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REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026 ✕ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
THE REV. KATY MORAN**



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- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Martin Luther; Arr. Roger C. Wilson

O Lord God, Your Holy Word - J. S. Bach

Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Great Commandments

Pauline Palmer Meek; Arr. H. Myron Braun

Children & Family Choir

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Brief silence

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

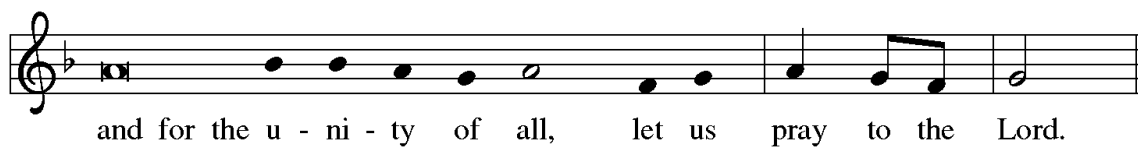
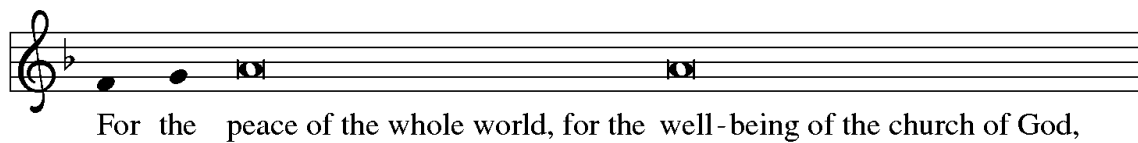
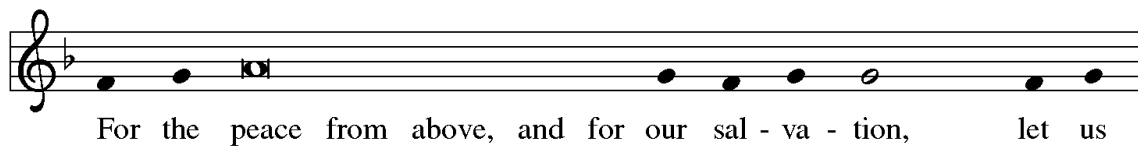
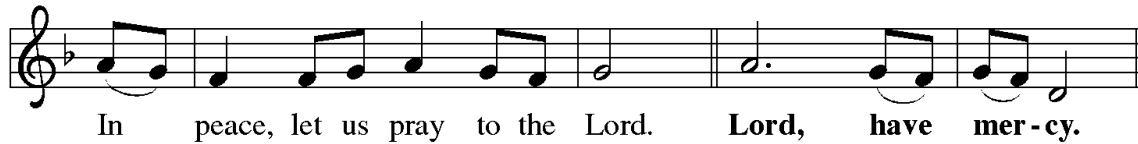
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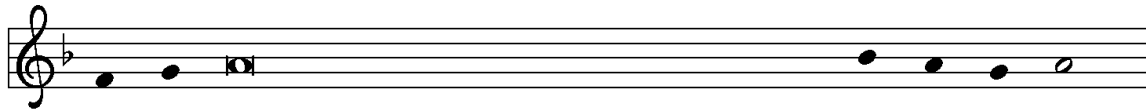
* GREETING

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

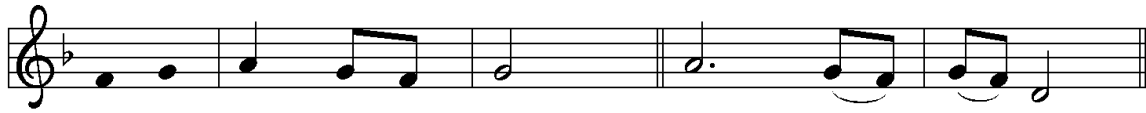
C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE





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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



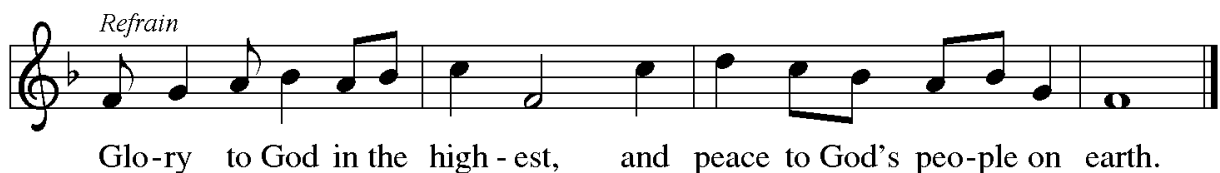
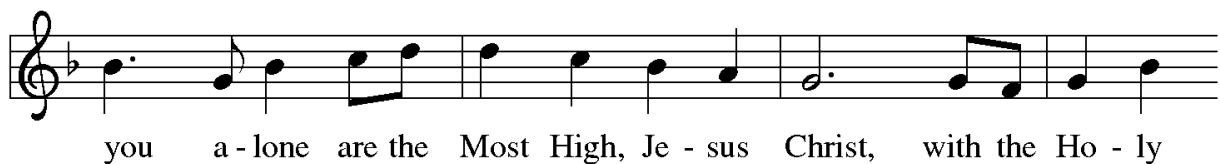
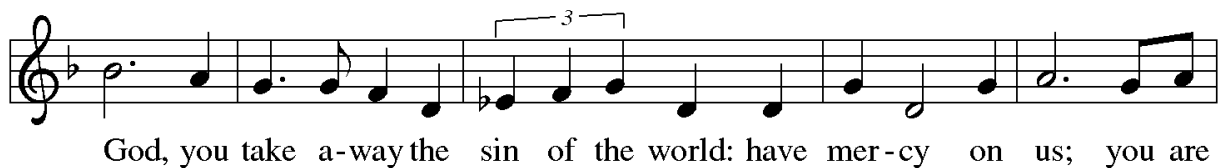
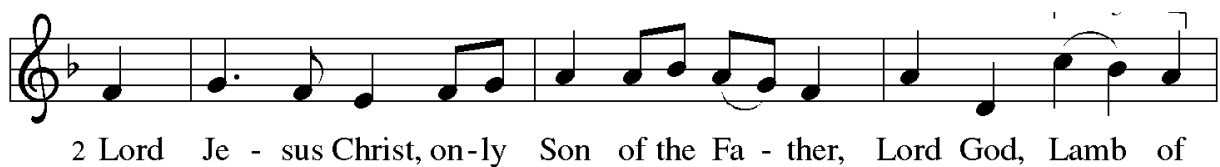
1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ 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.

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

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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.

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

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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’?”

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Built on a Rock - ELW # 652

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 PEOPLE**

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

P As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Our Whole Salvation Doth Depend On God's Free Grace - J. C. Bach
Joanne Vasey, organ

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*OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 181

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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

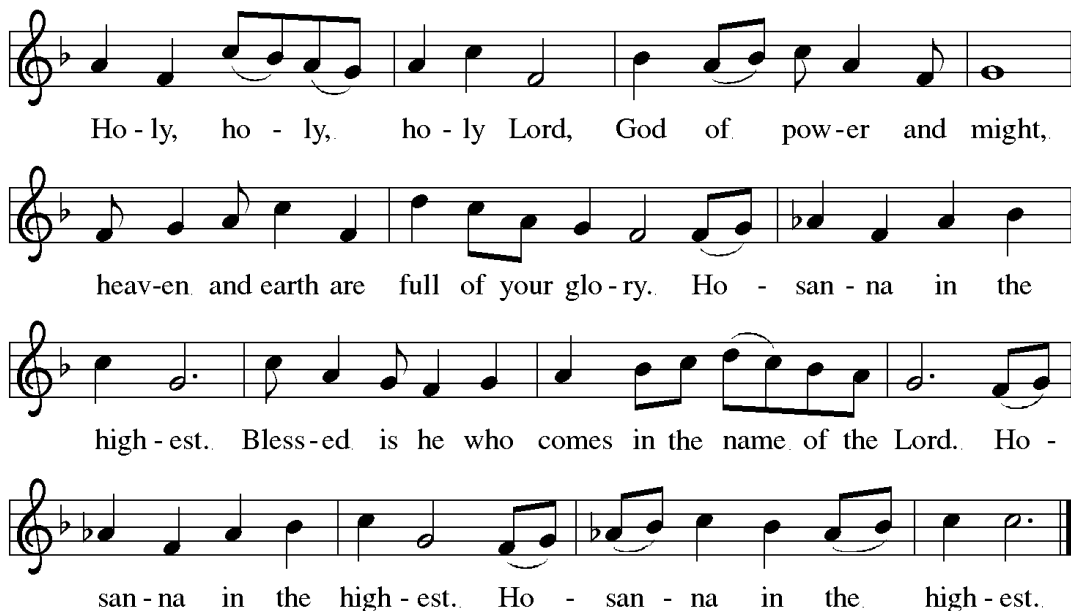
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

* SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

- P When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.
- P You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.
- 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.
- P 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.
- P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
C **Amen.**
- P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
C **Amen!**
- P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
C **Amen.**

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION MEDITATION

Ayre on “Ein feste Burg” - Michael D. Costello
Joanne Vasey, organ

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word - ELW # 517

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

* SENDING OF COMMUNION

P Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - ELW # 504
with Pop-Up Orchestra

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Chorale and Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress"
Arr. James Denton
Joanne Vasey, organ

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THE ALTAR & CROSS FLOWERS were given to the glory of God by Bill & Julie Borys in loving memory of our parents, David & Lucille Voneida.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS TODAY: This morning, we joyfully welcome those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We are excited to celebrate this special milestone in their faith journey and give thanks for the love, learning, and support that have gathered them to the Table. We invite our entire church to join in celebrating Laurel, Lennox, Elyse, Nina, Wynn, Levi, Katherine, Ella, and Diana as they take this important step in their life of faith.

THANKS to Children & Family Choir and Pop-Up Orchestra for their contributions to today's worship service.

THANKS to Megan Hauck for conducting the orchestra.

Today's Pop-Up Orchestra (alphabetically): Brandy Aguirre (violin), Diana Aguirre (violin), Laura Faux (piccolo/flute), Maddy Hauck (trombone), Violet Hauck (clarinet), Bob Lamparter (violin), Joey Martin (trombone), Dan White (bassoon), Kailyn White (violin), Laurel White (violin), Lennox White (violin), Addie Williamson (clarinet), Toletha Ann Yoder (clarinet).

EXPENDITURES & CONTRIBUTIONS ANALYSIS

	<u>Month of Sept. 2026</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions Made	\$ 18,336	\$	191,970
Actual Expenses	20,869		<u>236,843</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (2,532)	\$	(44,874)
Actual Expenses	\$ 20,869	\$	236,843
Budgeted Expenses	26,277		<u>250,440</u>
Expenses Over (Under) Budget	<u>\$ (5,408)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>(13,597)</u>

Choir & Ensembles Updates

1) Parish Choir: Will rehearse this week in preparation for singing next Sunday. Rehearsal will either be Mon., Oct. 26 or Wed., Oct. 28. Singers should watch for e-mail updates. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

2) Parish Peal Handbell Choir: Ringers are asked to check e-mail as we try to determine rehearsal times in preparation for ringing on Nov. 15. Contact Joanne Vasey.

3) Pop-Up Choir: Will provide the communion anthem on Nov. 8 - "When Peace Like a River" - ELW # 785. All interested singers welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

4) Children & Family Choir: Thanks for providing the prelude today. Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour in preparation for sharing an anthem in December during the Advent season. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

5) Pop-Up Orchestra: Thanks for accompanying the sending hymn today. Next date to play TBA. Please check weekly bulletins for updates and contact Joanne Vasey for more info.

6) Special Music: Musicians in the congregation are welcome to provide vocal and/or instrumental anthems for worship. Contact Joanne Vasey.

7) Additional Ensembles: Some additional ensembles (Orff and/or African Drumming, etc.) will be organized in the coming months for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If interested, contact Joanne Vasey.

	October 25 Reformation Sunday	November 1 All Saints Day
Worship Asst.	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte
Lector	Mark Elliott	Tom Milbrand
Acolytes	Violet Hauck	Claire Hershberger Violet Hauck
Communion Ushers	Beckie Stahlnecker Colleen Nevil	Mel Wunder Jackie Cvik
Communion Assistant	Tess Trowbridge	Tess Trowbridge
Communion Pourers	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Carole & Bill Bollinger
Usher Team	Tim Varney Laura Adams	Colleen Nevil Cordell Dean
Welcome Desk	Jackie Goff	Janie Keiser
Grocery Cards	Charlene Rineer	Pam Baker
Altar Guild	Beverly Harvey	Jackie Goff
CPIC	Pam Baker	Trace Nevil

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: October 18, 2026: 88

OFFERINGS: OCT. 4 & 11, 2026: \$7955.00

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Oct. 25 / Reformation Sunday

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Kunkel/Finance – Parlor, 10:45am

Faith Lab – United In Christ, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Monday, Oct. 26

Counters – Parlor, 9:15am

Leaf raking, 4:00pm

Fall Bible Study - Rooms 204-206, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Al-Anon -Youth Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Nov. newsletter assembly – Parlor, 9:15am

Council meeting – Lower Church Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Holy Sew 'N' Sews – Lower Church Hall, 9:00am

Theology on Tap - Rusty Rail, 6:00pm

Thursday, Oct. 29

Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 9:30am & 3:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 31

Brunch & Silent Auction Prep – LCH, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 1 / All Saints Day

Worship, 9:30am

Brunch & Silent Auction – Lower Church Hall, 10:30am –12:00pm

Faith Lab – Christ's Lutheran Church, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

October Prayer Requests

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745
or emailing it to christchurch@dejazzd.com



MEMBER CONCERNS:

Patti Faux -cancer treatment	Tracy -concerns
Emmy Gearhart -health	Joanne Vasey -health
Bonnie Hetherington -cancer treatment	Lisa Veloz -health
Dennis Lucas -health	DeeDee Wagner -hospice
John & Dottie Michaels -health	Ruth Ann Wallis -hospice
Gary Rickenbach -health	Diane Warner - health
Janet Shuman -health	Jay Warner -diabetes
Rick Slear -cancer recovery	Roberta Winder -health
Julie Stefan - cancer recovery	Charlotte Winter -health
Marian Thomas & family -loss of Ben Thomas	Toletha Yost -health

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington	Bryan Berry	Joanne Gundrum
Jodi Jarrett	Joyce Beck	Matt Hepner
Marian Thomas	Leola Dornsife	

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya -renal failure	Arns Moser -health
Jared Carvell -ALS	Marc Pompeo -health
Nick Donaldson -cancer	Wade Reese -cancer treatment
D'Taranto Family -recovery & peaceful days	Emily Rowe -chemotherapy for colon cancer
Cristy Emigh -breast cancer treatments	Denise Rupert -hand surgery
Dick Frohardt -health concerns	Mindy Rupert -loss of loved one
Erinn Gramly -loss of grandmother	Scott Smith -cancer
Brooke Gordner -multiple sclerosis	Crystal Wallace -health
Kelsey and Alex Hall - loss of their son	Andrew White -health
Erin May Kellett -cancer	Nikk Wintersteen -cancer
Albert Lee -Parkinsons	
Dave Lohr -cancer	