

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026*



Martin Luther and the parable of the lamp under a basket

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: May we remember

C: That God created.

P: May we remember

C: That God liberated.

P: May we remember

C: That God fed.

P: May we remember

C: That God is *still* creating, God is *still* liberating, And God is *still* feeding us.

P: Let this be our story.

C: Let this be where we begin. Let us worship holy God.

***CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be God: ✠ the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Holy God,

C: We admit to remembering the wrong things.

We remember worldly lessons like, “Everyone for themselves,”
 “An eye for an eye,” and “All is fair in love and war.”

And yet, we forget to trust in God’s grace and mercy for all of us,
 To love our neighbors as ourselves,
 And to live like the body of Christ.

Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

Release us from our muscle memory and self-imposed barriers.

Re-center us in a new place, a fresh place,

A space grounded in your love.

Open us up to receive your word anew,

And to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules,

But with your rules.

Help us remember.

With hope we pray, Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.
 God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a
 new way for us. In Christ, ✝ all your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

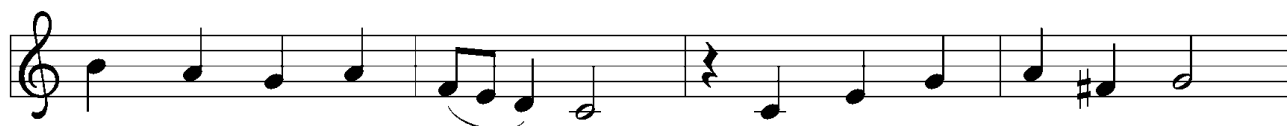
***GATHERING SONG: A Mighty Fortress is our God (ELW 504)**

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

(Cont'd)



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 God him - self e - lect - ed.
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe
 You ask who this may be?
 Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
 The Lord of hosts is he!
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 His might is doomed to fail;
 though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹ 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.

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

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

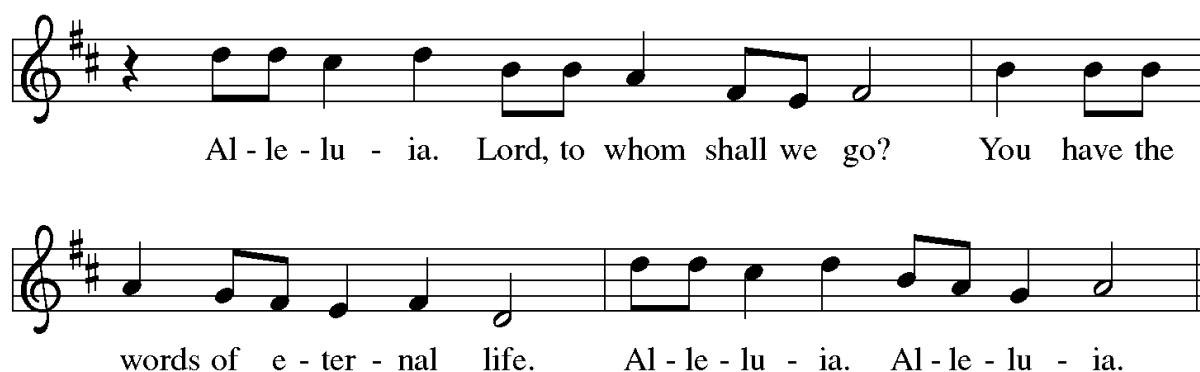
²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 3)

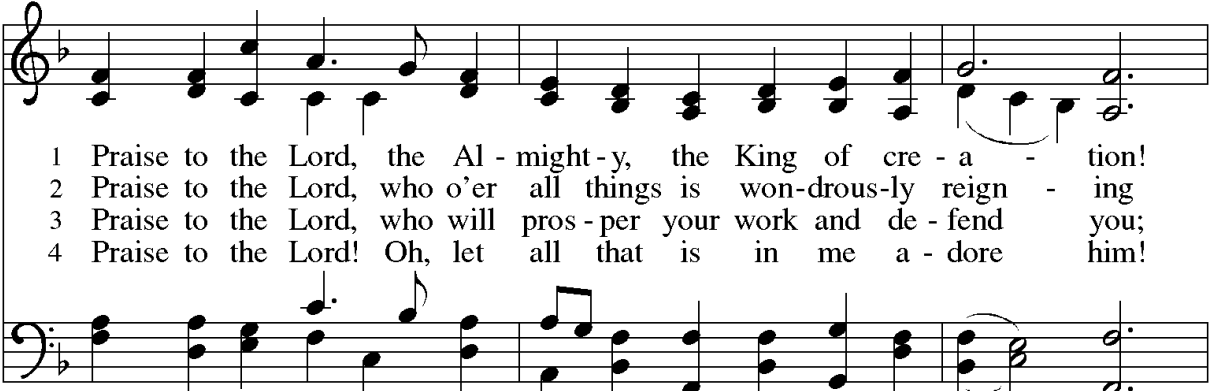
**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40****P:** The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

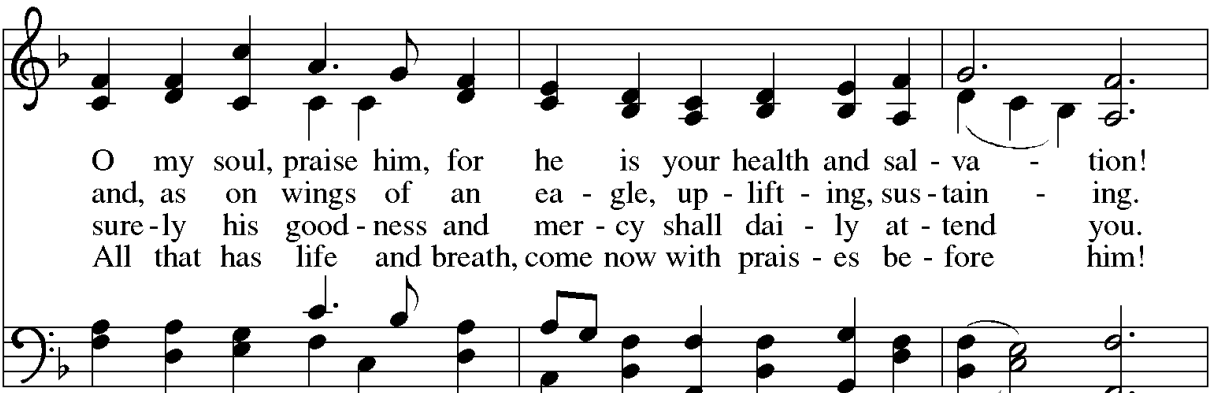
P: This is the Good News.**C: Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****Rev. Christopher Drummond**

(Please stand as you are able)

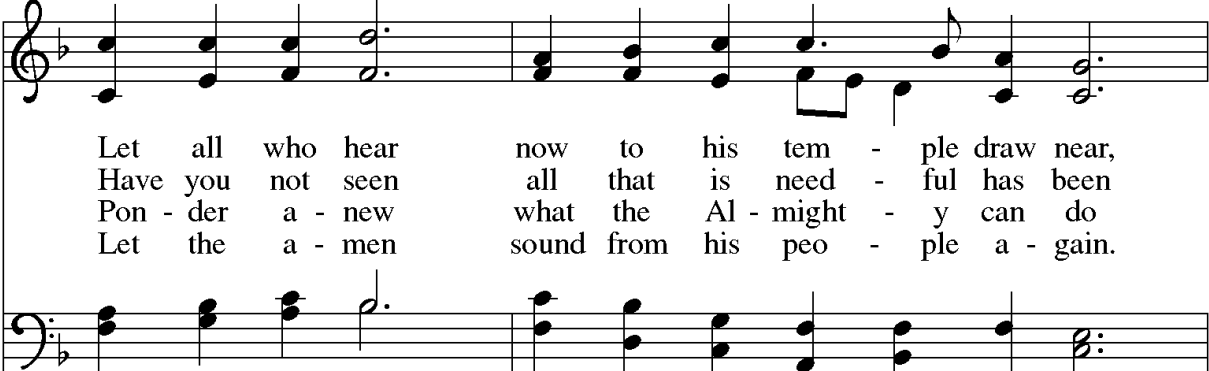
***HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise to the Lord (ELW 858)**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)**

P: We believe in God,

C: Who creates all things,

who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,

the malnourished one, the climate refugee,

who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

(Please remain standing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: Hear us, O God)

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Parent, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving of time, talent, and treasure.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

DOXOLOGY

(ELW 885)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

C: Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is with you.

C: And also with you.

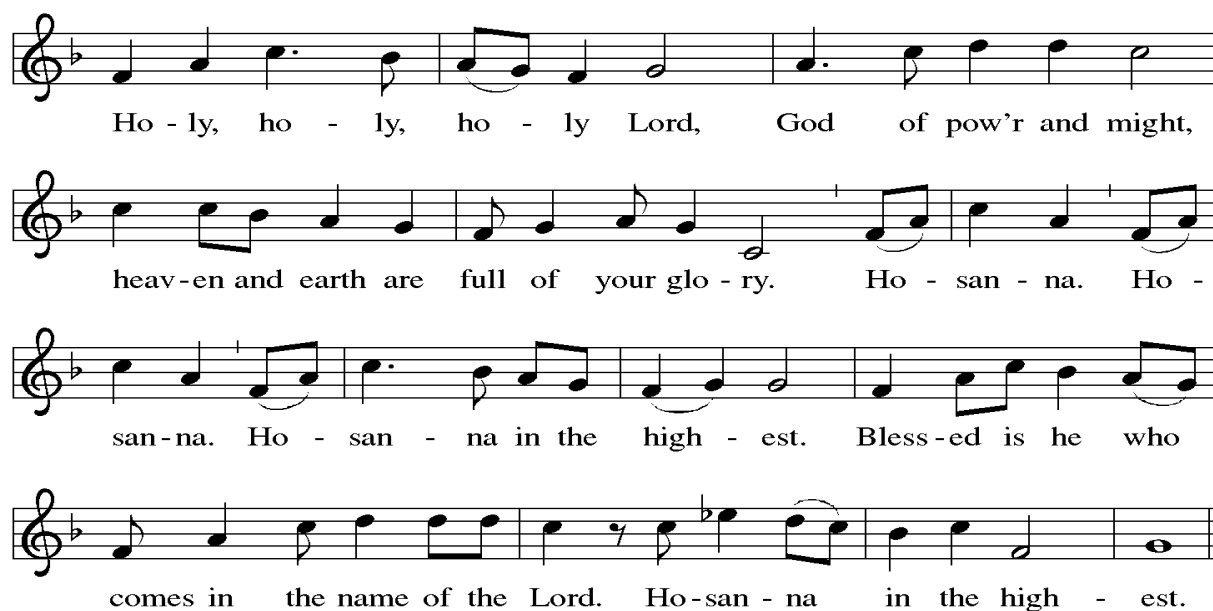
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy [...] And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven: we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we sing:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars;

beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water;
by night and day; across the wilderness;
out of exile; into the future.**

**We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner;
among the poor; with us now.**

On the night before he died, 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;
within this meal; among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy One,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church,
without end.

C: Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

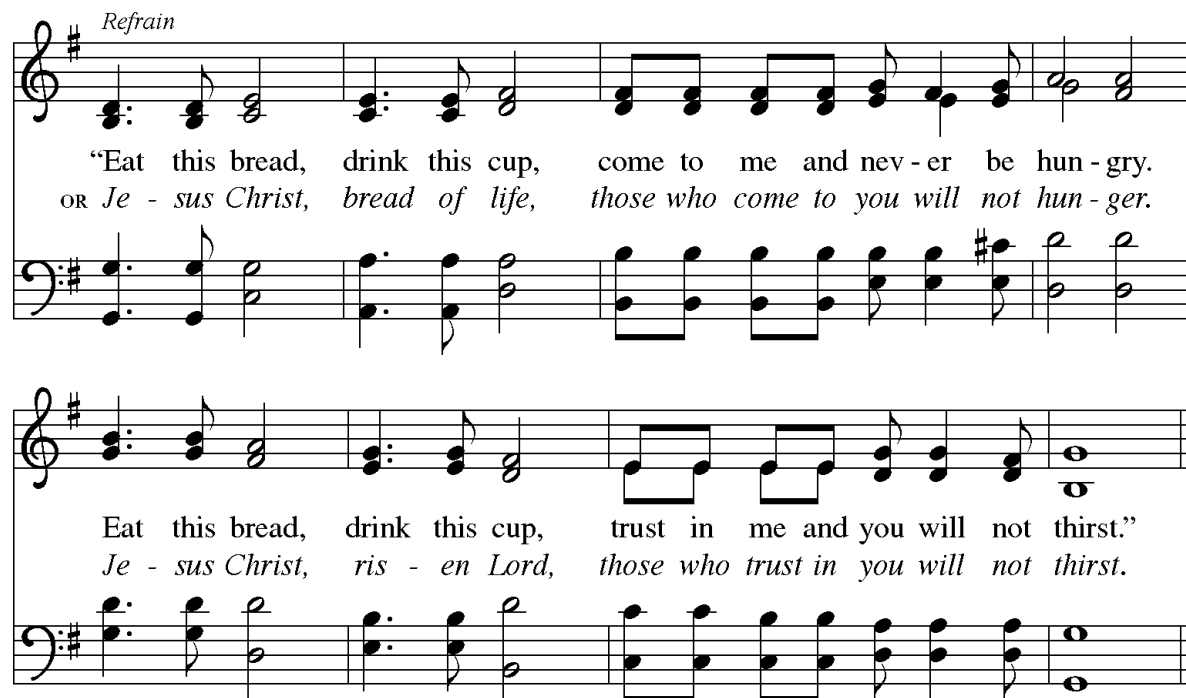
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)



COMMUNION SONG: Eat This Bread (Sung 3 times)

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Creator, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING**

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:
✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)**

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

(Cont'd)

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

*DISMISSAL

A: God is love.

C: Jesus teaches us to love.

A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us

C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of the congregation of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church by Pastor Christopher Drummond and in honor of loved ones by Ron and Jackie Crepack.

Sep's Income: \$ 7,105

Sep's Expense: \$ 9,510

Average Attendance: 16

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve 10/25**

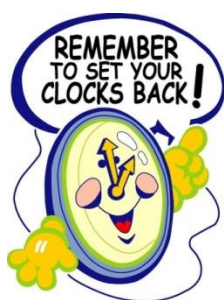
Alan S. – Assisting Minister
The Klines- Ushers
Downey/Deemer – Counters
Meghan G. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 11/1

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister
Gary P. - Usher
Crepacks - Counters
Meghan G. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Oct 26	5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall) 6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)
Tue, Oct 27	5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)
Wed, Oct 28	5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall) 6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm) 7:30pm - AA (Hall)
Thu, Oct 29	5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall) 7:00pm – AA (Hall)
Sat, Oct 31	10:00am – AA (Hall) 11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Nov 1	10:15am – Worship All Saints 12:30pm – Song of Praise



Nov 1st – Don't forget to set your clocks back!!

UPCOMING**HOLY SPIRIT/IMMANUEL/ST. MATTHEW EVENTS**

- **On 11/22 (Sunday), a “Pulpit Swap”;** Pastor Lee will preach and lead the 10:15am service here at Holy Spirit, and Pastor Drummond will do the same at St. Matthew (9:00am) and Immanuel (11:00am).

- **On 12/12 (Saturday) starting at 4pm, Christmas Caroling and a Potluck Chili Supper (with holiday treats!).** Caroling will start at Holy Spirit, and then we'll go down to Immanuel to sing and then get warm with a chili supper. A sign-up sheet will be available outside of the office.

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

*Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Johnathan Igoe
Stephen Colahan
Diane Kuhn*

*Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Harry Collins
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Nancy Harris
Sonya Baxter
David Pysher
Joan & John Grossi*

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Janet Kline, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for October or November to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

TRUNK OR TREAT – October 25th 11:30am-12:30pm in the parking lot. Please bring treats for the trick-n-treaters! Children are encouraged to contribute a canned or boxed food item for local Pantry.

ALL SAINTS DAY – Sunday, November 1st. Please submit the names of a loved one you would like remembered on this day. Call or leave them in the office no later than Monday, Oct 26th. In addition, we invite you to bring a small framed picture of your loved one to sit in front of the altar. We will recognize those who have passed in the last year and also those who have passed before.

All Saints Day is a day we remember all the saints who have gone on before us. We commemorate those we have lost as well as the Christians who have lived before us and testified to their Christian faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25, 2026
starting at 11:30 a.m.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane, PA 19018
(back parking lot)

We welcome the community to join us by bringing the kiddos and/or if you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy. Please email us at holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com if you are bringing your car to participate with handing out candy.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food for a pantry to help in these difficult times. Please help if you can.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Know God, Know Ourselves

This is a Sunday packed with beautiful images, deep-seeded 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.

Reformation Sunday is certainly a festival day where we celebrate and remember our 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 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.



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Teaching Assistant – Michelle Brackin

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