

'Give me justice
against my
adversary.'
Luke 18:3



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19th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 16, 2022



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES
Reformation Sunday – Oct. 30

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Oct. 16	Oct. 23
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Ivan Wittel	Kim Wittel
Crucifer	Nathaniel Cuff	
Acolyte	Joshua Cuff	
Lector	Ivan Wittel	Kim Wittel
Ushers	Jack McCarthy/Bob Thomas	Bill & Rose Bennett
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Rosemary Keller
Altar Guild	Rosemary Keller	June Kreider
Sound Tech.	Chaz Stroup	John Null
Offering Counters	Fred Lepley/Beth Birchall	Lee Mills/John Null
Livestream	Mark Wisler/Judy & Lee Mills	Ray Kneisley/Kris Brill

Oct. 9, 2022
ATTENDANCE - 55

“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 – *I Love to Tell the Story*

Hankey/Fischer

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

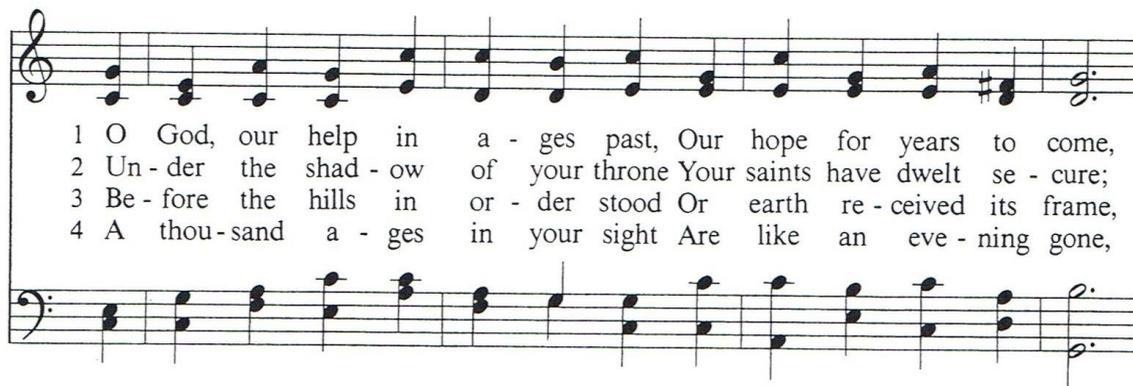
P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,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

[John 20:19-23]

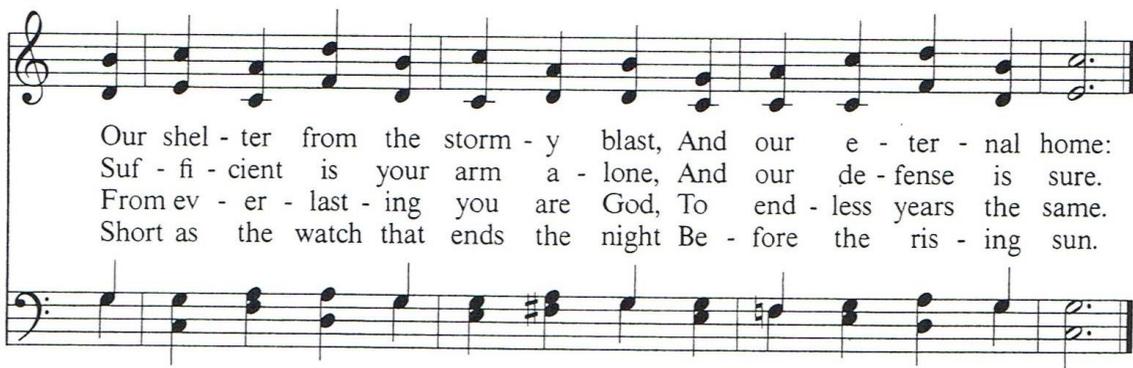
C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O God, 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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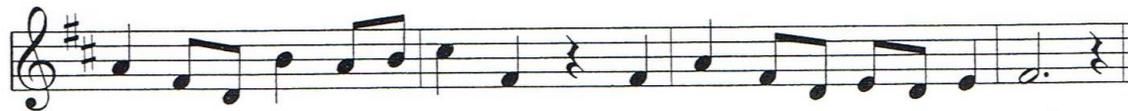
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; 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 32nd chapter of Genesis

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as

he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 2 Timothy

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

Brief silence for reflection.

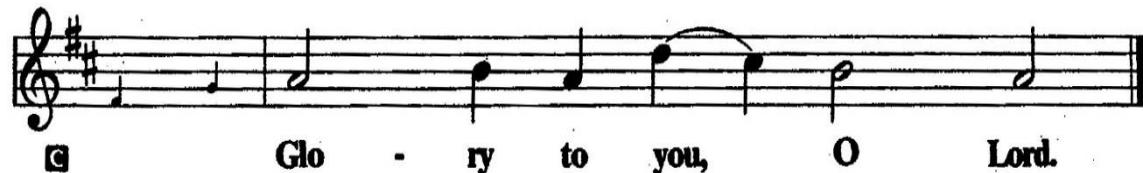
The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.



Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

¹{Jesus} told {his disciples} a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself,

‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; Heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by your hand To our Fa - ther's land.
 Safe - ly past the foe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.
 Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701

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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:

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.

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John 1:29



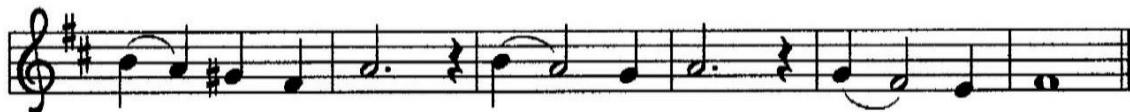
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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]



C 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

O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise you for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
 Oh, teach your wan-d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Cindy Berry

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

- Debbie Binder**
- Clair Crist**
- Donna Hildebeitel**
- Pauline Houck**
- Elizabeth Larsen**
- Sonya LaGamba**
- Earl and Janet Harry**

Additional prayers

- Pastor Luke** – ongoing medical issues
- Denny Raup** – terminal cancer
- Duane Morford** – heart issues
- Sue Blankensheim** – heart issues
- Jean Houck** – stomach issues
- Glenda Kreider** – recovering from hip replacement surgery
- David Singer** – inoperable brain tumor
- Roger Hess** – recovering from a stroke
- David Moyer** – upcoming diagnosis
- Lori Fata** – breast cancer
- Lauren Buzzalino** – lymphoma
- Susie Kramer & sister** – travel to Taiwan
- Silvija Seamon** – travel to Croatia
- Thomas Scherer** - ALS

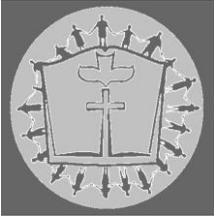
Additional names during today’s worship: To include a person for Prayer not yet on the list above during today’s worship please “*print*” that person’s name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

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

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (conti.)

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 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.

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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for the older youth class will be starting on Sunday, October 23rd after the worship service.

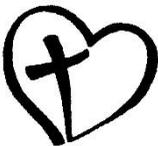
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LOVE INC OPPORTUNITY

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.



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM PRESENTATION

The co-chairs of the Prayer Ministry Team at Reformation Lutheran Church, Culpeper, VA, Marty Schwenger and Jerrie Rosenfeld, will make a presentation at our fellowship time Oct. 30. Some of us heard these two ladies and two other members of their prayer team give a presentation on prayer ministry at our Mission District Convocation last year. We were inspired to hear how the Holy Spirit uses their prayer ministry in the life of their congregation. We have asked them to describe how their prayer ministry was formed and organized, and how it has impacted their congregation.



THANK YOU

The Church Social Ministry Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the school kits for Disaster Response Project. They will be delivered on Friday October 21st to Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edgewater, MD. They are a member of NALC Atlantic Mission Region. GREAT JOB.

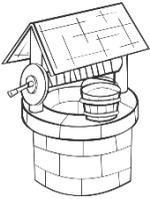
Peace be with you
Social Ministry Committee

LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE



The Luther Lager League will meet on Oct 16 at 6:00 pm at John Null's home at 578 Northlawn Dr, Lancaster. All men are invited for good fellowship, food and beer. Let John or Pr. Mark know if you plan to attend.

Learn about Water Mission and the Water Project in Alendu, Kenya TODAY



Today we will welcome Dorothy Dulo and Roger Godfrey who will speak to us in Fellowship Hall immediately after coffee time. Dorothy founded a school mainly for orphans in her hometown of Alendu, Kenya. She and her husband, Roger, manage this school. Through a partnership with Water Mission, Reformation helped to raise funds for Alendu to have a water system installed which was completed in 2017. Dorothy and Roger will tell their story and the improvements the clean water has made to the school and the community. Information about Water Mission and the water project in Alendu can be found on the back table in the nave.

One of the many benefits for the school is that they can now raise much of the food to feed the students. It is costing them just \$250 a month to purchase meal items they cannot produce themselves. Dorothy and Roger have reached out to their supporters asking to provide \$250 for one month. Social Ministry has chosen October to give this support. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please put your contribution in an envelope labeled "Rafiki Lighthouse Academy." Make checks payable to Reformation Lutheran Church.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will be remembering any church members who have been called home to be with the Lord in the last year on All Saints' Day, Nov. 6th. 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' Day, Nov. 6th, please let Pastor Mark or Rosemary Keller know.



Reformation Church Council Meeting Highlights, October 8th, 2022

1. The congregational meeting is scheduled for November 13, after worship service. As of now, items to be on the agenda include approval of a budget for 2023, and approval of amendments to the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions. Specifics on those items will be sent out to all members prior to the congregational meeting.
2. Celebration of Baptism of Kennedi Schaum, and celebration of first communion for Jonathan, Alexandra, and Katarina Bacon will be on November 20th.
3. On Saturday, November 12th at 9 AM, at the church, there will be a meeting of all committee chair persons in order to coordinate activities for 2023.
4. Council has approved changes to the Endowment Policy, enacted by council in November 2019, to now have oversight of endowment funds by the Finance committee. Funds will continue to be managed by Hahn Financial Group.
5. A message was received from Silvija Seamon, thanking the congregation for the monetary gift to assist her in traveling to Croatia to spend time with her family. This gift came from the congregation's Helping Hands Fund.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

Altar guild	June Kreider	717-285-3241
Announcements	Rose Keller	717-333-1448
Assistant ministers	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Coffee Time	Joan Hollinger	717-684-8584
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
Purl's Shawl Ministry	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Sound	Chaz Stroup	717-684-2760
Ushers	Rose Keller	717-333-1448

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND LIAISONS

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Communications	Betty Scheich	717-464-6759
Mission Team	Melissa Cuff	610-457-6412
Fellowship	Ken Hollinger	717-951-0323
Finance/Stewardship	Fred Lepley	717-629-6371
Property	Jack McCarthy	717-471-5855
Social Ministry	Terry Miller	717-898-0001
Worship & Music	Kim Wittel	717-468-7917

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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