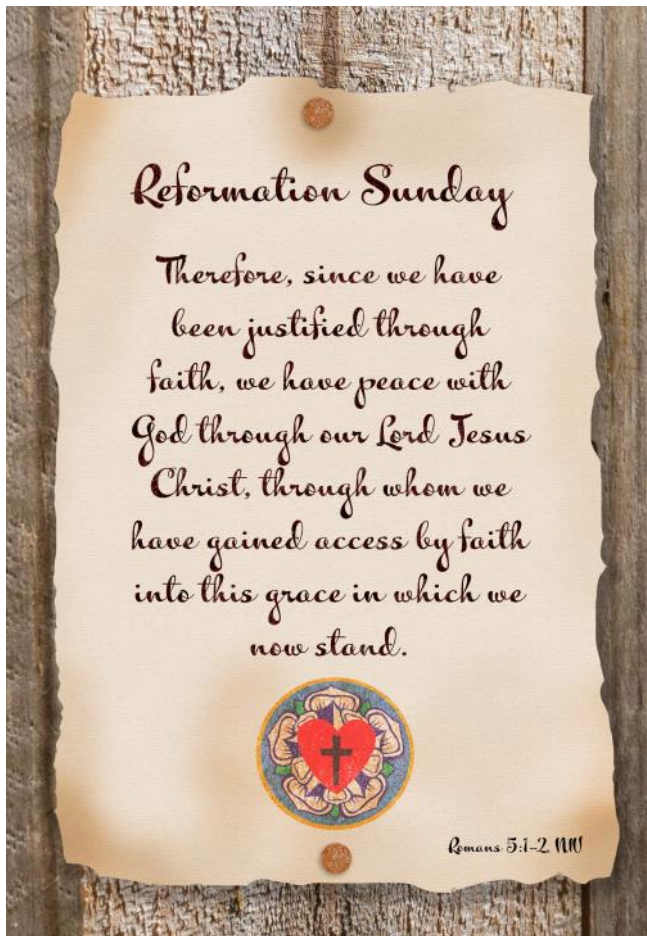

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



First Lutheran Church

Tiffin, Ohio

*October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday
"The 23rd Sunday
after Pentecost"*

PRELUDE

WOJTKIEWIECZ

John Ferguson

Diptych on Rise, Shine, You People

I. Trumpet Tune

II. Toccata

REFORMATION LITANY

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

P: There is one Body and one Spirit.

C: **There is one hope in God's call to us;.**

P: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: **One God and Father of us all.**

P: Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

C: **And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.
Alleluia! Amen!**

Please stand.

Rise, Shine, You People

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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!**

THE OPENING LITANY

P: Come! See the deeds of the Most High, the marvelous things God has done on earth, all over the world, God has stepped wars-breaking bows, splintering spears, burning the shields with fire.

C: **“Be still and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted upon the earth.”**

P: The Most High is with us;

C: **Our stronghold is the God of Israel.**

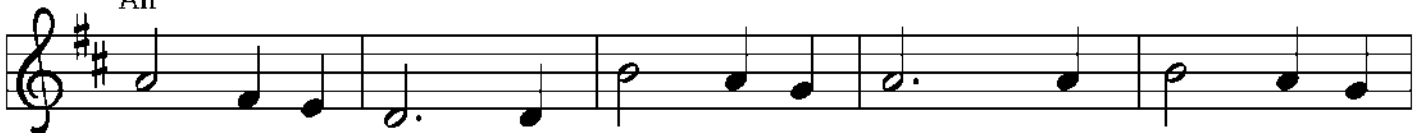
THE HYMN OF PRAISE

CANTOR



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

All



1 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.



2 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM

George Frederic Handel

Hal H. Hopson

Sing with Songs of Joy

Char Pope, piano

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 31:31-34

R: A reading from Jeremiah the 31st chapter.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM ROMANS 3:19-28

R: A reading from Romans the 3rd chapter.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

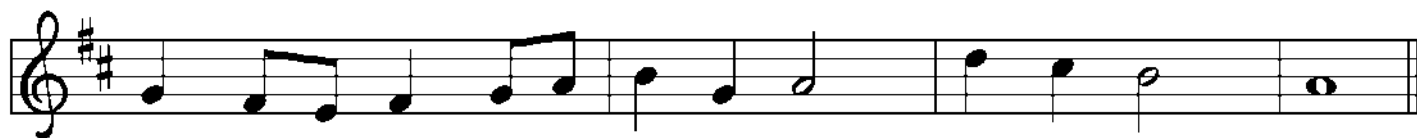
R: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

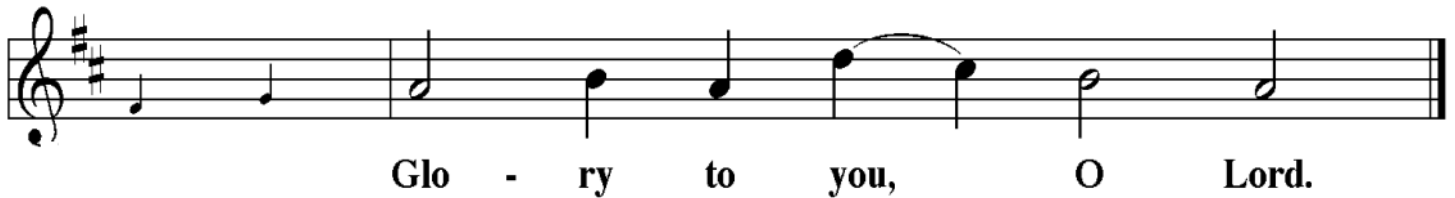


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-36

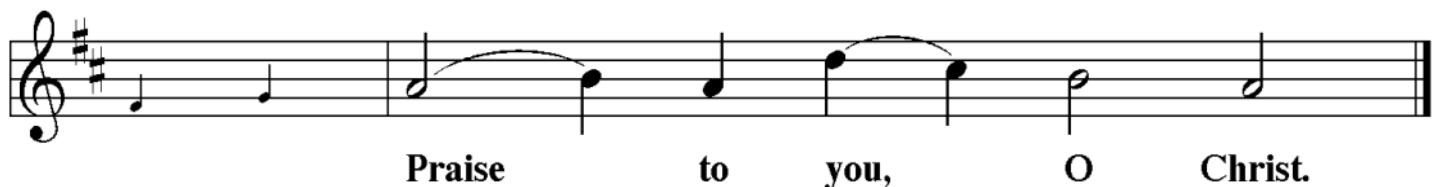
P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.



P: ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

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

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Rev. Doug DeVos

Please stand.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW 504



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 c - 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!

THE CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together we respond.

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great!

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another:

A time of silence and reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace! May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Please be seated.

A KIND REMINDER

As we prepare to take our offering, everyone is encouraged to use an envelope today so that your offering can be directed to the appropriate congregation. "Loose" offering/monetary gifts not in an envelope will be donated to Transformation Life Center.

OFFERING AND MEDITATION

DOVE OF PEACE

David M. Cherwien

I Come with joy

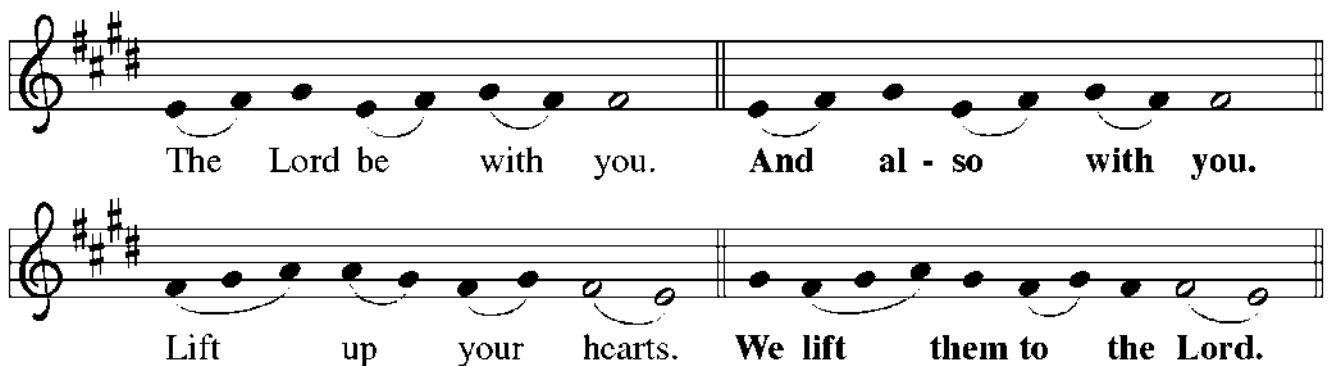
THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

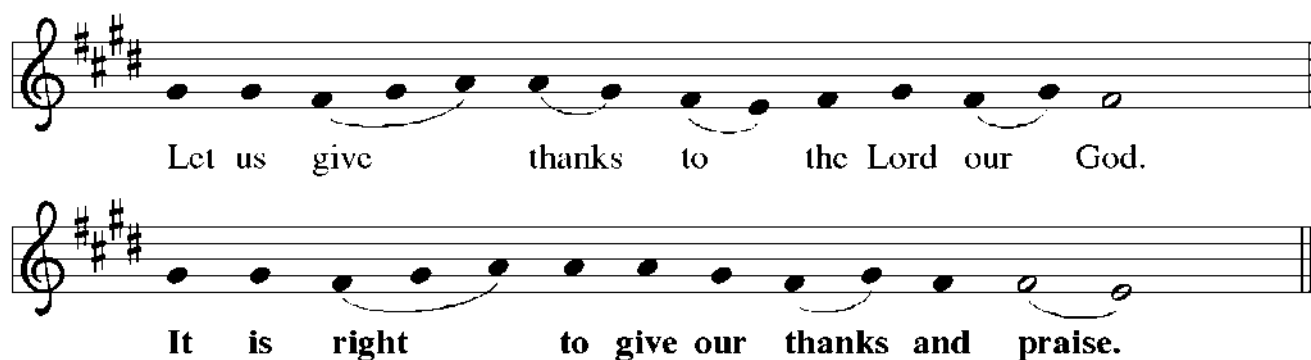
P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

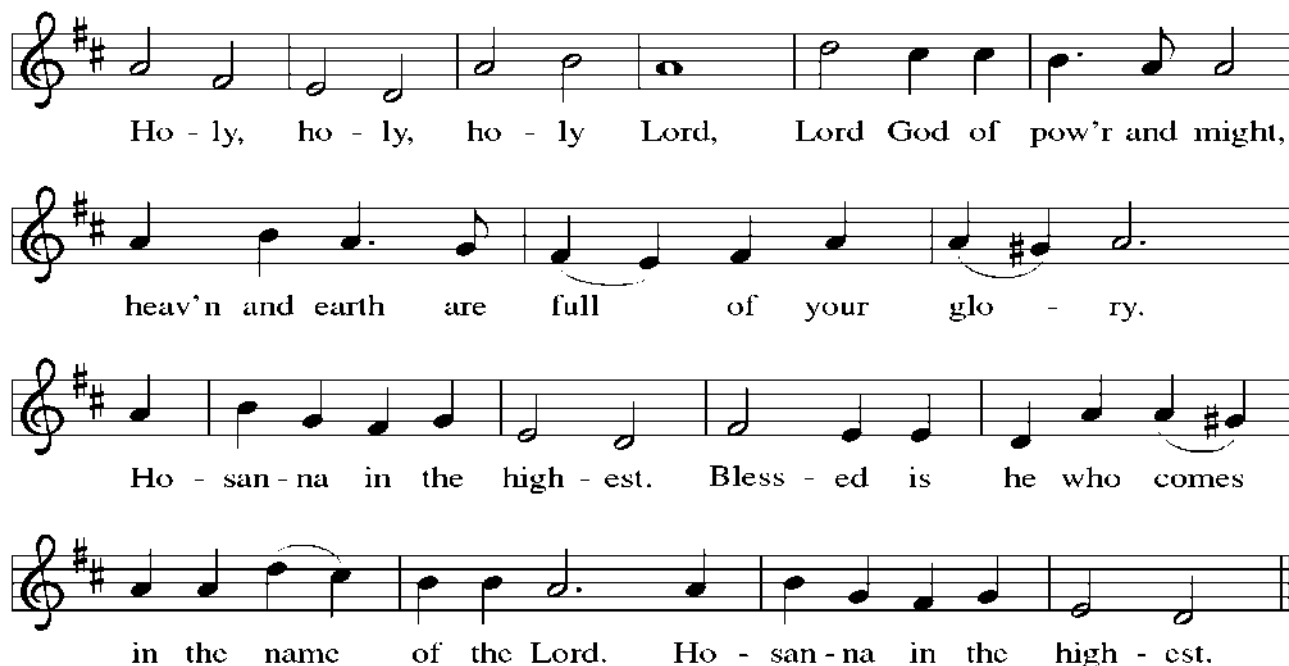


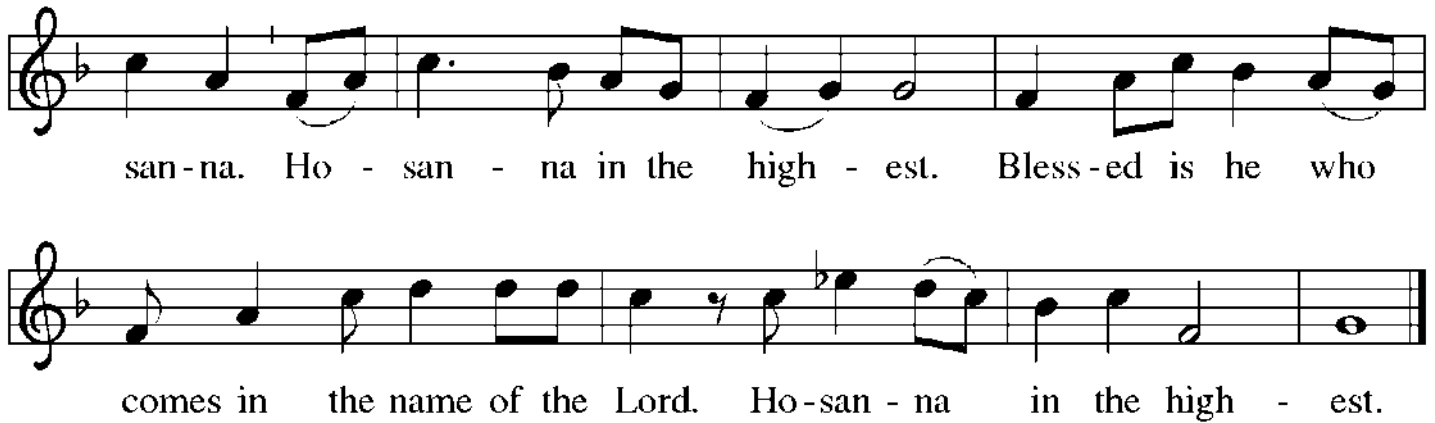


THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with all the Reformers and with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 to remember 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 to remember me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION IS DISTRIBUTED IN TWO MANNERS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

- ✠ *You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in-place will commune together.*
- ✠ *You may come to the Table. We will have a station at the front and another at the back of the worship space, where both Bread and Wine will be distributed. Baskets are available to dispose of your individual communion cups.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine as we feast on the body and blood of Christ. All are welcome to the Table of the Lord!

AGNUS DEI



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.

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren. b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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THE TABLE BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

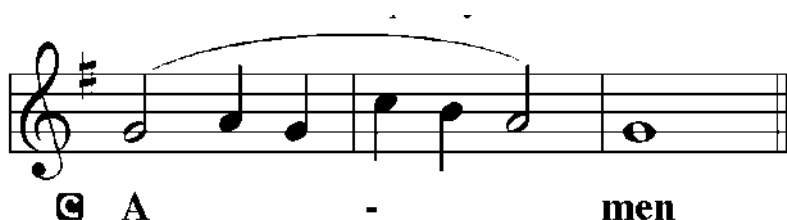
C: Amen.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.



CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from you for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear your peo - ple as they pray; And your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace! Follow Jesus!
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

EDEN CHURCH

Dale Wood
Curtis King

Toccata on Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Faith & Family Day

Looking Ahead! Toledo
Walleye Faith & Family Day

Sunday, March 9, 2025

We need to reserve a block of tickets for this family event now! Tickets go fast for this event so we need an idea of how many seats to reserve. A final count will be taken in January. Before the hockey game, there will be a pregame Q&A session led by Walleye players and coaches. Fans will have any opportunity to hear about their experiences with their faith throughout their careers. The game will start at 5:15. Postgame will have a free open skate at the Huntington Center in Toledo. Tickets will be \$19 each. Please contact Shelley Ross and let her know how many tickets to reserve for you via email shelley.ross@sycltelco.com or

text 419-618-4653.

Thanks!



Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



The handicap parking on the south side of the building has deteriorated making it difficult for members using walkers and wheelchairs to enter the building. We are trying to work on the Landscaping as well.

Anyone interested in making a donation may contact the office or place it in the offering plate marked PAVEMENT or marked Landscape.

Thank you for your support!

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross will be at First Lutheran Church on **Monday, October 28th** in the Fellowship Hall.
12 pm-5 pm



*If anyone is interested in donating blood to help save a life,

Please visit the following website:

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/>

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Oct. 27th - **Cereal, pancake mix, syrup**
Nov. 3rd - **Sweet Potatoes (Yams) canned, cranberry sauce,
corn bread mix**
Nov. 10th - **Mac & cheese, dessert mixes, canned corn,
green beans, & peas.**

TODAY'S HALLOWEEN HOSPITALITY

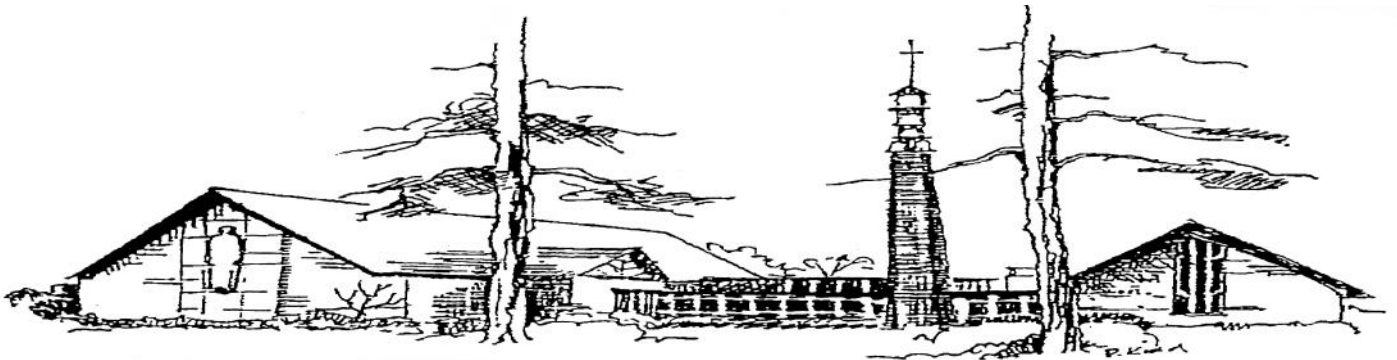
All are welcome to join us on the front lawn of the church as we share
Halloween hospitality with our neighbors and other visitors in
the form of



cider, cocoa, doughnuts and sweet treats. Everyone is
welcome to bring a chair and join us to enjoy some fellowship
and see all the great costumes.

Set-Up begins at 4:15

Trick-or-Treat will take place from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"
**"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."**

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Beth Margraf

Host:

Mills Family

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Rev. Doug DeVos

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Jonathan Nominee

Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who help bring Sunday Worship Services to you on WTTF, Facebook Live and in person.

We are not able to offer all of these opportunities without the help of many people.

May your generosity in volunteering time and talents come back to you in an abundance of blessings.

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