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John 8:31-32

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Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31, 2021



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Nov. 7 – All Saints Sunday

Nov. 14 – Spiritual Sunday

Nov. 21 – Christ the King

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Judi Reeder

Crucifer –

Acolyte –

Lector – Judy Mills

Ushers – Fred & Crystal Lepley

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Kandi Null

Sound Technician – John Null

Offering Counters – Lee Mills

John Null

Oct. 24, 2021
ATTENDANCE – 47

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Amazing Grace*

arr. Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be
3. Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-n'ing
4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to



shield vic - to - rious, Who breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's
lost, re - ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to
to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we
foes, who fear it; For God, our Lord, fights by our



rod And wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa -
fight, Whom God a - lone e - lect - ed. You ask who
stand; They can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's
side With weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to



tan - ic foe Has sworn to work us woe!
this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
ty - rant rage; In bat - tle we'll en - gage!
take our house, Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,



With craft and dread - ful might He arms him -
Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's on - ly
His might is doomed to fail; God's judge - ment
Though life be wrenched a - way, They can - not



self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Psalm (45) 46; *Ein feste Burg ins unser Gott*; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG, 8 7 8 7 6 6 6 7; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The
Word
of God

The First Reading is from the 14th chapter of Revelation.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;**

³ Though its waters rage and swell,
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of her; therefore she shall not be moved.
God shall help her at the break of day.

**⁶ The nations are in an uproar, and the kingdoms are moved,
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall melt away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**⁸ O come and behold the works of the Lord,
what devastations he has brought upon the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow,
and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in the fire.

**¹⁰ “Be still then and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the
nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your ho - ly Church, that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to nought all he has done.
we May sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again 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

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – *Stand in place and greet at a distance*

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

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3

C: And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In whom his world re -

The second system continues the musical notation with the same vocal and accompaniment parts.

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Has blest us on our

The third system continues the musical notation with the same vocal and accompaniment parts.

way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

The fourth system concludes the musical notation with the same vocal and accompaniment parts, ending with a double bar line.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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67 67 66 66

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



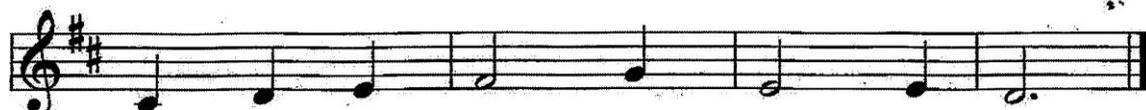
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

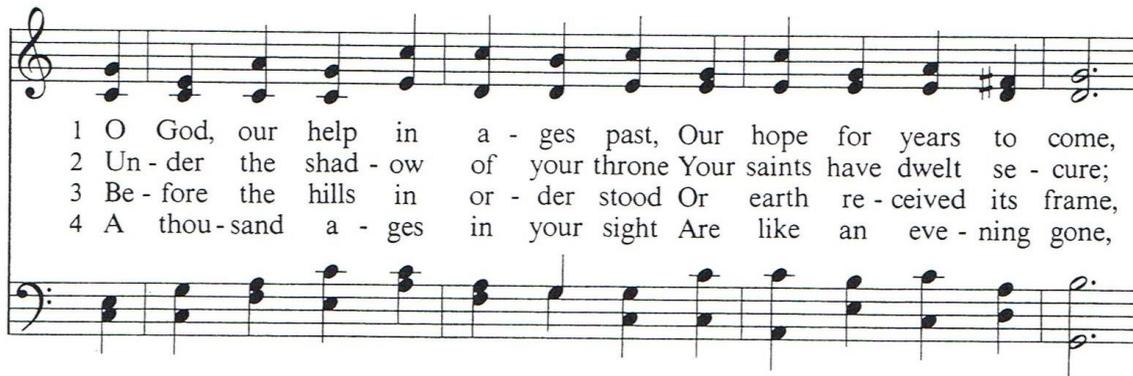
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

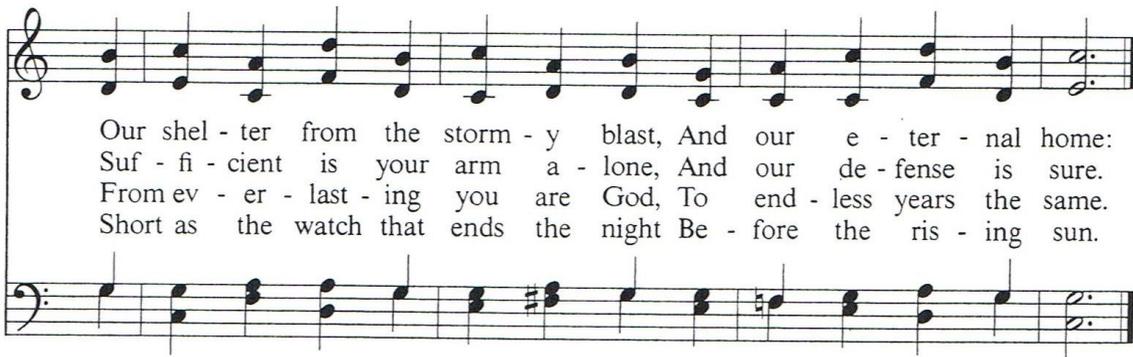
C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Tune: William Croft, 1678-1727*

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

Deb Binder

Clair Crist

Donna Hildebeitel

Pauline Houck

Elizabeth Larsen

Sonya LaGamba

Earl and Janet Harry

Additional prayers

Pastor Luke – ongoing medical issues

Raina May Thomas – open heart surgery

Tom Wolfgang – rehab

June White – broken shoulder

Beverly Hofsass – fractured pelvis

LCBC families – injuries from bus accident

Teresa Mengel – seizures

Eileen Catino – foot surgery

Cathy Holford – recovering from recent
accident

Denny Raup – on feeding tube

Family of Pr. Brett Collins – mourning his
death

Additional names during today's worship: To include a person for prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "*print*" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave *before* worship.

Become a Prayer Chain participant: Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills (jmillz.email@comcast.net) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin: Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email rose.a.keller@gmail.com OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn for the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin and about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be put in the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



Stewardship



Offering plates are not passed during the service: they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

Hashing out the sermon and Scripture readings

All are invited to meet with Pr. Mark from 10:45-11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings.



COFFEE TIME



Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks. If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!

Thank You from June White

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery from my accident. *June White*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School started on Sunday October 3rd. 10:30-11:30. We will have two groups.

Children toddlers-kindergarten age will meet in nursery room for Parents and Me class led by Melissa Cuff. We will have playtime while the adults have fellowship. Followed by a Bible story and age appropriate activity.

Older group will meet in the library upstairs. This will be led by Judi Reeder and Crystal Lepley.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to help/teach once or twice a month. Lessons will be prepared for volunteers in advance.

Any questions please see Melissa, Judi, or Crystal

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, November 9. We will meet at the church at 10:30 and have lunch at 11:30 at Loxleys. We will be discussing Mark 13:1-13. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or call Judi Reeder at 717 341 7821.



Social Ministry Committee Thank you

The Church Social Ministry Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of our Stuff The Truck Project. Thanks to your support we were able to send many needed items to build the Health Kits and School Kits.

The Items were put with others, from our NALC Atlantic Mission Region Churches.

They were able to build 200 Health Kits and 100 School Kits. These items were then loaded on a truck and sent to an area of need in New Jersey. PEACE BE WITH YOU, Social Ministry Committee

Let's Get to Know the Ministries that Reformation Supports

Beginning this month and continuing through the next year, we will take an opportunity to highlight for one month each of the ministries that Reformation supports financially and/or with whom we partner in ministry and in the sharing of the Gospel. There will be an explanation of that ministry printed in the bulletin and Pastor Mark will include that ministry in the prayers during worship each week of that month. We also ask the members of the congregation to include that ministry in their daily prayers.



Our highlighted ministry for the month of October is Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ).

Did you know that Reformation Lutheran Church is one of 165 partner churches of Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) of Lancaster County? And that Love INC of Lancaster County is one of 118 Love INC affiliates across the United States? The mission of this network of churches is "to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ." There are untapped resources in the Body of Christ that Love INC mobilizes on behalf of those in need. Love INC gives Christians specific, manageable opportunities to put their faith and love to work in the service of people in need. Love INC always meets needs through loving relationships, and Scripture tells us that love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13:8). Through empowering churches to use their gifts, Love INC connects people to Christ and opens the door to transforming lives and communities.

Thank you from Joanne & Bob Thomas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Raina Thomas is almost 8 weeks past Open- Heart surgery. She displays typical "busy, curious" twenty-two month old behavior. The cardiologist here in Lancaster said it looks like she has a new heart. The hole is repaired. Currently, two valves have minimal leaking which should heal in time according to her surgeon at Nemours hospital. The Thomas and Harry families would like to thank you for your continued prayers during this long journey. Joanne and Bob Thomas, Thankful Grandparents!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS



Worship and Music committee is bringing back our Christmas Poinsettia / building fund sponsorship for Christmas this year. The cost is the same as the last time we were able to do this! Please see insert form to be filled out and returned to Rosemary Keller or June Kreider. **DO NOT PLACE ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE OFFERING PLATE.** We will need to have your poinsettia order no later than November 14, 2021. Thank you for supporting our building fund fundraiser.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 7, 2021. If there are any friends and family that have been called home in the past year that you would like included during our prayers on All Saints' Sunday, please let Pastor Mark or Rosemary Keller know.



Advent Dinner Saturday, December 4th at 5:00 PM Church Fellowship Hall



Fellowship is hosting an Advent pot-luck dinner in preparation and anticipation of Christmas. There are **two sign-up sheets**. One sign-up is to let us know the name and number attending and the other is to let us know what you will bring to share. Fellowship will provide the entrée and place settings.

- (1) **Sign up** for a covered dish or drink that you will bring. The sign-up sheet is divided into categories (salad, dessert, beverages, etc.) and all you need to do is sign your name under the menu category that you will be providing.
- (2) **Sign-Up** for the Advent Dinner head count. Please sign your name and number attending on the Advent Dinner head count sheet.

Looking forward to seeing you at the dinner. See anyone on the fellowship committee if you have any questions.

REFORMATION NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Sonya Zook
16th Anthony Riggi
28th Steve Wisler
28th Nikki Young
29th Kathy McDermott
29th Harper Kline



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7th John & Sandy Tippet
8th Fred & Crystal Lepley
12th Josh & Nikki Young
17th Bill & Pat Seigford
21st Lee & Judy Mills
29th John & Linda Wohlberg

November Baptism Anniversaries

Austyn Schaum 11/2



CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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