

The Herald

October 2026



AUTUMN SEASON In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

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**Saturday Service
5:00 PM**

**Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM**

**Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.**

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Music Rehearsal

**Choir rehearses
Sunday mornings
@9:40 am.
All are welcome!**

PASTOR'S PAGE

**Sunday, October 25, 2026 is Reformation Sunday
Another opportunity to Know God, and to Know Ourselves**

Every October, on the last Sunday in October, we celebrate a rich time packed with beautiful images, deep-seated ideas, and a rich history. For life-long Lutherans, these things can provoke a sense of pride in our denomination, but Reformation Sunday is not "Lutheran Pride Day." Instead it is a day focused on knowing God truthfully and, in light of God's unbelievable grace, understanding who we are as people of faith and children of God.

Luther spent a great deal of time trying to know who God was and to find ways of expressing what he came to know and believe so that others would know God too. He used coarse language, drank beer, and wrote hymns using tunes people knew and recognized. When he wrote his catechism he used language his small son could understand. He even translated the Bible into the language people spoke. Truth about God and our faith, as complex as it is, should be something we can grasp and wrestle with.

The Five Solas are five Latin phrases summarizing the core theological convictions of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation out of which Lutheranism emerges.

- **Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone):** The Bible is the highest and final authority for faith and practice, above church tradition or human decrees.
- **Sola Fide (Faith Alone):** Justification before God is received through personal faith in Jesus Christ, apart from human works or merit.
- **Sola Gratia (Grace Alone):** Salvation is an unearned gift given freely by God's grace, not earned by human effort or moral achievement.
- **Solus Christus (Christ Alone):** Jesus Christ is the sole mediator and Savior through whose finished work believers are reconciled to God.
- **Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone):** All of life, and especially the work of salvation, exists for the glory of God and no one else.

Reformation Sunday is certainly a festival day where we celebrate and remember our religious history, but it should also be a day to reexamine our faith. Part of that is recognizing the truth about our inadequacies, our failings, and our sinfulness. The Law of God as found in The Hebrew Scriptures is like a mirror in a room with intense fluorescent lights; it shows us who we are with every flaw and wrinkle. But God doesn't look at us in that mirror. The truth about God brings us new knowledge about ourselves. God shines a new light on us, forgiving and forgetting our iniquities and sins.

The message of Reformation Sunday is God's love for us. It is a love that frees us and redefines us as people of God and as members of the whole body of Christ. In God's eyes, we are beautiful.

Peace, *Pastor Andy*

CHURCH CALENDAR

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As Christ himself reminds us, he is our rock, our cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation for our faith and the foundation for our lives. Even as we turn from Jesus, even as we reject Jesus, he returns to us with love and forgiveness. This is the grace of God, the love of God coming into our world and into our lives. To our joy we discover the open arms of Jesus on the cross, bringing life into this world even where there is death; bringing hope where there is despair; and bringing resurrection to all creation.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	² AA Meeting Evening Prayer	³ 5:00 Worship
⁴ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:40 Choir 10:30 Worship 4:00 Hope in Times of Trouble (concert)	⁵ AA Meeting	⁶	⁷	⁸ 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	⁹ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	¹⁰ 5:00 Worship
¹¹ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:40 Choir 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	¹² COLUMBUS DAY AA Meeting	¹³	¹⁴ 6:30 pm Council meeting	¹⁵ 11:00 Bible Study 7:30 Flute Ensemble	¹⁶ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	¹⁷ 5:00 Worship
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

Prayers for Gloucester County residents affected by the recent storm, Prayers for the people of Norway as they mourn the passing of King Harald V, The family, friends and fans of Dolly Parton as they mourn her passing, Prayers for the victims of the flooding in the Grand Canyon and in Nepal-Tibet, Prayers for former President Joe Biden, Prayers for the friends and family of Lindsay Graham as they mourn his passing, Prayers for Bishop Christa Compton and her family with the passing of her mother Nancy, Prayers for St. Ambrose in Pennsville as they continue their pastoral search, Prayers for our service men and women serving in the current military actions, especially for those we have lost, Holly & Duane, The family of Norman Albinson as they mourn his passing, Dawn Allen, Anna-Beth Arnes, The family of Anthony Assante as they mourn his passing, Nicholas Baud, John Belko, Jessica Black, Lorraine Brecht, Wanda Bryan, Madelene Budd, Mike Bundy, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Josh Clarke, Maverick Cleavenger, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., The family of John Cusack as they grieve his passing, The family of Nicholas Damiani as they mourn his passing, Lou Deaine, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Dylan Dinh, Kathy Drew, Kristen Dymond, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Bill Flynn, Francis, Jeannie Gapinski, Alma Garcia, Stephen and Juliet Genovese, The family of Walter Gifford as they mourn his passing, Gavin Gigliotti, Lauren Stott Gilbert, Jay Goheen and family, Andrew Gordon, Randi Gordon, Collet Grasso, The family and friends of Gretchen Gravinese as they mourn her passing, The family of Steve Harris as they mourn his passing, the Hatcher family, The friends and family of Jim Hynes as they mourn his passing, Heather and Kim Hyson and family in their time of bereavement, the Hogan family, Ed Jeffers, The friends and family of Tom Jones as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, Chaley Klotz, Prayers for the friends and family of Ralph Konschak as they mourn his passing, Martha Kryzwonas, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joe Lewandowski, Desmond Licata, Joseph Lonia, Bill Ludwig, Bill Mann, Joseph Mansfield, John Markovski, Janaq Minzy and her family, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, Bob and Sue Nevins, Lisa Nobile, Janet Ostrowski, Lucas Otey, Loretta O'Neill, Otis, Donna Paone, Rita Paul, Danielle Peters, Debbie Post, Lauren Rebstock, The family of Bill Reese as they mourn his passing, The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, Jen Rossi, The family of Scott Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Ken Sauer, Marc Sauer, Joseph Schiffer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, Helen Simkunas & Family, Arvin Skramsdad & family as they mourn the passing of Joyce Skramsdad, Ronnie Snyder, The family of Deb Solt as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, The family and friends of Rita Stein as they mourn her passing, Claudia Storhoff, Nathan Storhoff, Samantha Sumner, Donna Testa, Mark & Candy Tryson, Ed Tutka, The friends and family of Lynne Rasmussen Walker as they mourn her passing, Sharon Walker, Wayne Weaver, The Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Jill Wilt, Glenn Wrigley.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received to date—\$97486.77 Amount needed to date--\$101946.00. (Please don't forget the church if you will be away.)

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Tuesday, September 29th—Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6pm.)
- Sunday, October 4th—"Hope in Times of Trouble"—(4 pm) a festival of hymns and choral music representing Judaic-Christian traditions sponsored by RCSJ College Community Chorus and the Southwest Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists—held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 499 East Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill.
- Wednesday, October 21st—Chili Night (5-7 pm.)
- Saturday, October 31—Potluck following the service, sponsored by the Saturday night attendees. All are welcome!

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Caryl Carthew, Colin Crawford, Meghan DelMonte, Mileana & Dawkins Galbraith, Christine Regan, Ken Sauer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kelly & Nick Sena

BREAKFAST MINISTRY—Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury has launched a new breakfast ministry. It offers free cold breakfast to the Woodbury community on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 am to 10 am in the Parish Hall at 62 Delaware Avenue. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. The next date is October 17, 2026.

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services on the first Sunday of the month. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE—Journey to Generosity-- Supporting Relationships With Others



Matthew 18:21-35

Our text today centers around forgiveness. When we think about forgiveness in the church, we probably first think about God forgiving us. And that is the foundation of all other forgiveness. But our text focuses on forgiving one another, particularly when someone has done something to violate you or to violate community.

When something is unforgiven, it stands like a roadblock between two people, between a person and community, or between communities. Only when it is removed can each party fully give to the relationship and receive from the relationship and engage in the mutual support that should characterize true community.

We are stewards of our time, talent, money, and other resources. We are stewards of forgiveness. We are stewards of possibility for individuals, households, and larger communities.

When we use our resources to support the church, we vote for a world in which we put the roadblocks aside and replace them with the free flow of traffic in real community.

HOLY NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS--Our congregation created a memorial garden in our back yard years ago to honor or memorialize loved ones. We are offering the opportunity once again to purchase a paver to honor a loved one(s). The cost of each engraved paver is \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please fill out the form found in the narthex and include it with payment in the offering plate or deliver to Pastor Andy or Kim Theriault. Each paver can have up to 5 lines/15-17 characters per line. There is a sample paver in the narthex for viewing. All pavers purchased by September 15th will be dedicated on All Saint's Day (Nov. 1st). You can still order pavers after the 15th but they won't be dedicated on All Saints. Any questions, please see or contact Kim Theriault (609)420-8453.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, October 17th.



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SATURDAY — 5:00 PM

SUNDAY — 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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