

## Sunday, October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to*

*do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

**WELCOME!** We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

**Worshipping.** Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

**Communion.** *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

**Coffee Hour.** We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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+ GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

P Gracious God,      C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.      C **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *NOW WE THANK ALL OUR GOD* (ELW 840)



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.


Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## 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.**

# KYRIE


*Refrain*




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



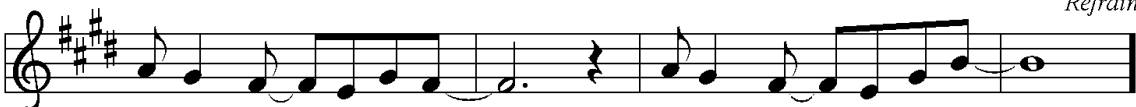
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

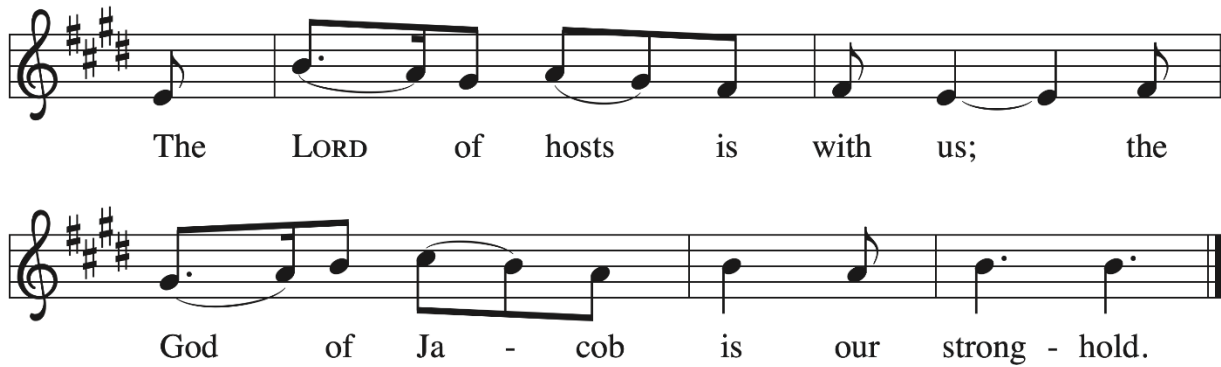
**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

...The word of the Lord.           **C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 46**



<sup>1</sup> God is our ref-<sup>l</sup>uge and strength, a very present<sup>l</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>l</sup> earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>l</sup> of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters<sup>l</sup> rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble<sup>l</sup> with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>l</sup>y of God, the holy habitation of<sup>l</sup> the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>l</sup> not be shaken; God shall help it at the<sup>l</sup> break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the<sup>l</sup> kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth<sup>l</sup> melts away. R**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of<sup>l</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob<sup>l</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works<sup>l</sup> of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-<sup>l</sup> on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in<sup>l</sup> all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>l</sup> shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that<sup>l</sup> I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>l</sup> in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of<sup>l</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob<sup>l</sup> is our stronghold. **R**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36**

**P** The holy gospel according to John. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

...The gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *GOD IS HERE!* (ELW 526)**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991  
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## NICENE CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity,

oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

### **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

### **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

+ MEAL +

**OFFERING SONG: *LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL***

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

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

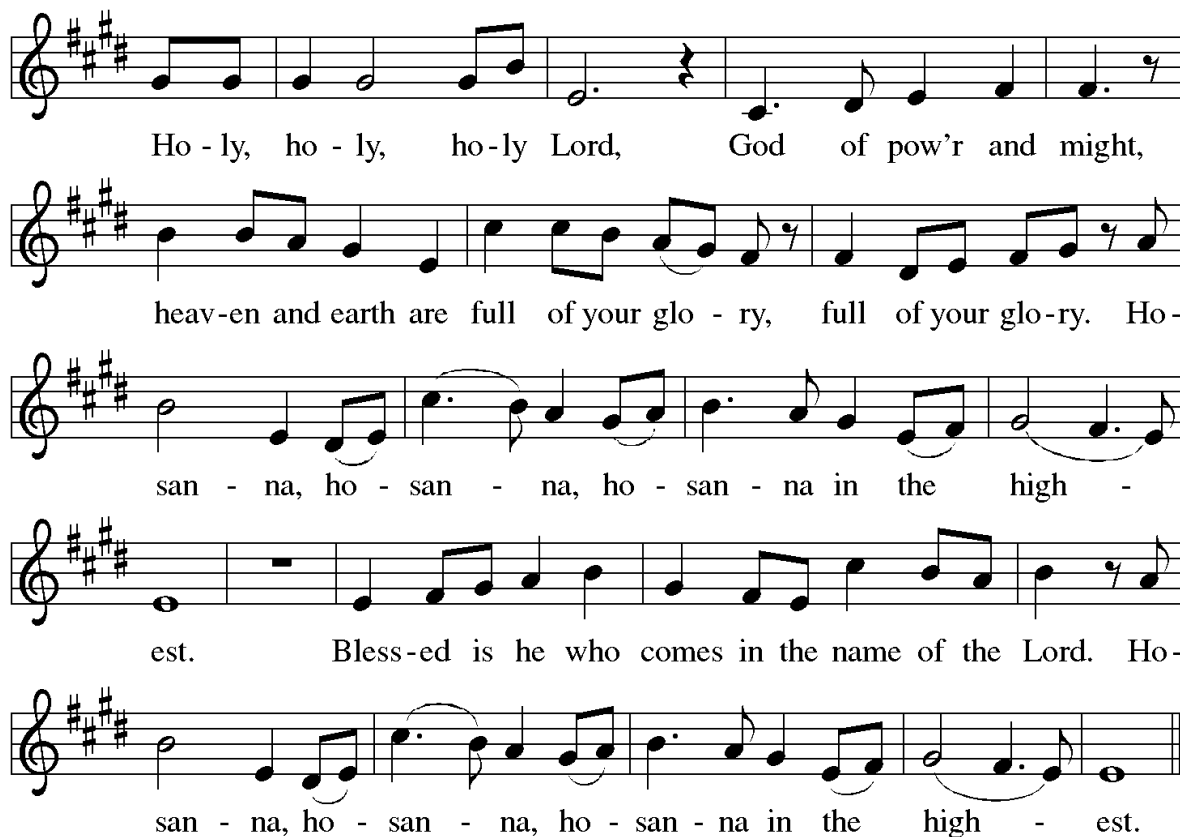
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world. **C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C Thanks be to God.**

# LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION: *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION* (ELW 654)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

## **CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION AND BLESSING**

P Before we leave today, we ask for God's blessing on our Council, especially on our new members.

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership on our Congregation Council: *Doris Shurman, Allison Barone and Bob Maurer*. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism they were welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in God's mission; we rejoice now that our sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and mission.

A A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

P You have been called and elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this community of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us together with the whole church.

You are to reach out to all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that Christ's mission is carried out to this community and the whole world.

You are to be faithful to God's Spirit that burns in your hearts.

You are to be examples of God's love, fostering peace, unity, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

If so, respond: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*Council members respond, then the assembly is invited to stand.*

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these Council members in their service? Will you answer their requests when they are looking for volunteers, will you give generously of your own time, and will you support them through prayer, as we share in the mutual ministry Christ has given us?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

**P** I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. May God bless you and direct your days, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **C Amen!**

+ SENDING +

### **BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: TO BE YOUR PRESENCE (ELW 546)**



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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### **DISMISSAL**

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

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters**

**Sunday, October 26, 2025**

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

**Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

**Reformation Day**

**Friday, October 31, 2025**

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

**All Saints Day**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

## Announcements for the week of October 26, 2025

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*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for October is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosemary & Joseph Abbattista by Marian Sacco & Jaclyn Shurman*

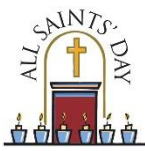
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*Altar Flowers for today are given to the glory of God and*

♥ *in loving memory of Millie Bezko by Jeanne Bezko*

♥ *in loving memory of Ed Dressler by Loretta Dressler*


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**Next Sunday is All Saints' Day.** On this day, the church commemorates the lives of extraordinary people now entrusted to God's heavenly care. This year, we will continue our tradition of honoring our own departed loved ones. You may write in our Book of Remembrance any names you wish to include in our prayers during the November 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service.

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 **Halloween Festivities:** Join us this afternoon at 2:30 in the Pastors' Lounge where we'll watch Hocus Pocus. We'll also have games, prizes and snacks. Don't forget to wear your costume!




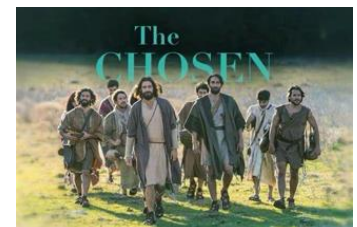
### St. Stephen's Family Advent Wreath Making & Pot Luck Supper


SUNDAY November 30th, 2025  
5:30pm PASTORS LOUNGE





**The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.**


 **Fellowship Discussion:** "The Chosen" takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. "The Chosen" brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we'll watch an episode followed by a deep-dive discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **We will meet every other Wednesday in the Pastor's Lounge at 2:00. Our next meeting is Wednesday - November 5<sup>th</sup> - Join us!**




 **Bible Study:** Beginning with Advent, 2025, we will be reading Matthew's Gospel. This Gospel, written to a mostly Jewish audience, takes great care to show how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. Please join us for six weeks of study on this important text. All are welcome! Please note: there will be NO Bible study on Monday, November 3. The study concludes on Monday, December 1. **Time: 7:00 PM** | Every week on Mon, until Dec 1, 2025, 6 occurrences. Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572873310?pwd=QWhu3azsyJ1gNpWIga2JeOLDGiUwdk.1>  
Meeting ID: 895 7287 3310 | Passcode: 224913

 **Do you love to sing?** Come add your voice to our church choir! No experience is necessary - just a willing heart & a love for music. Choir is a wonderful way to share your gifts & be part of something that uplifts the whole congregation. All are welcome - join us & help fill our sanctuary with song!

 **Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** The November/December sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please consider hosting by providing treats for a given Sunday.

 **Altar Guild Needs You:** Our numbers are few, & the Guild would welcome your help. We're a small team that prepares the sanctuary for Sunday Communion, festive services, & Services of Word & Light. Don't be overwhelmed—seasonal changes & tasks are handled in pairs, as a group, or with help from the Property Committee. It's a meaningful act of service to the Lord. If you're interested or have questions, speak with Lauren, Bill, Beth, or Jane.

 **Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle:** A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial or in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored or memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516-931-0710.



***Parish Calendar This Week (October 26<sup>th</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>)***

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reformation Sunday	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
	Halloween Festivities	2:30 pm - Pastor's Lounge
	Satsang With A Smile	2:00 pm - Social Hall
Tuesday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	CMA	All Day
Sunday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Saints Sunday	Holy Communion 9:00 am

**Serving at Worship Today**

<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....Beth Feeney	<b>Usher</b> .....Kevin Barcavage
<b>Lector</b> .....Mark Hammaren	<b>Greeter</b> .....Isle Zeeck
<b>Acolyte</b> .....Gavin Barone	<b>Audio/Visual</b> .....Tyler LaVorgna
<b>Music Director</b> .....Mason Griffin	<b>Altar Guild</b> .....Lauren & Bill Artus

**Parish Prayer List**

*If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.*

**Pray For Our Congregation**

- Laureen Aiello
- Bill Artus
- Dottie Eberhardt
- Richard Engert
- Judi Meinhardt
- Rick Mosebach
- Ilona Riggers
- Lenny Schiliro
- Joe Shurman
- June Waller
- Ilse Zeeck
- Alana & Derek Mueller on the loss of their parents

**Pray For Our Families**

- Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)
- Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)
- Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
- James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
- Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
- Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)
- Laura Panero (mother of Laureen Aiello)
- Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
- Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)
- Neil Tingwall (husband of Tanya Maurer, son in law of Robert & Nan Maurer)

## **Pray For Our Friends**

The congregation of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church (Babylon) on the sudden passing of

Rev. Joanne Bond, their pastor

Sadie & Jennifer Amiruddin (friends of Maureen O'Brien)

Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Angela Capo (friend of Laureen Aiello)

Sue Eletti (friend of Christel LaVorgna)

Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)

John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)

Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)

Diane Litterer (friend of Joan Hagner)

Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)

Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)

Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)

Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)

Mark Trommsdorff (friend of Dave & Laura Staton)