

And then they
will see the Son
of Man coming
in a cloud with
power and
great glory.
Luke 21:27



Reformation Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Nov. 28, 2021



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Dec. 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 12, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – June Kreider

Crucifer –

Acolyte –

Lector – Joanne Thomas

Ushers – Bill & Rose Bennett

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Kandi Null

Sound Technician – Terri Miller

Offering Counters – Beth Birchall

Lee Mills

Nov. 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE - 46

“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 – *Advent Prayer*

Anthony Giamanco

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.

Psalm 124:8

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 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

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, The watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And in her
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, And saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym - bals all u - nite.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, And at the
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 with the choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your daz - zling light.

The bride-groom comes! A - wake; Your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your-selves to meet the
 Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we
 What joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -

Lord, Whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.
 view Where you have bid us dine with you.
 sound; Ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

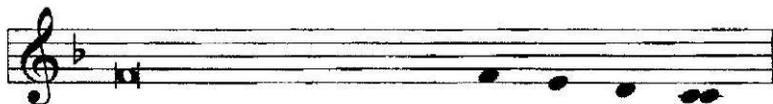
*Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608*

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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.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



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

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God,
I have put my trust in you; O let me not be ashamed,
neither let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² **For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed,
but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.**
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ **Lead me forth in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope
all the day long.**
- ⁵ Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies,
and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.
- ⁶ **O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth,
but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness.**
- ⁷ Gracious and righteous is the Lord;
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- ⁸ **Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment,
and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.**
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- ¹⁰ **For your Name’s sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

²⁵{Jesus said,} "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as

they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
 then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*Text: Edward Mote, 1787-1874, alt.
 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876*

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**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**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.

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

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

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

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

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

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

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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



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. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

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

P: 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

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.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

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

Hark, the Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
 Tune: attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of 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 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 added to 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Communications Committee is asking for more volunteers to operate the cameras for the live streaming of Sunday mornings. Those who are volunteering to do it now say that it is easy to learn to do. There are not a lot of volunteers now so they are serving often and it does keep them from participating fully in the worship service. Please consider serving in this capacity and see Kandi Null, Mason Tippet or Mark Wisler if you want to know more about this opportunity to serve Reformation.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School started on Sunday, October 3rd 10:30 – 11:30 am. 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 lloing 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.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. 2022 Ministry Plan was presented to Council and approved to be presented to the Congregation for final approval at our Congregational Meeting Sunday November 21, 2021.
2. The outlook financially for RLC in the 2021 budget year is projected to end on a positive note.
3. A brochure/pamphlet was made by the Communications Committee that highlights our congregation and gives information about our mission to visitors. These will be placed in the back of the church.
4. The RLC website has been updated. Please take a moment and check it out. <https://www.reformation-nalc.org/>
5. Nomination Committee has been formed. Members are the following:
Kandi Null (chair)
Kathy Miller
Linda Wohlberg
Scott Cuff

The next Council Meeting will be held Saturday December 11th at 9am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are two upcoming Church Events, supported by our congregation, with monetary contributions. They are our annual Christmas Baskets for our Homebound and the Friendship Villa Party or Gift Baskets, depending if Visitors are allowed.



We will be collecting monetary donations on Sunday 11/21, Sunday 11/28 and Sunday 12/05.

Please place donations in wrapped box on table at rear of church, or put in offering plate marked for Christmas Gifts.

There will also be a signup sheet in back of Church if you would like to do some caroling on 12/19 and deliver Gifts to Homebound where possible. If visitors are allowed in Faith Friendship on 12/24 1pm to 3 pm there will be a signup sheet if you would be able to help. Do not know about visitors yet.

We will be putting together Gift baskets Sunday 12/19, after church service downstairs.

The Social Committee would like to thank all for your continued support. I know that our support of these two events are greatly appreciated by all.

Peace Be With You, Social Ministry Committee

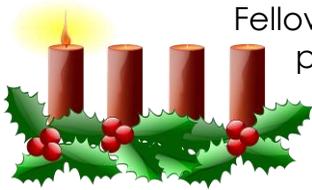
Cookies & Carols Sunday, December 19 Fellowship Hall



Bring some cookies to share during coffee time and bring your singing voice to celebrate the coming of Christmas. Ivan will be leading the caroling as we meet together in the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour on December 19th. "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and sing.....and eat

cookies too!!

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.

LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE

All men are invited for food, fellowship and beer at the Null's home at 578 Northlawn Dr., Lancaster, PA 17603 on Dec. 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm. We will watch and discuss the movie, Hacksaw Ridge, which is based on a true story about Desmond Doss. He was a conscientious objector who because of his Christian faith refused to carry or use a weapon or firearm as an US Army infantryman in WWII. He served as a combat medic in the Pacific theater, and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery in rescuing dozens of wounded men in the Battle of Okinawa.



REFORMATION DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

Beth Birchall	December 10
Chase Mathias	December 12
Gary Proctor	December 12
Dorothy Mathias	December 20
Ivan Wittel	December 24



December Anniversaries

Jack and Debbie McCarthy	December 22
Ivan and Kim Wittel	December 27

December Baptisms

Jonathan Thomas Bacon December 7



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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