

***Reformation Sunday***  
***October 26, 2025***

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!  
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.*

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children  
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and  
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices  
for today's worship are available.  
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST October 26 to November 2**

|                  |            |                                                |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                                  |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | Reformation Day Worship<br>with Holy Communion |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:00 p.m.  | Bells 101 Class                                |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Scouts                                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 p.m.  | Scouts                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | LWR Quilters                                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:15 p.m.  | Rose Ringers                                   |
|                  | 7:15 p.m.  | Choir                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                                  |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | All Saints Worship w/ Holy Communion           |

# Gathering

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able and face the rear entrance of the sanctuary.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.  
**And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.**  
**Amen. Alleluia!**

*Please turn and face the cross in procession.*

## A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Music and Text: Martin Luther 1483-1546

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

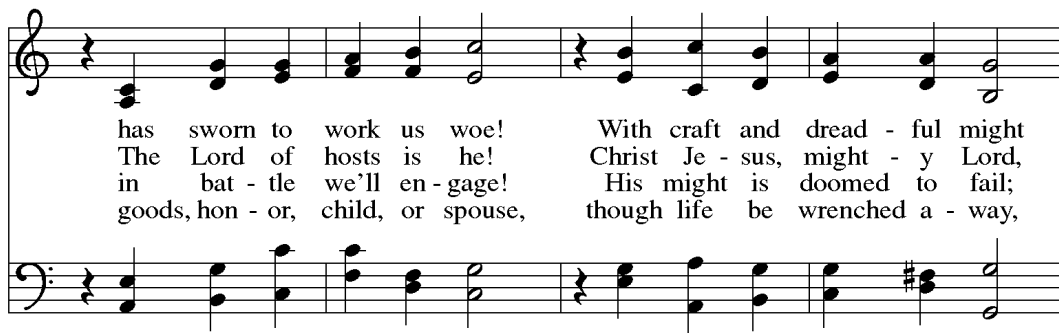
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



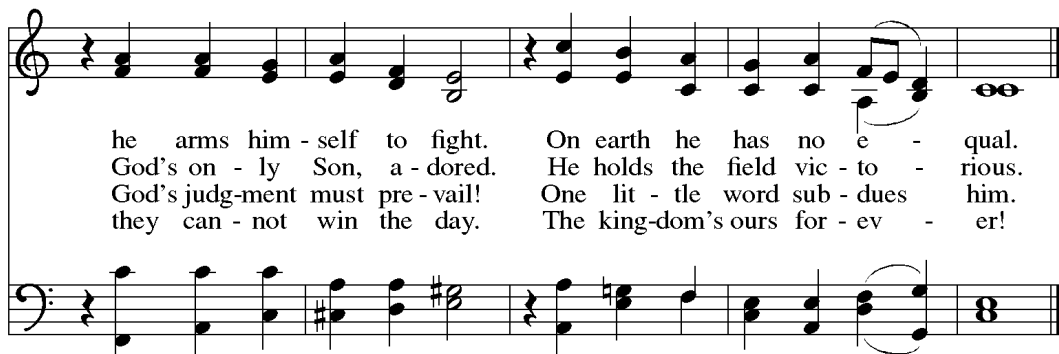
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

## GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



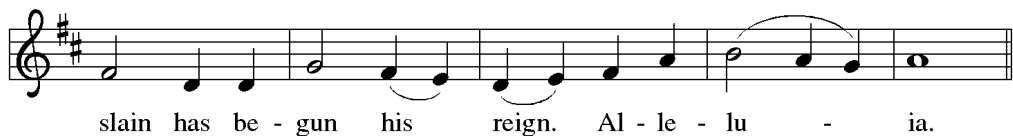
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<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.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SECOND READING

## 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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from 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 faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Significance of Gospel Procession***

*Martin Luther strongly believed that  
the written Word of God should be accessible to all people,  
commoners and religious leaders, alike.*

*Luther was responsible for translating the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures  
(which mostly only religious leaders could read and understand)  
into German, the common language of the people.*

*On this day, we have a Gospel Procession,  
which reminds us that the Word of God  
is in the midst of us, up close and personal,  
holding meaning for our daily lives.*

*Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross.*

## GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

*Arranged by John Ferguson*

*Text by: The Rev. Steve Dorsett*

*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Congregation:*

The Spirit bids us to draw near,  
The Story of God's grace to hear,  
The good news of our Savior.  
He is our hope and strength in life,  
The one who brings us through all strife.  
He grants us faith and fervor. Come, Lord Jesus,  
bless and guide us, Be beside us.  
Let our lives sing, "Alleluia"!

## GOSPEL

**John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

*Congregation:* Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is he, the King of Glory!

*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Written by Martin Luther*

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

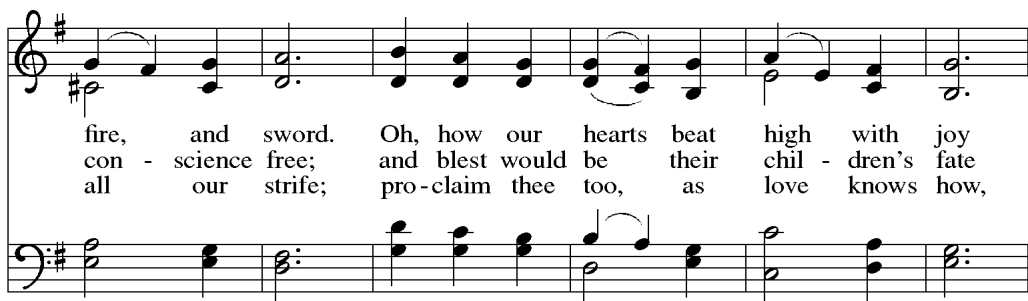
*Please stand as you are able.*

# Faith of Our Fathers

Text: Frederick W. Faber Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy; James G. Walton

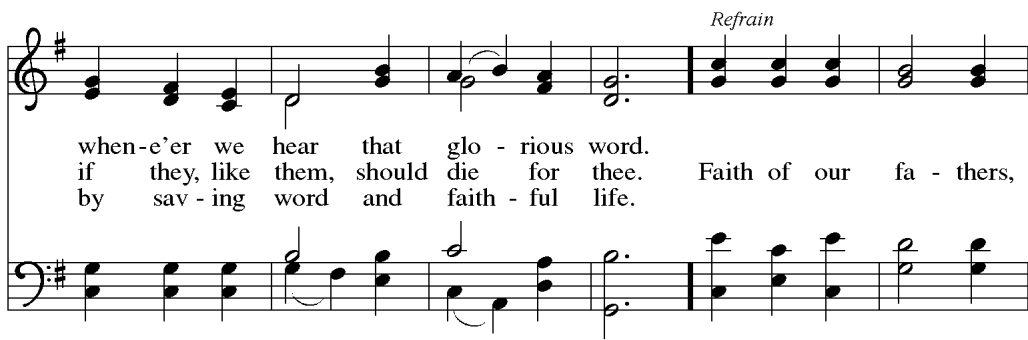


1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyr's, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in God.

**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 INTERCESSION**

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

MEAL

## **GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,  
including the care of those in need. Online giving is  
available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



## **ANTHEM**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



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

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

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 Savior Jesus Christ; who sent forth the apostles  
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,  
promising to be with them to the end of the age.

And so, with Martin Luther and the glorious company of the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

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

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,  
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in our rose garden.

We praise you for centuries of faithful Christians,  
for Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, and Muhlenberg,  
for Bach, Kierkegaard, and Bonhoeffer,  
for all servants of Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,  
who saves us from all sin and evil.

In the night before 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.

And so we remember your Son, Jesus,  
his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection.

We pray, O God, for your Spirit,  
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,  
your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it;  
inspire your people for service;  
continue the reformation of your church.

We praise you, all-holy God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Mighty Fortress, Victorious Champion, Powerful Shield,  
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen!**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

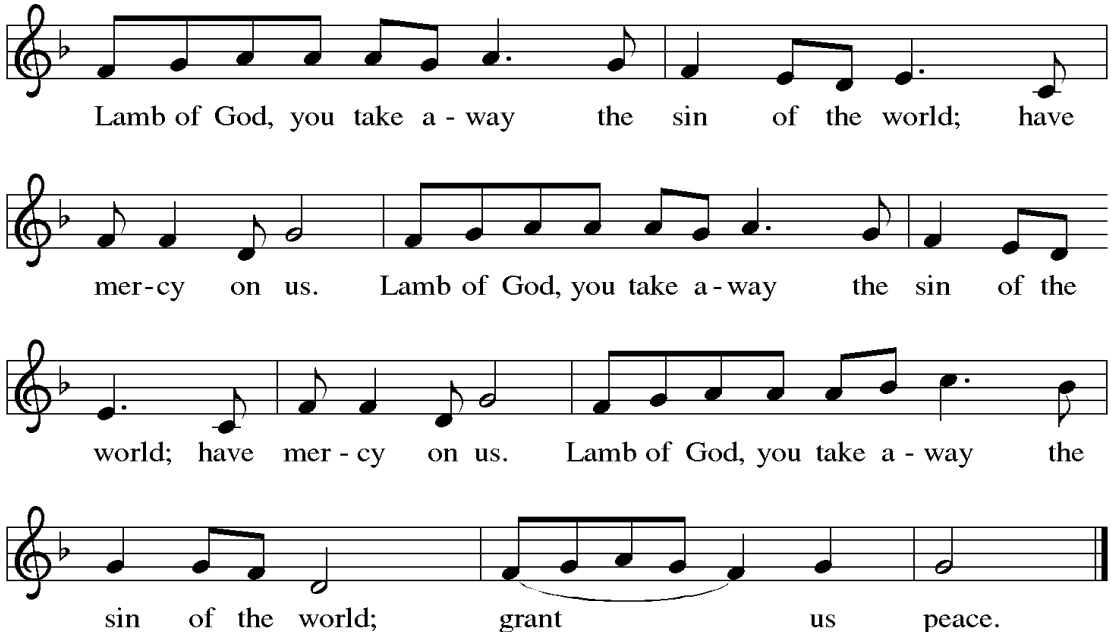
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, the Lord's meal is prepared for you. **Thanks be to God.** *Please be seated*

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ)  
and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle,  
take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-  
communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*



# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827,1878, alt. Music: ERHALTUNS, HERR J. KLUG, 1543

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final line and a concluding phrase. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with block chords and moving lines.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley

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.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers in memory of our parents and in honor of our children and grandchildren by the Shoops.

***Please remember in your prayers ...***

Healing: **Nancy Fricke** (11/08), **Kimberly Long** (11/19)

Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl**, Mark Hammer, **Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul**, Joe Pine

Grieving: Family of Denise Heinbaugh

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

## ATTENDANCE

October 19

60 in person

0 online

Thank you to Pastor Angela Zimmann, from Wilson College, for being with us today and sharing the ever-reforming Word of God with us.

**PASTORAL CARE** Pastor Nicholson is out of the office until Wednesday, October 29. Please call Pastor Denise Horn at 717-496-5372 if emergency pastoral care is needed.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, November 16 following worship. We will be electing council members. Following the meeting we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and conversation regarding the future use of our building. The sign-up sheet for lunch is in Memorial Hall. Please sign up by November 9.

**LITTLE DAISY'S CLOSET** collection box is located in Memorial Hall. All clean items are accepted!

**BIRTHDAY BAGS** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Birthday Bags for Little Daisy's Closet! This is an ongoing project. I try to make up 4 - 6 bags a month. Items are needed: Large Birthday bags, balloons, plates, napkins, candles, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, cake pans. Birthday cards are not currently needed. Thank you for your ongoing support. Thanks, Joyce Ray.



**COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINEES** Do you feel the tug of the Holy Spirit to serve on Church Council at First Lutheran? The election will be in November. If you have an interest or you would like more information about this, please talk with Joyce Ray or Pastor Nicholson.



**HATS SCARVES AND MITTENS HANGING TIME IS HERE AGAIN** the Neighborhood Task Team is planning to hang items that will help our neighbors stay warm in the winter months. These items will be hung on the church fence. What can you do to help with this project? Purchase new or donate gently used hats, scarves and mittens for men, women and children to donate to this project. Share this with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Volunteer to hang items on the fence. Dates are November 2, December 7, and January 17-19. Contact Mary Beth Warne at 717-372-8282.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025** If you have a loved one who has entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2025 whom you would like to have remembered by name on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name, and date of death if available. [felccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:felccoffice@gmail.com)

**DISCOUNT CARDS** SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary is selling discount cards. For \$5 each. Money raised will help The Inn. The card is active now through 9/1/26 and may be used for discounts at various area businesses. Please see Mary Beth Warne to purchase.

**ST SERAPHIM** Volunteer opportunity available for Saturday, November 8 from 9am-1pm at Food Kitchen on Lincoln Way West. Contact Mary Gotwald at 717-264-4759.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** We're looking for anyone willing to help out with running audio or slides for Sunday services. Please reach out to Dan Worcester at [danbirdchirps@gmail.com](mailto:danbirdchirps@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer and learn something new!



### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

|              | <b><u>October 26</u></b>                                             | <b><u>November 2</u></b>                                       | <b><u>November 9</u></b>                                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Lector:      | Dia Schumacher                                                       | Sally Herritt                                                  | Nancy Hamilton<br>Joyce Ray                             |
| Communion    |                                                                      |                                                                |                                                         |
| Assistants:  | Becky Hoover<br>Jane Love<br>Mike Ross                               | Jim Brown<br>Deb Fleegal<br>Karen Sloan                        | Jim Brown<br>Deb Fleegal<br>Karen Sloan                 |
| Greeters:    | Gary Kennedy<br>Marianne Kennedy                                     | Gary Kennedy<br>Marianne Kennedy                               | Peggy Stout<br>Bev Rebok                                |
| Altar Guild: | Deb Fleegal<br>Gary Fleegal                                          | Deb Fleegal<br>Gary Fleegal                                    | Deb Fleegal<br>Gary Fleegal                             |
| Ushers:      | Jim Brown<br>Don Shoop<br>Mary Beth McGraw<br>-Warne<br>Bob Wildeson | Gary Fleegal<br>Gary Kennedy<br>Marianne Kennedy<br>Denny Love | Janet Friend<br>Jean Reed<br>Mary Beth McGraw<br>-Warne |