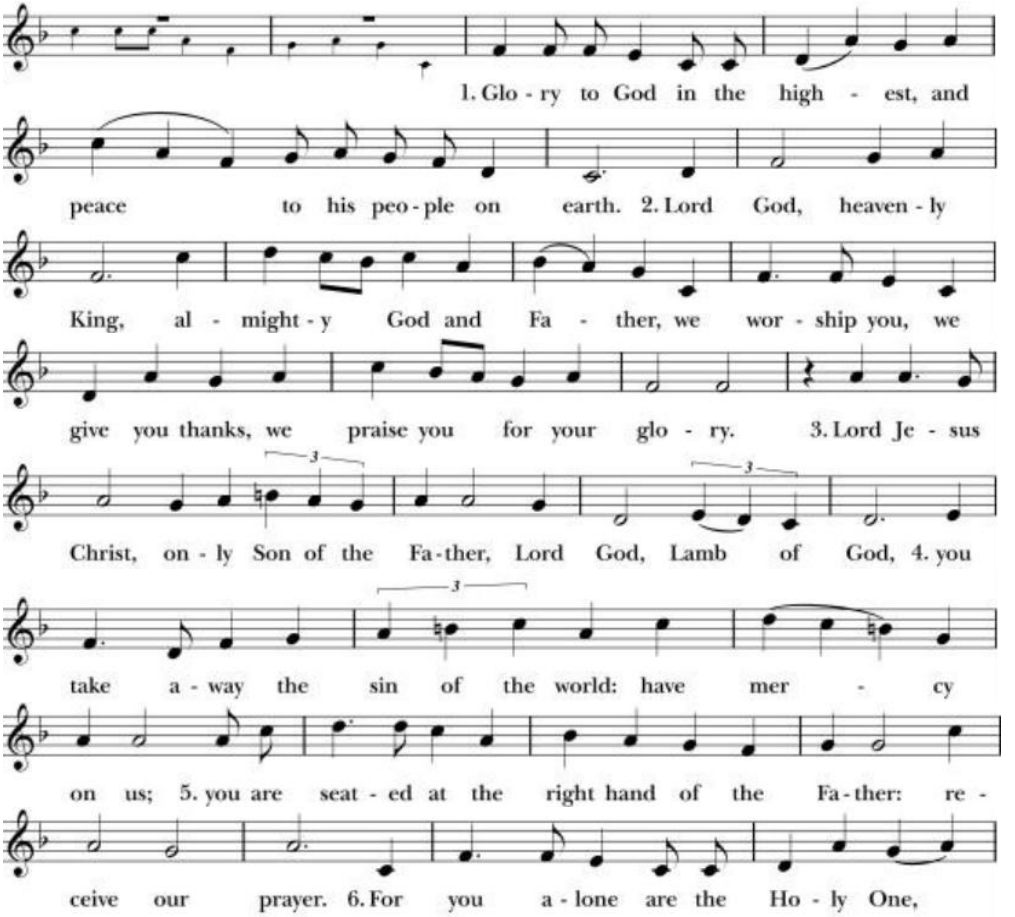
THE WORD OF GOD

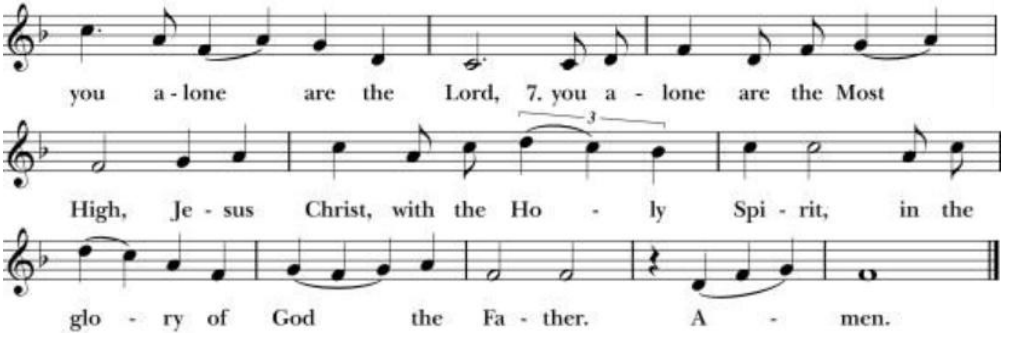
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD #S-280 (POWELL)





COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: JUDGES 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

THE PSALM: PSALM 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

**1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.**

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.**

**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

SEQUENCE ANTHEM

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON **THE REV. RONALD J. KOLANOWSKI**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Marianne Marsh (11/15), Laurie Marks (11/22), and those celebrating anniversaries.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well being of others. We pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Michon, Jeff Baez, Jill, Bailey, Sara & Larry Hedges, Alex, Ray, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for the church; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our deacons Donna and Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: we pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; St. James', Winsted, Ministries with older adults. For the Brotherhood of St. Andrew & the Daughters of the King, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have died, especially for Erica Baez' Aunt, Diane Accomando; and Erica Baez' Uncle, William DeCosta; and Ed Shephard. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

~ ~ Silence ~ ~ Leader: Spirit of Love **People: Hear our prayer**

For what else shall we pray this day?



If you are veteran or would like to honor a veteran during this service, please come up front and share your/their name(s) and branch(s) of service.



A PRAYER FOR VETERANS' DAY

All: God our great commander, we give you thanks for the gift of freedom and for those who have dedicated themselves to protecting freedom in our land. Today we thank you for all veterans. We honor their service and sacrifice and pray we carry it forward for our children to honor. Freedom and democracy are the result of all of the most honorable this country has produced. Today we stand to remember the most honorable amongst us to carry the burden of their sacrifice, lest we lose sight of what true freedom is.

Today is for remembering -- stand in honor of them, walk in their path of duty, remember the cost, and hold in our hearts the cause of

freedom. May all of us commit ourselves to redouble our efforts to not only remember but to embody the values of freedom in our daily lives. This we ask in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.
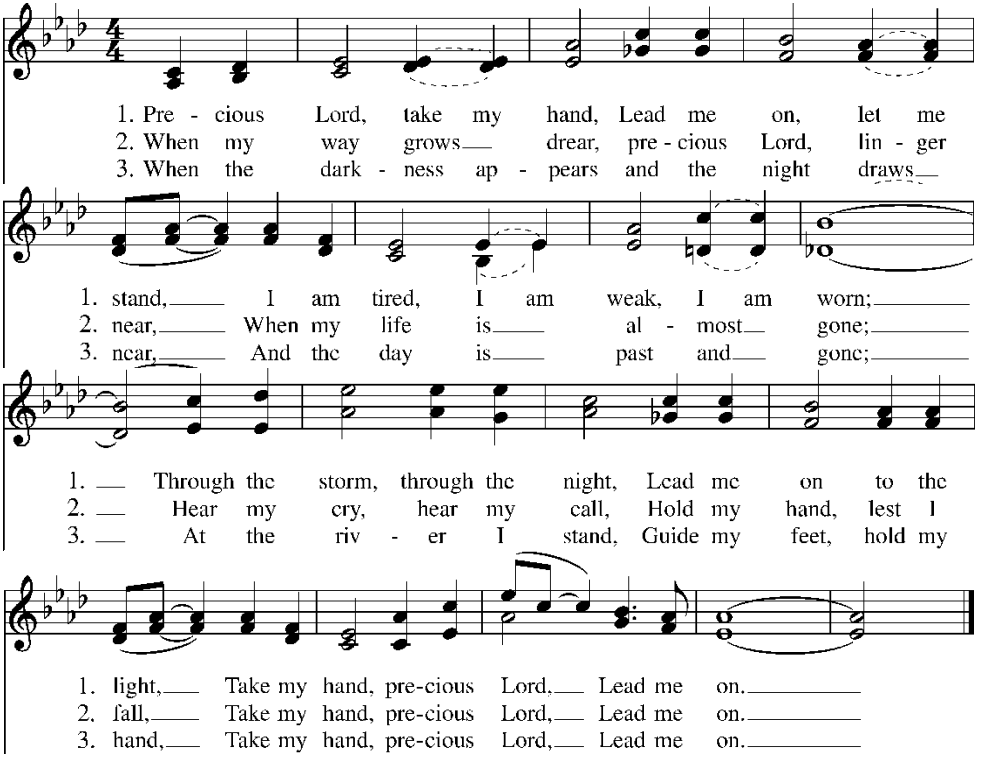
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God

OFFERTORY HYMN: LEVAS #106 "TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD"



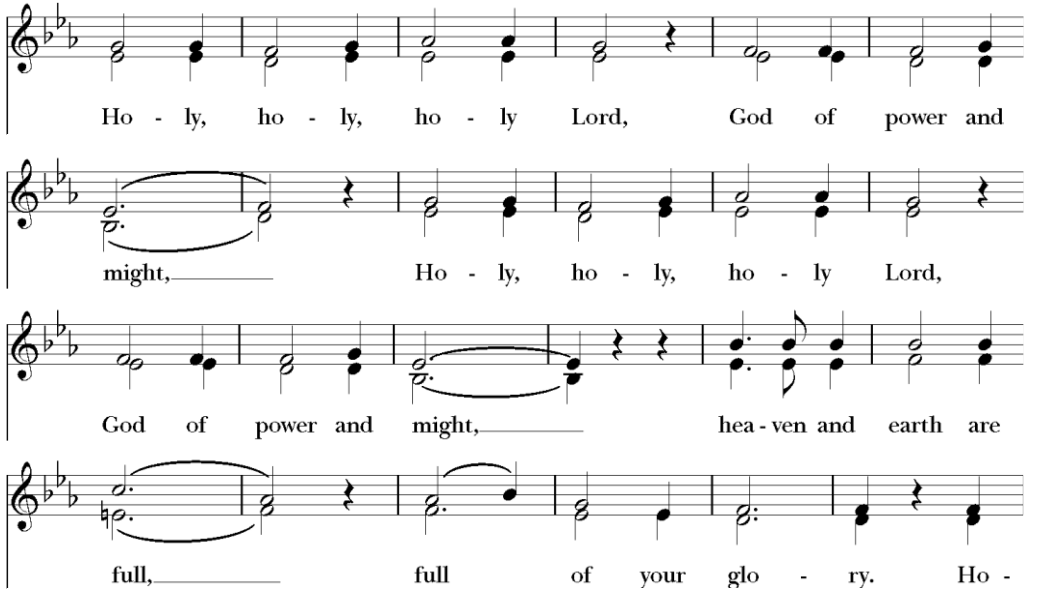
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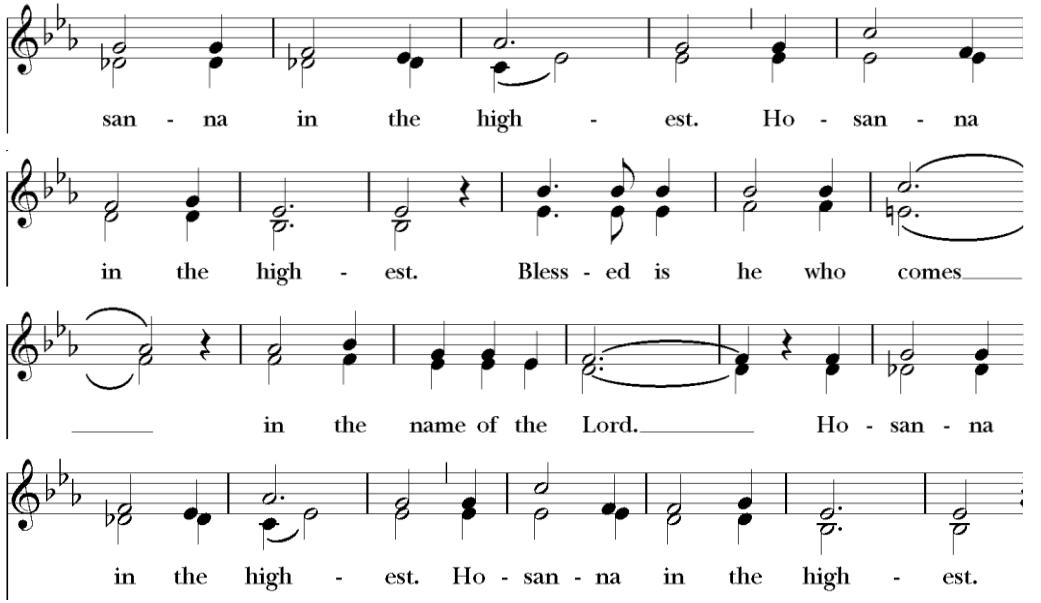
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **BCP PAGE 361**

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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

SANCTUS: S-130 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD" **PROULX**





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP, PAGE 362**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious father, in your infinite love, you have created us for yourself ....Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP Page 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP PAGE 337**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

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

CLOSING HYMN: # 579 "ALMIGHTY FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE"

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers and Thanksgivings for November 15, 2026

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We pray for the deceased. We pray especially for Erica Baez' Aunt, Diane Accomando; and Erica Baez' Uncle, William DeCosta; and Ed Shephard.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Len & Kim Begin, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Robin, Richard Taylor, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt and Families, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Gerry, Paula, Mary, Louis Domingue, Barbara Reifschneider, The Char Families, Jeni, Paul LaTour, Art Engler, Tim, John Viklinetz, Donna McCormak, Kelsey J



The Yellow Rose at the altar is given in honor of *Sam Forrest* and *Andrew Riley*, during their deployments. (Reminder: If sending a card or care package overseas, an international stamp is required. Contact the church office for addresses.) Update: Sam is unable to receive mail at this time, please hold letters until further notice.

On Going Activities:

Balance Class: $5 per session		Mondays	10:15 a.m.
Book Club:		Mondays	11:30 a.m.
Connect:		Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Weekly Weeders:		Mondays	4:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts:	1st	Mondays	5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hebron Greater Together Community Fund:	3rd	Tuesdays	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hall Committee:	4th	Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds:	1st	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts:		Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Meditation Class:	4th	Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Worship Committee:	3rd	Thursdays	5:00 p.m.
Vestry:	3rd	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.





Upcoming Events:

November 15:





Veterans Day Sunday

We remember in prayer our veterans and those in service to our nation in our armed forces.

Jewelry Making Workshop to support Hebron Rocks Alzheimer team)

Come and have some fun with Marge. She will host a Jewelry Making Workshop at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, November 15 after the service. Everyone will go home with a beautiful piece of beaded jewelry designed by you!

If you have a small a small pair of flat nose pliers (smooth jaw) &/or needle nose pliers (serrated jaw) please bring them along - be sure to put your initials on them with masking tape. Cost is $25, and the event will be about 1.5 - 2 hours.



All proceeds go to Team Hebron Rocks ALZ.

Limit 13 people. Adults and kids 14+. I can't wait to see you there!!!

November 21 | Beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Community Roast Pork Dinner

Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Gravy, Winter Squash, Applesauce, Rolls, your Choice of desserts. The dinner is takeout and $18 per meal. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Windham Area Interfaith Network that provides a host of services to vulnerable families in need including heating assistance for the upcoming winter months.

November 22 | 3:00 p.m.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Gilead Congregational Church

Join us at Gilead Congregational Church at 3:00 p.m. as four faith communities of Hebron come together at the Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service. We will gather in unity to give thanks for all the blessings received.

December 5 | 9:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Fair

Donation for the St. Nick's Nook tag sale booth can be dropped off in the hall beginning November 29th. Please take a look at the sign-up sheets and some of the fun ways you can help make this year's St. Nicholas Fair another wonderful, festive, and successful event.