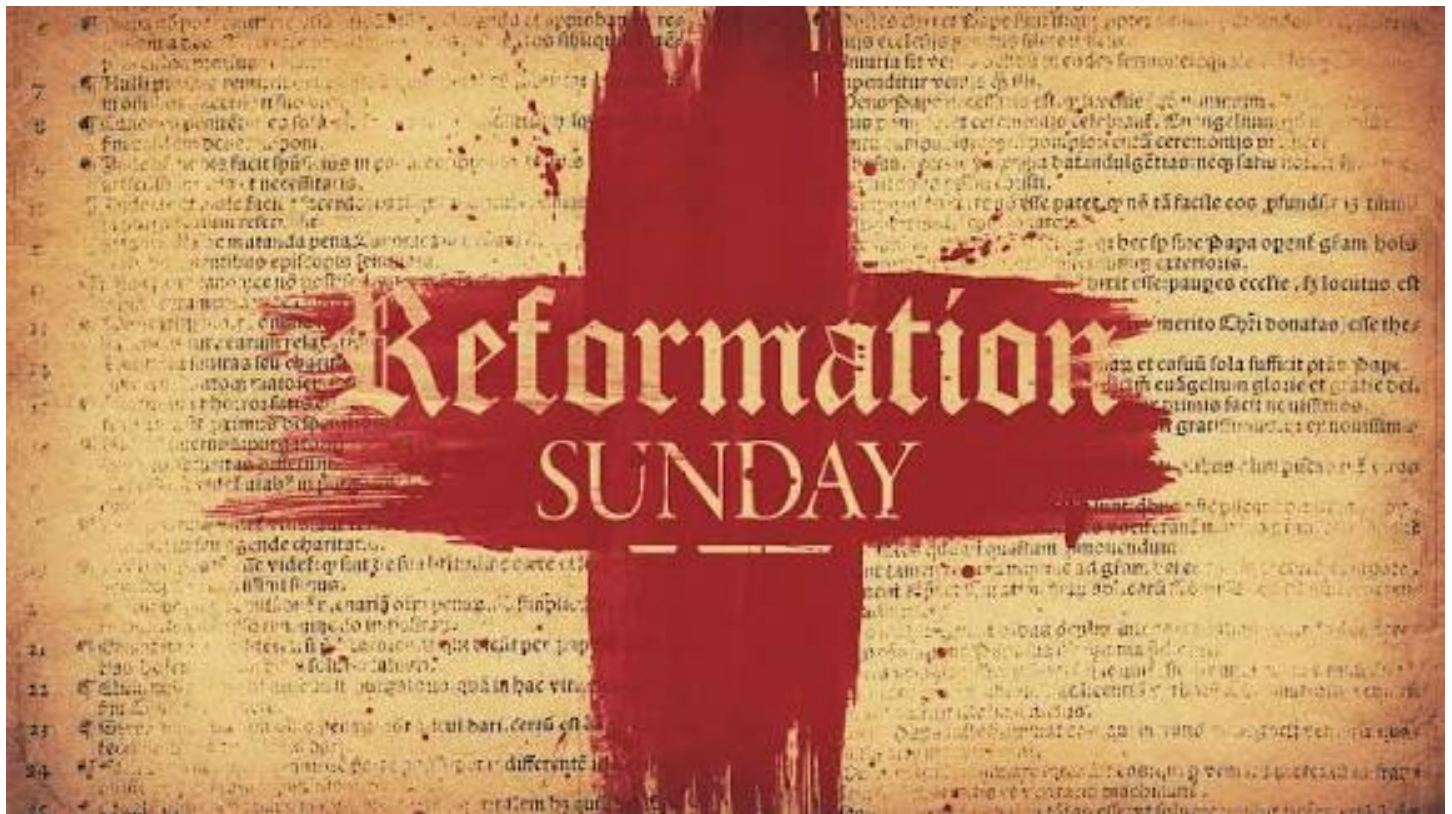




*October 25, 2026*

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**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
**14531 Old Olga Road**  
**Fort Myers, FL**

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## ***Disciples have a trusted relationship with Jesus.***

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show Jesus' love as an act of service to others in your community?

Martin Luther wrote the words for *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* and composed the melody.

This well-known hymn is based on Psalm 46. As you read Psalm 46 out loud, pause after reading a word or words that describe God as a mighty fortress. Write them on a sheet of paper. When you finish, take a moment to read through your list. *Then pray:* **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Amen.** (Psalm 46:11)



## **IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

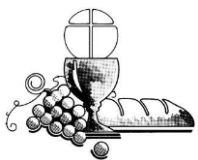
Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact

information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!



## **ATTENDING COMMUNION AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not

yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of Bethlehem Lutheran Church LCMS and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are invited to speak with Pastor Karl Glander.

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

*October 25, 2026*

### **PRELUDE**

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

#### **332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME**

*(Stanzas 1-3,6,8)*

- 1** Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
  
- 2** Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,

Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

*(Please rise)*

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

## **+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

Ⓟ In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 46*

### **God Is Our Fortress**

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

**C** Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the  
heart of the sea,

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

**C** There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be  
moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

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

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C** Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots with fire.

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

**P** The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*(Please rise)*

## **KYRIE**

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our  
salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity  
of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**♪ THIS IS THE FEAST ♪**

*LSB 155*

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of  
God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and  
honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING**

*Revelation 14:6–7*

### **The Messages of the Three Angels**

<sup>6</sup>Then I 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## **The Righteousness of God Through Faith**

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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. <sup>26</sup>It 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.

<sup>27</sup>Then 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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please rise)*

## ♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

LSB 156

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

## The Truth Will Set You Free

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been

enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

*(Stanzas 1–4)*

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might

He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

**2** No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

**3** Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

**4** God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

## **SERMON**

### **"We Are Lutheran"**

*. . . Pastor Karl*

*(Please rise)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **♪OFFERTORY♪**

*(Please rise)*

## 956 CREATE IN ME

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **♪SANCTUS♪**

*LSB 161*

**☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 161*

**☐ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing**

sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 163*

**[P]** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**[C]** Amen.

## **♪AGNUS DEI♪**

*LSB 163*

**[C]** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

### **655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

## **790 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

- 1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2** Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3** Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work  
and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily  
attend you.

Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore  
Him!

All that has life and breath, come now with  
praises before Him!

Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

*(Please rise)*

♪ **THANK THE LORD** ♪

*LSB 164*

☐ **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell  
ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and  
proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN TO DEPART**

**556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL,**  
**REJOICE**

*(Stanzas 1-5)*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**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.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**



### *SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY*

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Tim Tobeck

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Darrell Erdman, Greg Murray

Reader: Greg Murray

**Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is  
your chance to get involved in worship.**

### **Gifts of Thanksgiving**

Our traditions are evolving! Instead of altar flowers, you are now invited to honor birthdays, anniversaries, or loved ones by making a **commemorative financial gift** on your special day.

Your milestone and dedication will still be **printed in the Sunday bulletin** so the congregation can celebrate and pray with you. When giving, you can choose to direct your offering to one of four areas:

- **The Church Home** (Mortgage & debt reduction)
- **The Church Grounds** (Lawn, trees, & outdoor spaces)
- **The Church Structure** (Building maintenance & repairs)
- **The Church Family** (Direct benevolence for members in need)

Thank you for helping to sustain our church home and care for our church family!

### **Gifts of Thanksgiving Dedication Form**

**Designation:**

**Donor Name(s):**

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**Date of Sunday Bulletin Placement:**

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**Select Your Milestone:**

☐ In Celebration of a Birthday

☐ In Celebration of an Anniversary

☐ In Memory of a Loved One

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Honoree(s):**

# **Our Response to God's Love**

Worship Service – 43

Adult Bible Class – 19

## **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service for coffee and goodies. The refreshments this week are from Tammy Sheridan. Thank you!

## **NO ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Voters' Meeting & Elections Today**

Please plan on staying immediately after the service today, Sunday, October 25, 2026, for our scheduled Voters' Meeting.

- **Schedule Change:** Please note that there will be no Bible study or Sunday school today so that everyone may attend the meeting.
- **Council & Board Elections:** The election for Council Officers and Board Positions will take place during the meeting.
- **Proposed Slate:** The Nominating Committee has recommended the following individuals for election:

## **Council Officers**

**President** - Richard Gerlach

**Vice President** - Doug Grage

**Secretary** - Holly Bell

**Treasurer** – Yvonne Murray

**Member at Large** – Kerry Ferguson

## **Board Positions**

**Board of Education** - Mickie Naumann, Lori Jensen

**Board of Elders** - Doug Johnson, Chris Jackow, Greg Murray, Tim Tobeck

**Board of Evangelism** – Debbie Jackow

**Board of Stewardship** – Tim and Mary Tobeck, Rollin and Pat Duckwitz

**Board of Trustees** - Jeff Kirsch

### **Move, Mingle, & Meet on Mondays!**

Join us on **Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for health, fun, and fellowship! We will begin with gentle **Chair Exercises** to stretch and relax, followed by group activities. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend and your ideas for future crafts or games!

# WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:30 A.M. This gathering offers an opportunity to Study God's Word together in the Fellowship Hall.

**VDMA**  
*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*

JOIN US FOR  
**REFORMATION  
SUNDAY**

✠ WITH GUEST PREACHER ✠  
**REV. DR. JAMES BUSHUR**  
*We preach  
Christ Crucified*

**DATE:**  
SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 25, 2026

**TIME:**  
4:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:**  
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
25999 Old 41 Rd  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

**REFORMATION DAY SEAL:**  
SOLA SCRIPTURA • SOLUS CHRSTUS  
SOLA GRATIA • SOLA FIDE  
SOLI DEO GLORIA

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
not a result of works, so that no one may boast."  
Ephesians 2:8-9*



# COMPELLED

Mission Advancement Initiative

## MISSION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVE SUPPORT BANQUET

Hosted by

Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool, Naples, FL

November 17 at 5pm – 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of **reception, dinner, and program**, filled with fellowship and a look ahead at what God is doing across our District. Hear exciting plans for **planting new churches, launching outreach ministries, and raising up new workers** for the mission field.

**Please register at**  
**[FLGADistrict.org/mission-advancement](http://FLGADistrict.org/mission-advancement)**  
**or by phone at 407-258-5052**

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## **LWM**

LWM will resume their monthly meetings on Monday November 2nd at 1 p.m. All ladies are welcome and we would love to have everyone's ideas for the upcoming season. Come join us!

## **Operation Christmas Child Packing Event**

Help us reach our goal of packing **150 shoeboxes!** Join us after the church service on **Sunday, November 8th** to help assemble and pack the boxes. We are also collecting **\$10.00 donations per box** to cover shipping and processing costs. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry!

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Teeny, John, Chris, Robert, Paul, Stephanie, Kay, Ben, Carol, Al, Bev, Martha, Gloria, Rena, Cindy, Carolyn, Jasa, Andrew, Carol, Tammy, Mike and

Beth, Johanna , Candice, Andy, Rose, Maggie, Denny, Bill, Chip, Christine, Johanna, Sandi, Nancy, McGee family, Sonia, Chelsie, Kyle and family, Jack, Melinda, Debbie, Amy, Jennifer, Guatemala, David, Holly, Matt, Maggie, Doug, Kerry, Addison, Dustin, Peggy, Andrea, Jackson, Sue, Pat, Tim, Phil S., Tina, Thomas, Nick, Felix, Cindy, Klaus, Linda, Gail, Johnny, Wendy, Les Dreischerf, Sharon, Will, Melissa Johnson, Barb, Kayla, Katie, John, Jim Rode, Becky, Johnny, Catherine, Kim, Kayla, Rose, Helen, Tasha, Yvonne, Cody, Dan, Carl, Rose, Ken Zanto, Gary, Chris Tobeck, Keith Tobeck, James and his family, And those in our hearts

**For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:**  
The family and friends of Pam Rugenstein, The family and friends of Jeff Poulton

**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home**

**Those who can't attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.**

Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

## **PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

those who lost their homes in the fire in San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente

**Dear Lord, we come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit Amen.**

# Chicken breast Dinner



Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4-7 pm

Delicious boneless chicken breast, mashed potatoes/gravy,  
coleslaw, corn, bun, drink, and delicious dessert

\$10.00 adult \$5.00 child

Eat in or take out

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