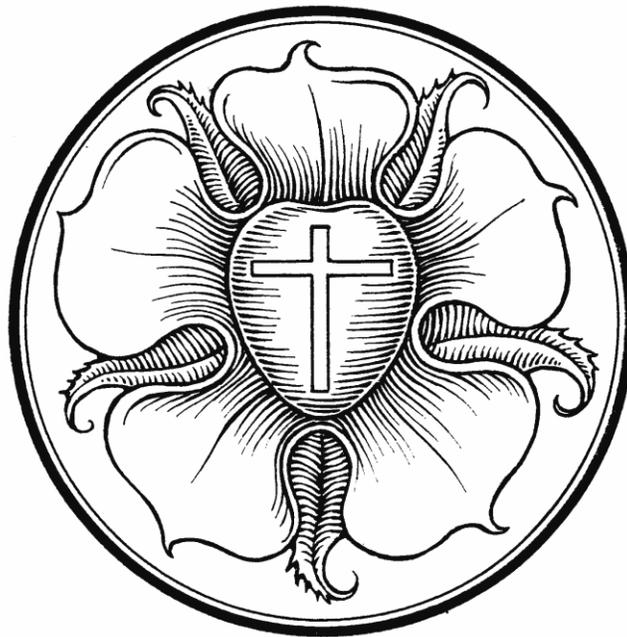




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## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

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Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023



## Divine Service: Setting One with Holy Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 151-166

Pre-Service Music

### October Bible Verse

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28*

### Our Mission Statement

Representing God’s Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of “closed” communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ’s words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

### *Ring of the Church Bell*

OPENING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons

va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,  
 work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They  
 arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION—*from the Lutheran Service Book, page 151*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
 Come, O children, listen to me;  
**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**  
 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
**none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
 I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

KYRIE

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*This Is the Feast*  
*Refrain*

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*  
*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Romans 3:19–28*

<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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and

are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156



**C** 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.

#### HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

LSB 555



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.

Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
 And makes us conscience-stricken;  
 But then the Gospel enters in  
 The sinful soul to quicken.  
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
 The Law no peace can ever give,  
 No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
 And rests in Him unceasing;  
 And by its fruits true faith is known,  
 With love and hope increasing.  
 For faith alone can justify;

Works serve our neighbor and supply  
 The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
 The God who saved us by His grace;  
 All glory to His merit.  
 O triune God in heav'n above,  
 You have revealed Your saving love;  
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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SERMON

*Christ Alone – Romans 3:19–28*

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



**C** 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.



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
 Δ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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*All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

LSB 562

1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our  
 sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our  
 curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell  
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
 So by one Man, who took our place,  
 We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
 New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
 This grace our ev'ry way attend  
 Until we reach our journey's end.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thank the Lord*

LSB 164

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek 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 COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**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** A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

*Built on the Rock*

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives -  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.  
 But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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**POSTLUDE**

*Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.*



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**Congregation:** for Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, James Schoenemann, Floris Whittaker, Lathel Norris, and others who are unable to come to church

**Community:** for all those who still need rain, that the Lord would bless our lands so that they may produce in abundance; for Brenham Pregnancy

Center and those whose lives they touch; for the 40 Days of Life campaign which began on Sept. 27, that it may be successful and people will turn away from a culture of death toward a culture of life in Christ Jesus; Faith Mission; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (vacancy); families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

**World:** for all those trapped in false belief, that the truth of the Bible made accessible by the Reformation would open their hearts in faith to know Christ as their Savior; for Israel, as they face war and the terrorist attacks, bring a quick end to the violence and peace to the region; for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make godly decisions for their people and countries; for peace in Ukraine

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week's Schedule October 29 – November 5

Today:



Reformation  
Sunday

#### *Reformation Sunday*

**9:00 AM** Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class  
**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Connor Gresham  
Greeter: Karen Gaskamp  
Ushers: Caleb Klussmann Stanley Haferkamp  
Tom Hayden Craig Kankel

**11:30 AM** Reformation Celebration with Soup for the Group

Monday:

**10:00 AM** Sisters in Christ Bible Study  
**10:00 AM** Worship Online



Tuesday:

*Reformation Day*  
**6:30 PM** Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

**4:30 PM** Midweek Confirmation Class

Thursday:

**6:00 PM** Elders' Meeting

Saturday:

**7:30 AM** Men's Club Breakfast

Next Sunday:

#### *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:00 AM** Sunday School, Confirmation, & Adult Bible Class  
**9:00 AM** Youth League Meeting & Bible Study  
**10:15 AM** Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Taylor Nowicki  
Greeter: Amanda Hafer  
Ushers: Ben Holtkamp Clinton Kettler  
Henry Kettler Matt Kettler

**Serving in October: Elder** – Charles Meyer / **Trustee** – Billy Ashorn  
**Serving in November: Elder** – Chris Smitherman / **Trustee** – Delwin Gaskamp

*If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Karen Gaskamp.*

**Men's Club monthly breakfast** is this **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served, with fellowship and Bible study to follow.



**Men of the congregation, this is your opportunity to be involved in your congregation, bond as brothers in Christ, and be fed, both in body and Spirit.** So, mark your calendars and bring your appetites! *Please RSVP with the QR code or go to the Men's Club page on the church website to sign up. We need to know how much food to prepare.*

## **Food Drive!**

The Sunday School and Board of Ed are collecting canned goods *until November 12.*

**Member of the congregation are encouraged to bring items for this cause, too.** Please leave canned goods in the box in the Parish Hall. *Thank you!*



## **Veterans Day Service—November 12, 11:00 am**

On November 12, immediately following the 10:15 worship service, we have planned a service to remember and honor our veterans. We will retire the American Flag and the Christian Flag, and then we will have a dedication for the new flags, which have been donated by Woodman Life Insurance and Amanda and Russell Kohring. After the service, we invite you to join us for a fried chicken meal. Let us thank God for our veterans and show them our appreciation!

## **Preparing for the Veterans Day Service**

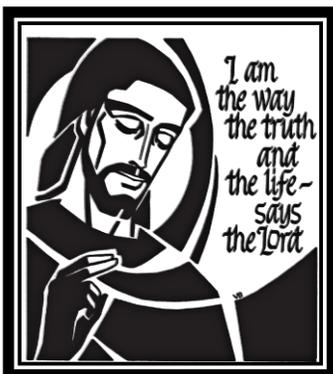
Members of the congregation, we need your help! Please see below for ways you can assist us in making the Veterans Day Service a success:

- Sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to bring a dessert
  - *LWML Members:* Sign up on this sheet to bring a side dish
- Add veterans of William Penn to the Veterans List in the Parish Hall
- Bring photos and other veteran memorabilia to the basket in the Parish Hall, or email them to [office@bethlehemwmpenn.org](mailto:office@bethlehemwmpenn.org)

## **Sunday School Corner**

Parents, next week in Sunday School, the kids will study the lesson, “The Land at Last.” For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. To prepare your kids for this lesson, as a family, discuss how God leads us today. So don’t miss out on this exciting lesson, and parents, you can stay and join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

## **New Adult Sunday School Lesson**



What are the Sacraments? Is Baptism necessary? Does it matter how one is Baptized? What are the different views concerning the Lord’s Supper? Why do we practice Closed Communion? These are just some of the questions we will be answering as we begin our study of Unit 8, The Means of Grace – Gospel in Word and Sacrament, this morning. Next week, we will continue with Unit 8. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m., to learn the answers to these questions and so much more. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God’s Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies. And if you would like a free digital copy of the Life with God book, you can get it here:

<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part1.pdf> (part 1)

<https://storage.snappages.site/HBG39K/assets/files/LifeWithGod-part2.pdf> (part 2)



*Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life*

Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God’s Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1 Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor’s life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other! For more information, visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.



*Online Giving*

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

**Last Week at Bethlehem**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
10-22 Sunday School	19	\$53.00
10-22 Youth Bible Class	2	
10-22 Adult Bible Class	20	
10-22 8:00 am Worship	55	General Fund: \$1,920.00
10-22 10:15am Worship	64	General Fund: \$1,216.00 Local Missions: \$25.00 Lorine Schroeder: \$400.00