

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



REFORMATION Sunday

Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025

Silent Prayer

We confess that we tend to see our daily bread solely in terms of our own handiwork. But we are not self-sufficient. We need you. Forgive us. We need these brothers and sisters in Christ around us. Empower us. Let us recognize in worship today the awesomeness of your power. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross. Verses in this text let us see the biblical roots of different portions of the Liturgy, helping us find both texts and inspiration for the different parts of our worship.*

***BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Psalm 96:1*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” **LBW #229**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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
 your 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!

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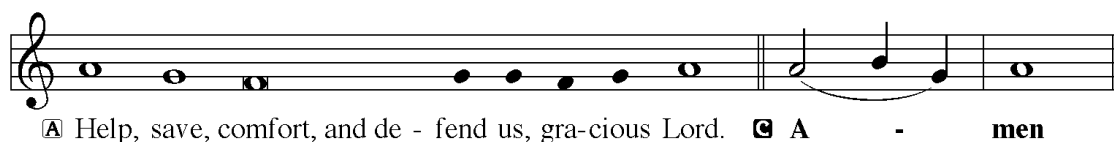
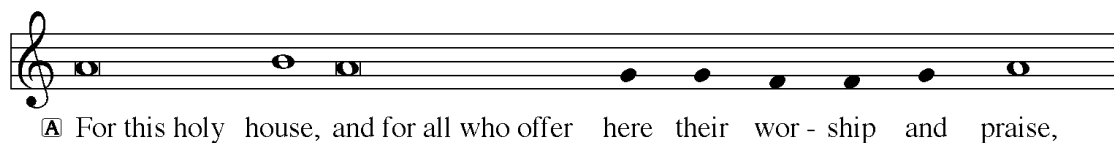
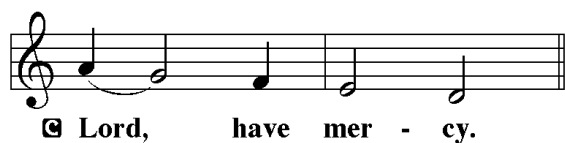
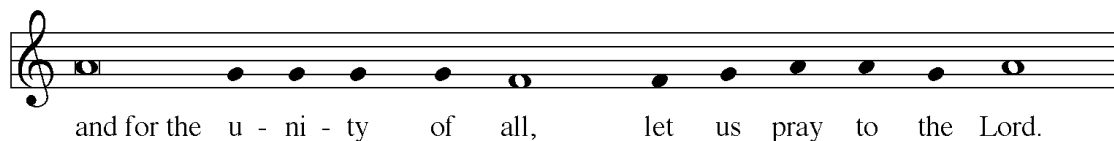
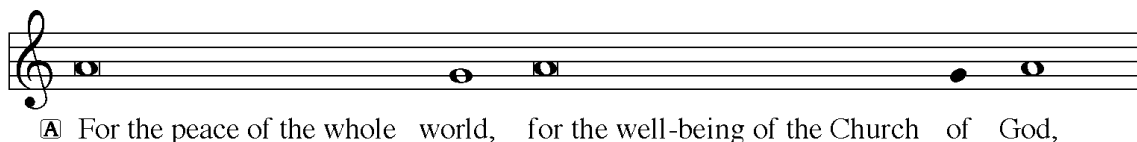
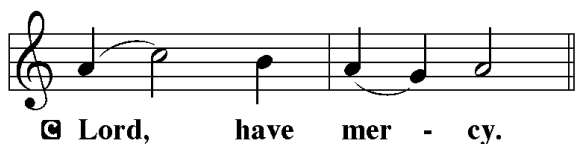
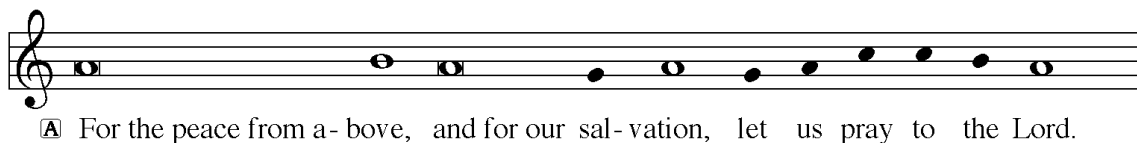
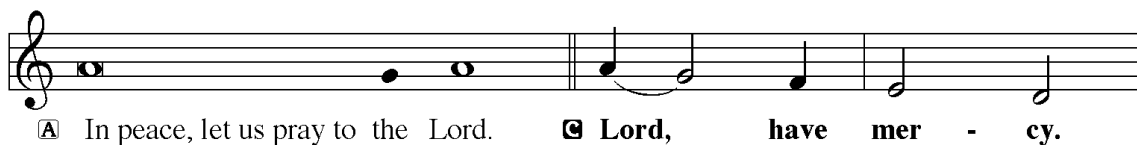
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***GREETING** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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** *Luke 17:13, Matthew 20:30-31*



***HYMN OF PRAISE** *1 Chronicles 16:25*

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

***SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28*

P The Lord be with you. B And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE READINGS *1 Timothy 4:1*

FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7

Lector: A reading from _____.

⁶I 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. ⁷And 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,**

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸**Come, behold the works of the Lord,**

how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,**

I will be exalted in the earth!"

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Luke 4:14; Acts 4:8*

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves have a common melody. The third staff has a different melody with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking. The fourth staff returns to the first melody with an 'a tempo' marking.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. ____

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. ____

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. ____

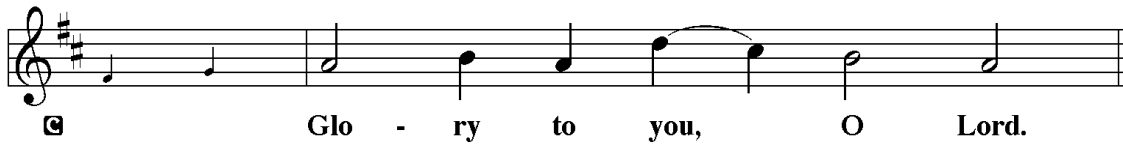
a tempo

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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***GOSPEL John 8:31-36**

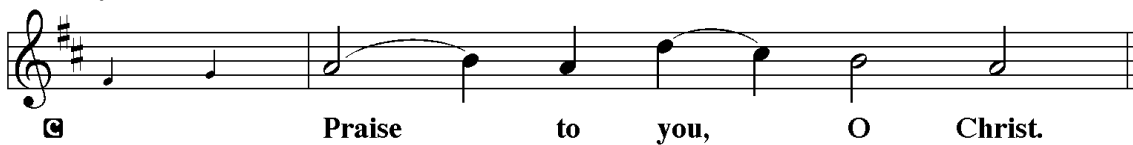
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the ____ chapter.



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

³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON *2 Timothy 4:1-5*

HYMN of the DAY

“I love to Tell the Story” **LBW #390**

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

***APOSTLES' CREED** *1 Timothy 3:16, Genesis 1, 1 Corinthians 15*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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** *Psalms 143:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING *1 Corinthians 16:1-4*

OFFERTORY *1 Corinthians 10:16*

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Wise and Gracious God,

C: Receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be His body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Lamentations 3:41*

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic. The second staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic. The third staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.'

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.

***PREFACE** *Psalms 69:30, Ephesians 5:20*

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

***SANCTUS** *Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic. The second staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic. The third staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.'

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

Heav'n 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

***LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS *Luke 22:19-20*

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ***“Lamb of God”*** *John 1:29*



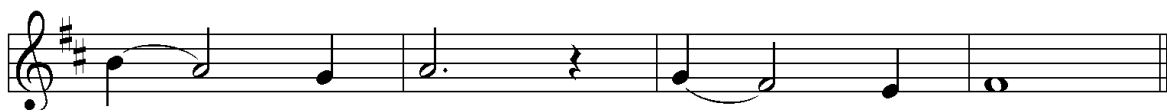
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:

One Bread, One Body **WOV #710**

We Come to the Hungry Feast **WOV #766**

Thy Holy Wings **WOV #741**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *John 6:47-51*

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

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *John 21:15*



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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 PRAYER** *Psalms 107:1, 118:1*

P: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING** *Numbers 6:23-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



☞ A - men

***CLOSING HYMN**

"How Great Thou Art" **LBW #532**

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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***DISMISSAL** *Luke 7:50*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord
 be with you.

C: And also with you.

The sharing of the peace—Matthew 5:23-24, and Romans 16:16—ordinarily occurs before Holy Communion. In our setting we have moved it to the end of the service to help facilitate our Radio Broadcasts.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 26, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

OCTOBER 26, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Reformation Sunday

Leading Worship: Terry Carmichael & Jay Heil **Reader:** Gwen Kneese

Acolytes: Kollin & Korbin Kerlick

Musicians: Beverly Bruns

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

All Saints Sunday

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader:** Susan Carmichael

Acolytes: Kylie Diehl & Aileen Warwas

Musicians: Beverly Bruns

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Helping with Worship during the month of October:

Head Usher: Darren Seifert

Ushers: Calvin Bruns, Clay Caran, John Carriger, Jeremy Kneese

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Carolyn Bargmann & Deborah Niemeier

Helping with Worship during the month of November:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: Jason Bloch, Wryston Fischer, Chris Gohmert, Allen Machost

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Linda Hurta & Luellen Smiley

FLOWERS: The flowers at the Lectern are given to the Glory of God by Christopher and Hilary Gohmert.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Joe Barnes	Joanna Ivy	Jordan Peterson
Caroline Blain	Kate Janis	Nick Picard and family
Wade Bolting	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Jeannine Robinson
Warner Borth	Clinton Kaiser	Bennett Rohan
David Brucker	Mary Kanuch	Pam Roth
Virginia Buesing	Joyce Lamprecht	Joan Smith
James Daggett	Ray Lange	Lori Nelson Stenger
Julie Dupree	Elaine Malina	Alma Suggs
Kathryn Gloor	Bea McNabb	Judy Taylor
Tiffany Godby	Shawn McNabb	Chandler Vaclavik
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura	Baby Mae Weischwill
Sue Hamill	Max Miller	Mark Weischwill
Rosa Horton	Lanie Milliff	Levi Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	Larry & Carole Mueller	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Bridget Innocenti	David Norrell	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (26th) Reformation Sunday
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am **Potluck Lunch**
Youth Work Day in Sanctuary

Tuesday (28th) 6:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday (29th) 9:15 am TLG Chapel
5:30 pm Guitar Lessons
6:00 pm FFF

Friday (31st) 6-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat in the Park

Saturday (1st) 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Bethlehem Wood Carvings – Fellowship Hall

Sunday (2nd) All Saints Sunday
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Bethlehem Wood Carvings – Fellowship Hall
Acolyte Training for 3rd Graders and up after Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am **Confirmation Class**
2:00 pm **Youth Parent Meeting in the Chapel**

TODAY WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE of witnessing the living out of the commitment made to children at their baptism. Corbin Bloch, Fredrick Dueser, Olivia Hale, Evelyn Naranjo & Bennett Rohan are receiving their own Bible today. When a child is baptized in the Lutheran faith, the parents and sponsors make many commitments. One of those commitments is to "... put into their child's hand the Holy Scriptures". May this day be an ongoing reminder of this promise and an opportunity to continue to grow with their children as they study the Holy Scriptures.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Our elevator is working again, but Saturday service will remain in the Chapel. Sunday morning service is still in the Sanctuary.

ACOLYTE TRAINING:

We will have a training for acolytes on November 2, 2025 immediately after Worship. All 3rd grade and up are welcome to attend. Contact Jay Heil at 361-935-0441 if needed.

IMPORTANT PARENTS AND YOUTH MEETING:

All parents of youth and children that are 7 years to 18 years old are invited (along with their children) to attend a special meeting on Sunday Nov. 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. There are several Summer programs we need to tell you about including Summer Camp Registration and the NALC National Youth Gathering. We will be looking at the dates and you will receive registration information about those events there. We hope you can attend this meeting.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

After the called congregational meeting, the youth sports complex was approved, but will not proceed with building until 65% of the money needed (\$84,955) is collected. We are currently at \$63,077. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will have a table at Trunk or Treat at the park again this year on Halloween to hand out popcorn, candy and a bag with goodies. If you would like to donate any candy to be handed out, please drop it off at the church office prior to Halloween, or bring it to the park that night.

CHURCH FACILITIES NEED REPAIR:

Council has discussed 3 main concerns that need attention. One of the AC units needs to be replaced at the church for approximately \$43,000. We need to have the plumbing re-piped in the educational building for approximately \$39,000. The buckled flooring and water-damaged carpet needs to be replaced in the chapel with a bid of \$12,147.20. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "AC/PLUMBING/FLOOR". Any help is greatly appreciated!

THANKOFFERING: The Women of the Church will celebrate our annual Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 9, 2025. This year, a third of our Thankoffering will go to each of the following: NALC Disaster Response, Yorktown EMS and YAM. Please prayerfully give what you can to support these ministries. We will accept your offering until November 30, 2025. You may use a pew envelope or designate your check with Thankoffering. Please give generously.

THANKOFFERING MEAL:

November 9, 2025, Christian Life will prepare a turkey and dressing casserole. We ask that the congregation please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the turkey casserole. Serving will begin after Sunday School at 11:15.

BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVINGS:

On Saturday and Sunday, November 1st and 2nd, we will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their Olive wood carvings.

We invite you to visit their display tables in the Fellowship Hall after Worship and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. This Family strives to bring these fine carvings to our church. You can view these beautiful items online at

<http://www.bethlehem-art.com/>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill positions for Church Council, Endowment Committee, and delegates to the annual convention. There are four council positions to be filled, one position for the Endowment Committee, and the three delegates. The four positions for council to be filled are President, Worship Committee chair, Parish Education chair, and Youth Representative (a new position approved by council). Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions, however if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members. (Bill Klaevemann, Travis Peyton, Kim Hahn, Anna Foerster, Tina Boehm, or Aaron Koopmann).

CHURCH COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

A Church Council Youth Representative is a young person who serves on the Church Council with voice and vote to provide a youth perspective in the decision-making process. Their role is to represent the interests of the youth, share ideas for programs, and ensure youth are actively involved in shaping ministry. The Youth Representative will work with Pastor, Youth Director, other youth leaders, and sponsors to foster effective communication and planning. Information sheets which include key responsibilities and requirements are available in the church office, the Narthex of the church, and in the basement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members.

Upcoming Youth Events:

(Sign up sheets are in the basement for the below events)

October 25, 2025 – 6-8pm J. Welch Farms Corn Maze

November 19, 2025 – 6-8:30pm Hayride & Weenie Roast

December 21, 2025 – 4pm Caroling w/ 4H

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

October 26, 2025 – 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch

November 9, 2025 – Thankoffering

December 14, 2025 – Christmas Feast

Upcoming Area Events:

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST: The Community Thanksgiving Feast will be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Gruenau Hall. If you are planning on attending, please take a dessert and/or a vegetable dish when you go.

YORKTOWN EMS will be having their annual BBQ on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 11am-1:00pm at Yorktown Community Hall. Plates will include brisket and sausage with trimmings. \$15.00 a ticket, to go plates only.

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