

'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40

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# Christ the King

Nov. 26, 2023



## UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Dec. 3 – Advent 1

Dec. 10 – Advent 2

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

	Nov. 26	Dec.3		
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Dcn. Arica Demme	Mark Wisler		
Lector	Isaac Demme	Mark Wisler		
Ushers	Jack McCarthy/ Bob Thomas	Bill & Rose Bennett		
Musician	Joanne Thomas			
Altar Guild	June Kreider	June Kreider		
Sound Tech.	John Null	Terry Miller		
Offering Counters	Fred Lepley/Beth Birchall	Lee Mills/John Null		
Livestream	Ray Kneisley/Kris Brill	Mason Tippett/ Sandy Tippett		
Communion Prayers	Kim & Ivan Wittel	Terry & Kathy Miller		
Nursery/Class ages 4-5	Kandi Null/ Marianne Burkholder	Diana Hebda/ Susie Kramer		

# Nov. 19, 2023 ATTENDANCE - 68

#### ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

#### "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

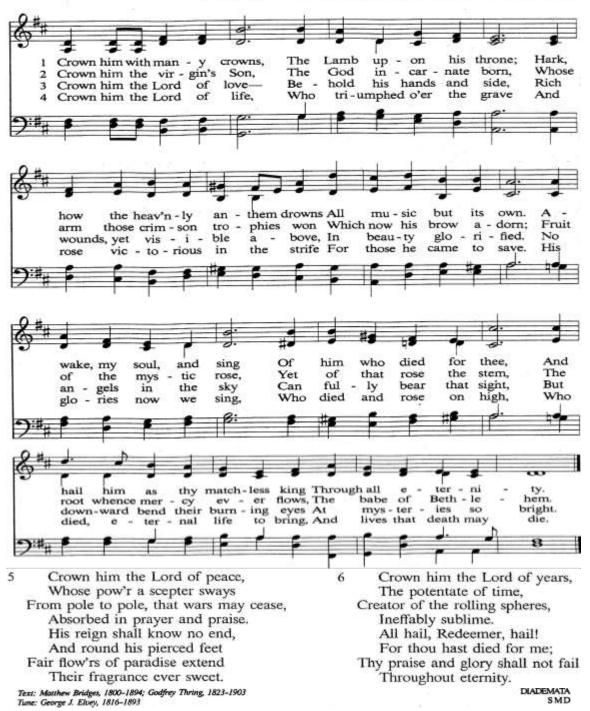
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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**

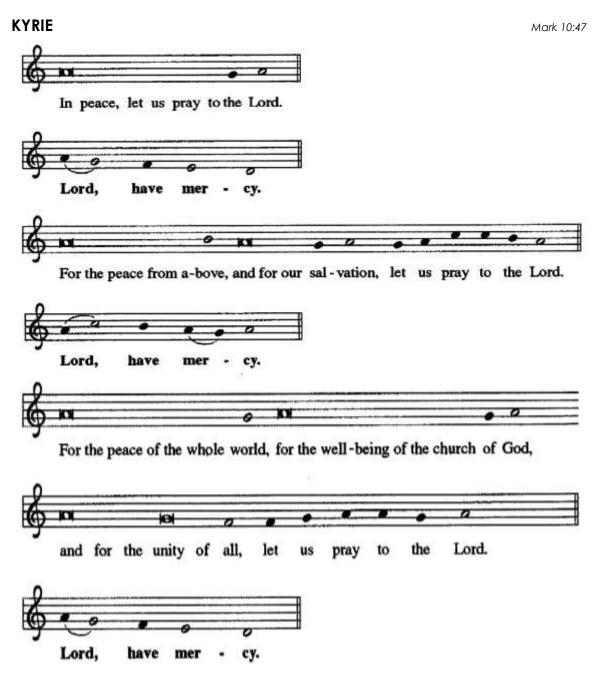
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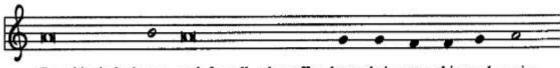


#### GREETING

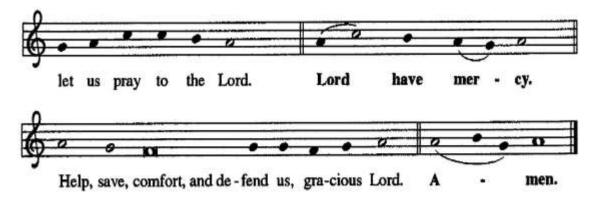
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,







#### SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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 First Reading is from the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel

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<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the LORD God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the LORD God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

# Psalm 95:1-7a

<sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
<sup>7a</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians

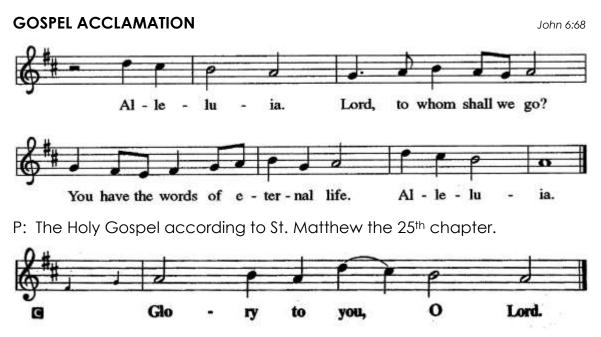
# Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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: Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>{Jesus said to the disciples,} "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Tune: Silesian folk tune, 1842 SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 557558 NICENE CREED

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:

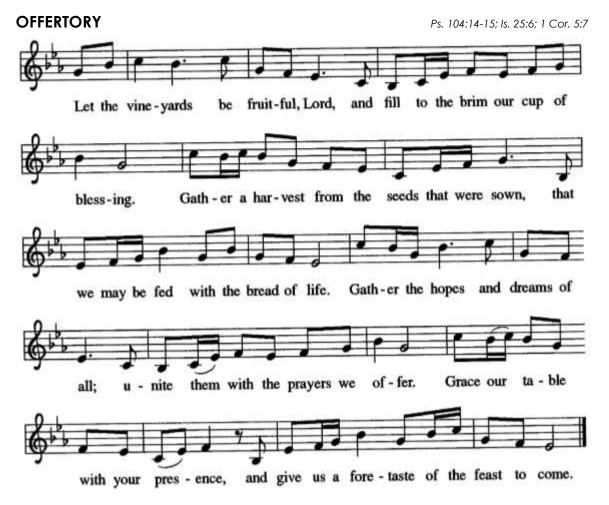
P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

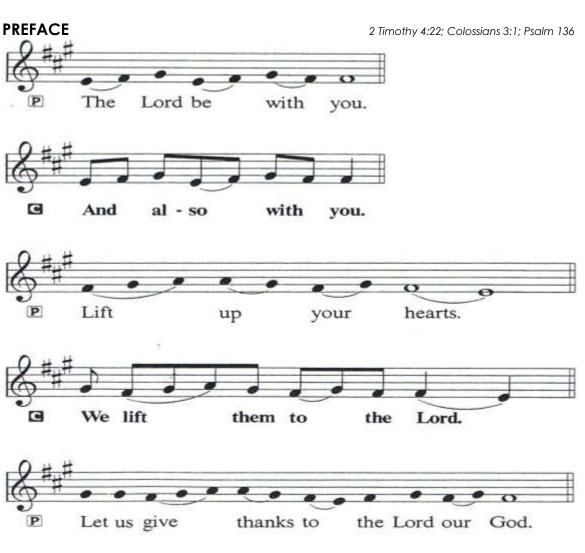
The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

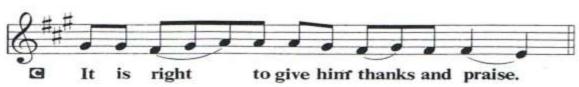
# PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



# OFFERTORY 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.





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

#### SANCTUS



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

- 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.

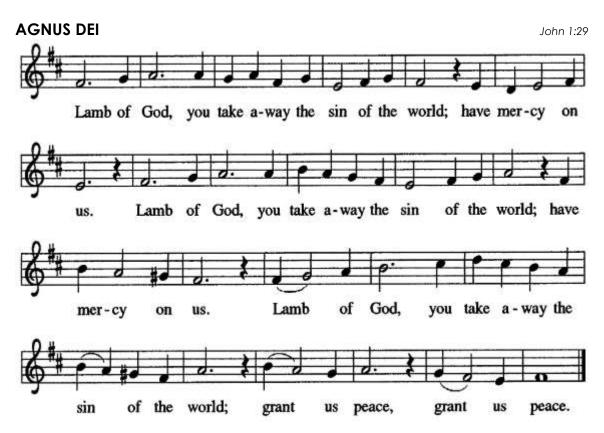
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# LORD'S PRAYER

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.



# INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

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.

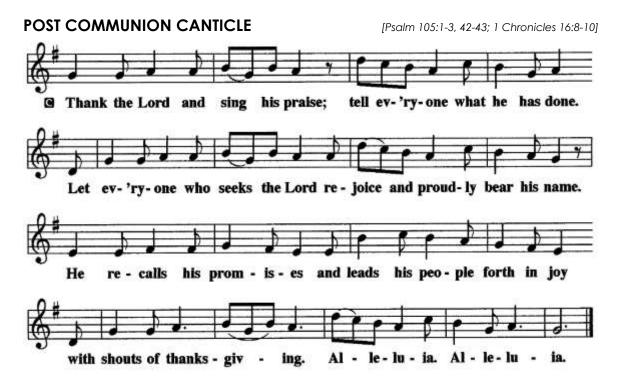
HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

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 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





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## DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

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#### **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

<u>Homebound</u>		
Debbie Binder		
Donna Hiltebeitel		
Elizabeth Larsen		
Sonya LaGamba		
Earl and Janet Harry		

#### Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS Pr. Ted Hummel – bone marrow cancer Brittany Merrill - chemo, radiation & surgery Donald Moyer - chemo **Shirley Kneisley** – suitable care facility Meghan Mills – colitis remission Chuck Landis - cancer Courtney Tito – kidney transplant Lauren Didyoung – brain cancer Jo Zimmerman – dementia **Dorothy Mills** – bleeding esophageal varices Patricia Stroup – pulmonary disease Anthony Riggi – custody of daughter Jeanne Zeller – pancreatic cancer Pr. Amy Schifrin – bone infection BJ Wolfgang - broken arm Anne Gleason – rehab for broken leg Pat McDermott - securing a diagnosis Josephine Benny – finding a care facility Candy Whitney – recovering from shingles Rose Keller - chemo Christine Caporaletti - recovering from back surgery Family of Pr. Bennett Harris – mourning his death Family of Clair Crist – mourning his death Family of Deb Kneisley – mourning her death Bill Seigford – recovering from a fall

**To request a prayer** during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

# **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (conti.)**

Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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Prayer Requests	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Purls Shawl Ministry	Judy Mills	717-468-7571
Sound	Chaz Stroup	717-684-2760
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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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