



'How much do
you owe my
master?'
Luke 16:5

Reformation Lutheran Church
"Gathered by Christ to be and make disciples."
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15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept. 18, 2022



WORSHIP LEADERS

	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Kim Wittel	Ivan Wittel
Crucifer	Nathaniel Cuff	
Acolyte	Joshua Cuff	
Lector	Kandi Null	Mason Tippett
Ushers	Bill & Rose Bennett	Fred & Crystal Lepley
Musician	Dcn. Arica Demme	Dcn. Arica Demme
Altar Guild	June Kreider	Barb Wisler
Sound Tech.	Terry Miller	Chaz Stroup
Offering Counters	Ken Hollinger/Fred Lepley	Sandy Tippett/Lee Mills
Livestream	Mark Wisler/ Lee & Judy Mills	Mason Tippett/Sandy Tippett

Sept. 11, 2022
ATTENDANCE - 50

“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

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

O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, Oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 What - ev - er you com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 Guard me, lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheer - less;

Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 To do it when I ought, With all my strength—and bless
 But when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,

A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 What - ev - er I have wrought, For you must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace, Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And, by your Spir - it's might, To live at peace with all.

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.

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 113

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

² **Blessed be the name of the LORD**
from this time forth and forevermore!

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Timothy

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing — if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.



Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

¹{Jesus} also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." ¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

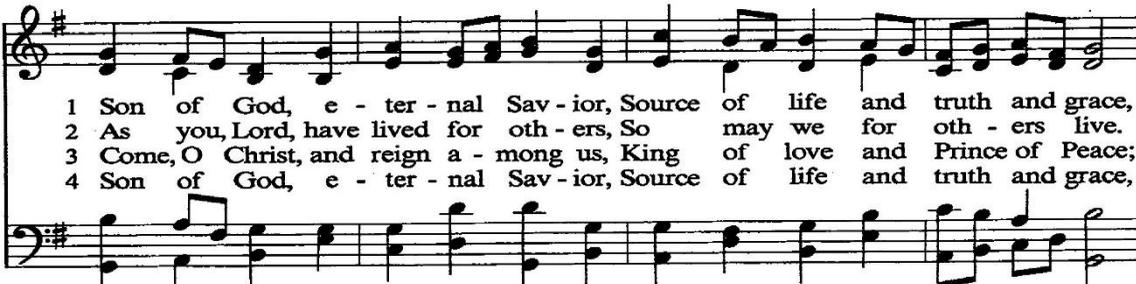
SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

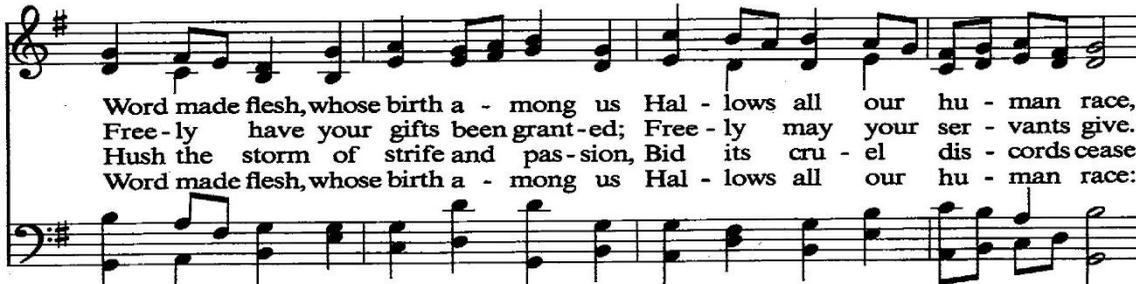
The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

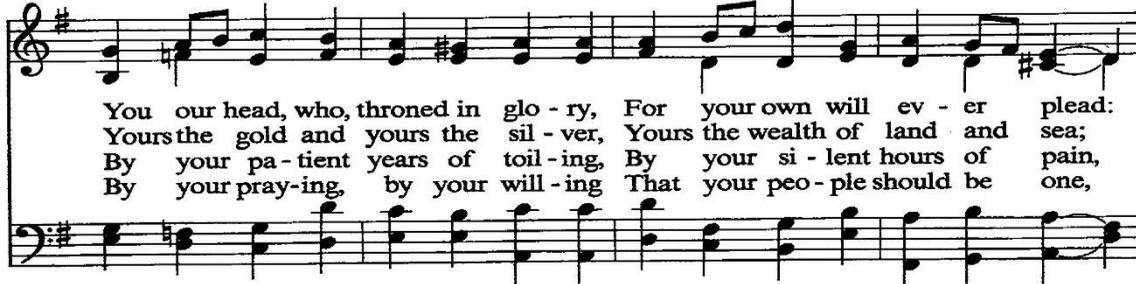
Son of God, Eternal Savior



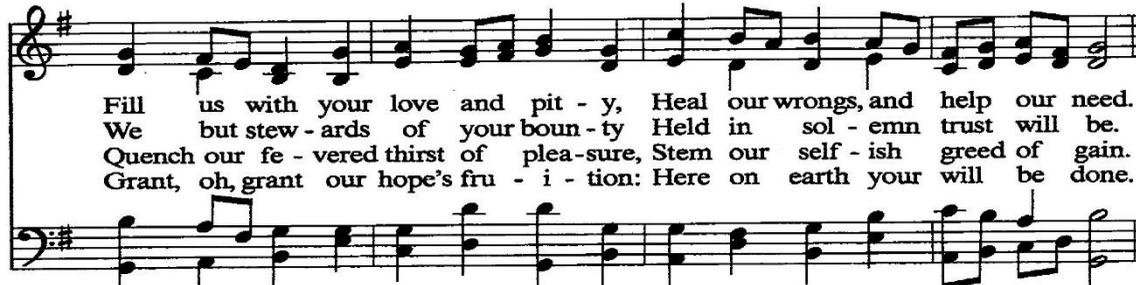
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; Free - ly may your ser - vants give.
Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race:



You our head, who, throned in glo - ry, For your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, By your si - lent hours of pain,
By your pray - ing, by your will - ing That your peo - ple should be one,



Fill us with your love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
We but stew - ards of your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
Quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth your will be done.

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Tune: Dutch folk tune, 18th cent.

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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



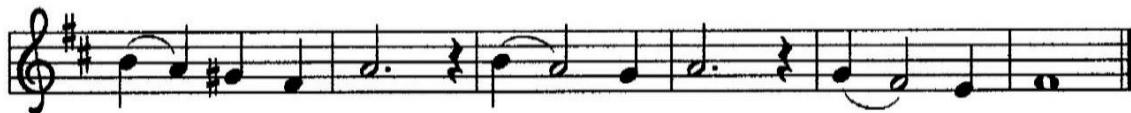
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall
 your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. His
 nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us To
 may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing Give

work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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 Tune: Welsh folk tune

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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 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](#).



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.

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 24th 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.

The 2022 NALC Atlantic Mission Region Convocation and Women's Conference Registration Materials Available

The NALC Atlantic Mission Region Convocation will be held at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edgewater, MD on October 21 - 22. The Atlantic Mission Region's Women's Conference will be held at the same location on October 21. Registration materials can be found on the table in the back of the church. The registration deadline is October 7th.



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

LOVE INC OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in meeting the needs of neighbors in your community? Consider joining the Love INC team as a volunteer. (No pressure is put on volunteers for any request.) Many people with needs are referred to us by social service agencies, the medical community, schools and pastors. We need volunteers to provide transportation to appointments, household help, meals, minor repairs, friendly visitation and so much more. Other volunteer opportunities include doing intake calls in our community call center or working as a budget coach or mentor in our Homes of Hope program. For more information, contact Judi Reeder 717 341 7821.

Communications Committee Meeting

The Communications Committee has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 22nd at 3:00 PM at Sandy Tippett's home. We invite anyone who is interested to join us. We will also have a GoToMeeting session set up for anyone who cannot attend at the location. Please see Kandi Null if you would like to know more about what the committee does, and if you need a link to the GoToMeeting.



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

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

pens

box crayons

colored pencils

markers

pencil sharpener

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/

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Funeral Luncheons	Rose Bennett	717-468-8106
Lectors	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Luther Lager League	Pastor Mark	717-947-4284
Prayer Requests	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Purils Shawl Ministry	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Sound	Chaz Stroup	717-684-2760
Ushers	Rose Keller	717-333-1448

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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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