

For which of you,  
desiring to build a  
tower, does not first  
sit down and count  
the cost, whether he  
has enough to  
complete it?  
*Luke 14:28*



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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sept. 4, 2022



### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Kandi Null

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Acolyte –

Lector – Claire Tito

Ushers – Ken & Joan Hollinger

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Kandi Null

Sound Technician – Chaz Stroup

Offering Counters – Fred Lepley

Beth Birchall

Livestream – Ray Kneisley

Kris Brill

**Aug. 28, 2022**  
**ATTENDANCE - 60**

### **“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.***

### **TODAY'S COMMEMORATION**

Moses



Moses was born in Egypt several generations after Joseph brought his father Jacob and his brothers there to escape a famine in the land of Canaan. The descendants of Jacob had been enslaved by the Egyptians and were ordered to kill all their male children. When Moses was born his mother put him in a basket and set it afloat in the Nile River. He was found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised by her as her own son (Exod 2:1-10). At age 40 Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster and fled to the land of Midian, where he worked as a shepherd for forty years. Then the Lord called him to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh, “Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness” (5:1). Eventually Pharaoh gave in and, after the Israelites celebrated the first Passover, Moses led them out. At the Red Sea the Egyptian army was destroyed and the Israelites passed to safety on dry land (Exodus 12-15). At Page 19 of 27 Mount Sinai they were given the Law and erected the Tabernacle (Exodus 19-40). But because of disobedience they had to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Moses himself was not allowed to enter the Promised Land, although God allowed him to view it (Deuteronomy 34). In the New Testament Moses is referred to as lawgiver and prophet. The first five books of the Bible are attributed to him.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Patricia Lou Harris

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen**

*Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

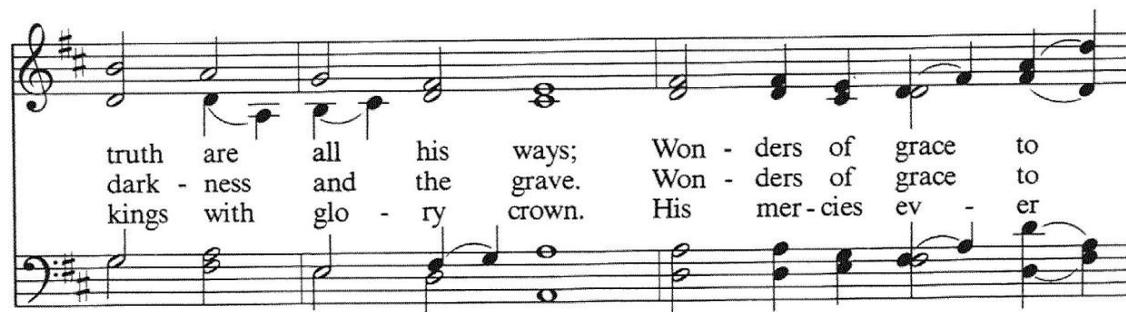
**C: Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

# Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; The King of



truth are all his ways; Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure When lords and kings are known no more!

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Tune: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793*

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## APOSTOLIC 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



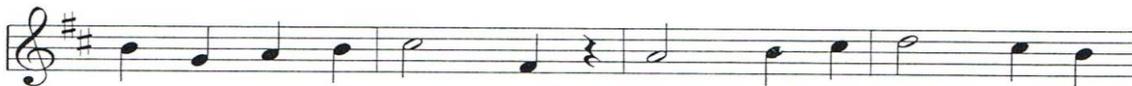
**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



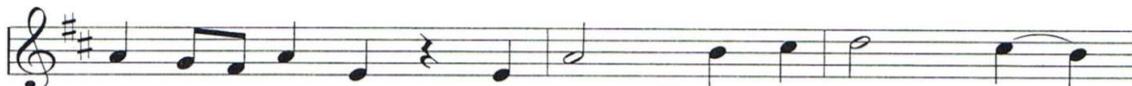
**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al-might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## 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, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 30<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

## **Psalm 1**

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- <sup>2</sup> **but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.
- <sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- <sup>6</sup> **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the Book of Philemon

## **Second Reading: Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I

preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

*John 6:68*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

<sup>25</sup>Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

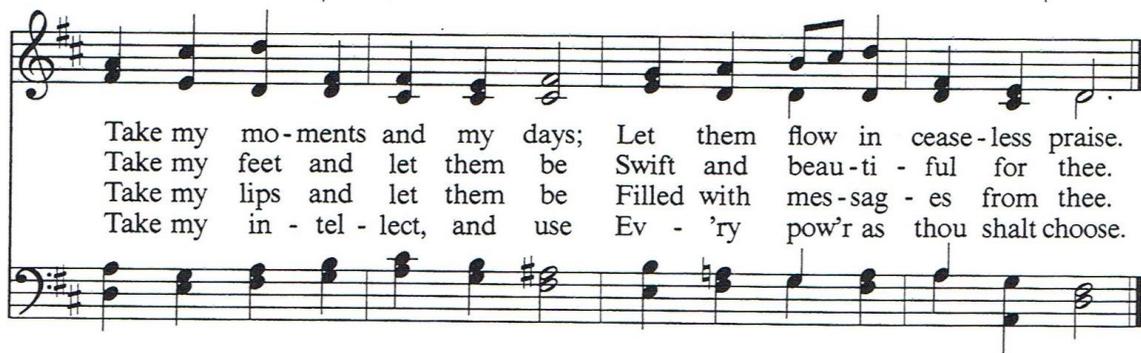
*The assembly stands (if able).*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# Take My Life, that I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

*Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870*

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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

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

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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.   **C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

Ps. 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; Cor. 5:7



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### 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.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

### C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

# 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

John 1:29



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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 you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



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

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

**C: Amen**

# SENDING HYMN

## Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

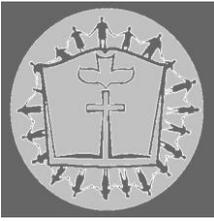
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## AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



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](http://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](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto: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 Pastor Mark from 10:45 – 11:30 am today for discussion and questions about today's sermon and Scripture readings. The discussion will be held in the Prayer/Choir room across from the Pastor's office.



## 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!

## Facebook and Instagram Users



Help advertise our church and its activities by “liking” or following us in Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook page is Reformation Lutheran Church NALC – Lancaster PA, and our Instagram page

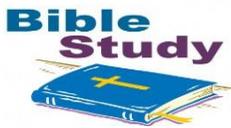
is [reformation.lutheran.church](https://www.instagram.com/reformation.lutheran.church).

## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

September Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10 am in church fellowship hall. Lunch will be at Longhorn Steakhouse at 12:30. Questions, call Judi Reeder 717-341-7821.



## BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Mark will begin a Bible study on Paul's letter to the Romans on Sept. 22nd. It will be offered at two times each Thursday - 10:30 am and 7:00 pm. If you plan to participate, email Pastor at [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto:pastor@reformation-nalc.org).

## Fellowship Opportunity

If you have been given the gift of planning events, love to bake or cook, and enjoy doing community outreach, the fellowship committee would love for you to join us. A meeting will be held at the church to discuss fellowship plans for 2023 on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. If you are interested, or have questions about the committee, please see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett. Thank you for considering this important ministry.



## LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE



The Luther Lager League will meet Sept 18 at 6:00 pm at Jeff Schaum's home, 4150 Marietta Ave, Columbia. The meal and beer will be an Oktoberfest theme. All men are invited for good food, beer and fellowship.

## DISASTER RESPONSE SCHOOL KITS



Your Church Social Ministry Committee as part of our Church outreach is asking the congregation for donations of school supplies.

These are in support of the Atlantic Mission Region Disaster Response efforts. They will be delivered by Judi Reeder on Friday, October 21, 2022. We did a similar project last year.

Below is a list of requested items:

Backpacks – will be Purchased with Thrivent Card.

Pencils

notebooks

big eraser

pocket folders

blunt scissors

ruler

pens

box crayons

colored pencils

markers

pencil sharpener

one box (10 count) 2 gallon sized resealable bags. This one box of bags is enough to contain 10 complete kits.

This information will be posted in back of church.

We thank you in advance for your support.

PEACE BE WITH YOU,

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

## Please join Us for the Pennsylvania March for Life on September 19th.



You are invited to join a group of us from Reformation who will be attending the PA March for Life on September 19th. We will meet here at the church at 9:30. The rally starts at 11:00. The rally ends at noon and then we march around the Capitol building. We will head home after that. Last

year we found parking very close to the Capitol, and we believe that will be the same way this year. Please let Kandi Null or Pastor Mark know if you plan to attend. If you want more information about this year's rally and speakers, go to [www.marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/](http://www.marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/)

## 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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