



Reformation Day

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation ” *arr. Ron Mallory* *St. Mark’s Hand Bell Choir*

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** ***Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 your us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our 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.

**** KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

** CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



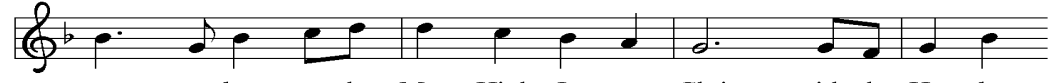
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

** 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.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

PSALM: Psalm 46

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God 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;**

³though 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.**

⁵God 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. R**

⁷The 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;**

⁹behold 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.

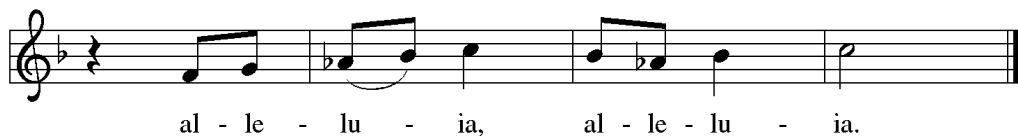
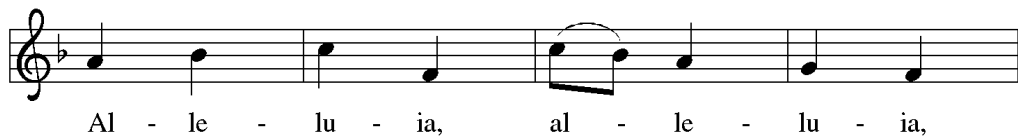
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

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

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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.

** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



** GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 673

“ God Whose Almighty Word ”

**** APOSTLES CREED**

**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**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature’s cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Blessings Over Me" Pepper Choplin

** OFFERTORY HYMN

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

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

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

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.
Amen.

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join in adoring song:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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 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.

**** 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.**

**** COMMUNION SONG**



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.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 496

" One Bread, One Body "

** TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

** BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

** RECESSIONAL HYMN

No. 654

" The Church's One Foundation "

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

“*Old Hundredth*” Gordon Young





Prayer Requests

Illness: Shirley & Carl Spiker, Joshua Wilhelm, Cheri Himes, Janice, Charles Long, Roy Gilbert, Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Susie, Jim Bloom, Fred, Sara, Sandra, Darryl, Merrily Clark, Carl (Devin Swift's friend), Ann Lee Colaw, Dalton S., Hannah Sincell, Donna Hanlin, Joe Cook, Phillip, Terry Helbig, Cara Upole, David Lewis, Brittiny Bond, Mary, Bill, Christopher, Leloni Mills, John Burk

Special Needs: Mark Weeks, Amy Bacha, Riley, Eddie & Baby Ada, Jim, Chase, Gary Wotherspoon, Hurricane Victims

Upcoming Events

Today	Reformation Party
Sunday, November 3	Adult Forum at 8:30am
	All Saints Sunday
	Fair Trade Pairing Event
Sunday, November 10	Food Waste Competition



Special Offering – Lutheran Disaster Response

Throughout October, we are collecting a special offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief to support those impacted by Hurricane Helene. Lutheran Disaster Response works with partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, and other essentials. They also offer long-term recovery, including case management, construction help, and emotional and spiritual care. To contribute, please mark your check with "Special Offering/Hurricane Helene" or place your donation in the "Special Mission" envelope found in the pew.

Announcements

Reformation Sunday

Today we will celebrate the event that makes us Lutherans! After service, you are invited downstairs to fellowship with German inspired dishes to recognize what Martin Luther accomplished in 1517.

All Saints Sunday

We will commemorate our departed saints on Sunday, November 3 during the 10 am worship service. If you have a name of a loved one that has died since the last All Saints Sunday, then please submit their name to the church office. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Carrie or Ellda.

Fair Trade Pairing Event

On Sunday, November 24 after worship service, we will be meeting downstairs for a closer look at the Equal Exchange Coffee. We are offering a pairing event which gives each of us an opportunity to try different coffee, tea, and chocolate bars that Equal Exchange offers with the Fair Trade items that different small farmers provide. If you have any questions reach out to Liz Gilbert or Ellda.

Reducing Food Waste Lunch & Competition

On Sunday, November 10, following the worship service, all are invited to lunch in the social hall. We'll follow up on our earlier workshops about reducing the amount of food that we waste. Reducing the amount of food that we discard is an easy way we can help to limit greenhouse emissions causing climate change.

It's a potluck! Try using food that might otherwise go to waste. If you can't make something, don't worry; there will be plenty.

If you want, enter your dish in the Chopped Competition. Unlike the TV version, we won't be whipping up three courses in front of the judges in a ridiculously short time. Here are our more relaxed rules:

- 1) Make just one dish—anything from appetizer to dessert.
- 2) Use ingredients that satisfy at least two of these criteria:
 - a. something that is nearing its expiration date
 - b. something that has been languishing in the refrigerator or freezer
 - c. something that is leftover
 - d. something that you overbought

Make a label listing the ingredients from these categories. We'll have a people's choice award. Contact Marty (410.790.8649) or Mary (410.790.8648) Reisinger with any questions.



October 27, 2024, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:46-52

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Healing God, despite the admonitions of your disciples, you stopped and took the time to answer the pleas of someone in need. Give us the same patience and compassion for all those who suffer, that we might in humble service do what we can to alleviate that suffering in your name, in and through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:51-52)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, caught Jesus' attention as he persistently shouted for mercy from Jesus, whom he rightly identified as the Messianic Son of David. His faith led him to Jesus and his recovery of sight.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Who do you know that has a disability? What do you know about how to treat them most respectfully? Does having a disability make one less-than? If not, how can we show it?**
- **For the littles: What do you pray for?**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God restore you to wholeness. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Listen to the TED Talk by Stella Young, *I'm Not Your Inspiration, Thank You Very Much*. Learn about ableism and how you might combat it in your community. Hold discussions about how Jesus' healing texts are received by people in the disability community.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 28; Isaiah 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday, Psalm 28; Ezekiel 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, Psalm 28; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Matthew 20:29-34

Thursday, Psalm 146; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12

Friday, Psalm 146; Ruth 2:1-9; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37

St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love.”

Church Calendar October 27, 2024 – November 3, 2024

- Today** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion
- Tuesday** - Yoga at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Bell Quartet at 5:30 p.m.
- Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** - Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Taylor Kitzmiller-Bosley
Lector:	Laura Robinson
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Music Directors:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Brass Ensemble:	Moe Turrentine, Joe Ashby, Al Preston, Don Sincell
Communion Pourers:	Bob & Michelle Bingham
Recording:	Renate Murray
Safekeeper:	Joyce Anderson
Ushers:	Terry Savage, Capt. Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at carriehoff@outlook.com or
phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



Altar Flowers

Carl and Shirley Spiker have placed today's altar flowers in honor of their grandsons,
Jacob S. Spiker and Caleb W. Spiker, both of Solon, Ohio.