



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Setting 8 & 3 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

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.

(8:00) Prelude: *Faithful Tears* **Miranda Wong**
(10:30) Prelude: *Meditation on A Mighty Fortress* **Jean Drahmann**

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns
Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

***Gathering Song:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **ELW 504**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***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.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful and loving God,
C: **we are your stiff-necked people.**
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

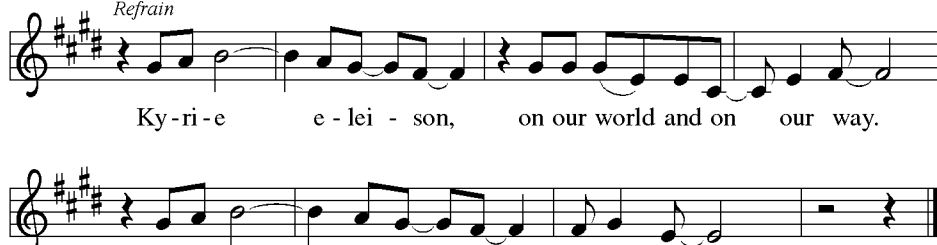
P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

***Kyrie**

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

P: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain.*

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

R: A reading from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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**

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

R: A reading from Romans, the third chapter.

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.

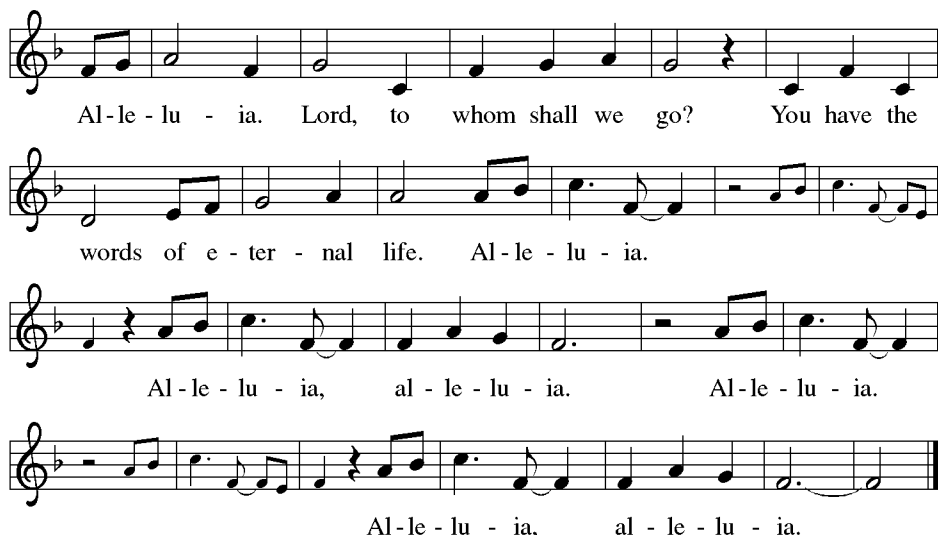
²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they 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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:** *Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

ELW 600

(8:00) Affirmation of Baptism

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Julia Norris - Isaiah 41:10 -

“Do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

Robert Fought - 1 Timothy 4:12 –

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Easton Root - Psalm 103:1-5 –

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

***Prayers of Intercession**

R: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

R: Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, *especially those we name at this time (Pause for 10 seconds for people to be named)*. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

R: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(10:30) Sr. Choir:

Faith Medley

arr. R. Mauldin

*Offertory:

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

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We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You, the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to You, the sacrifices of joy.

*Offering Prayer

P: Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

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,
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.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

- P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
- 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 for the remembrance of me.
- P: 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.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
- P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

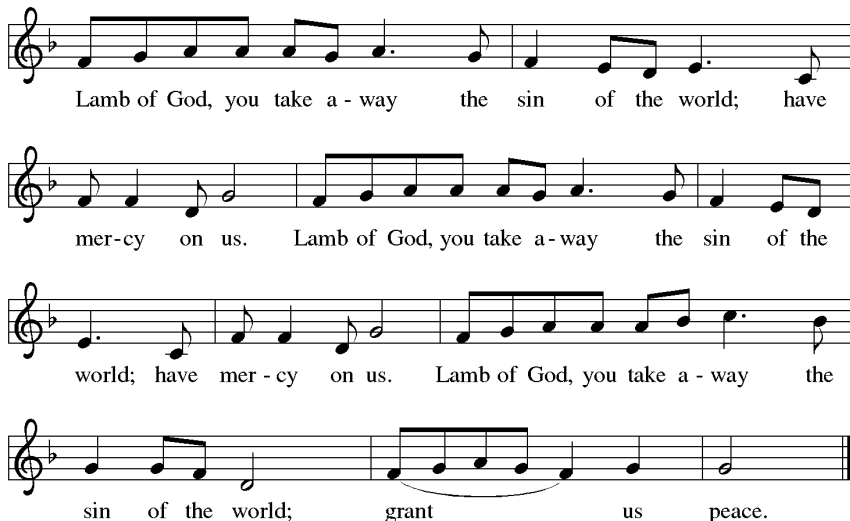
- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Lamb of God



Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten- free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let the Pastor know and he will offer a blessing.

(8:00) Flute Solo:

Peaceful Reverie

James Michael Stevens

(10:30) Communion Hymns:

ELW 599 *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

ELW 598 *For by Grace You Have Been Saved*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P: O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***(8:00) Sending Song:** *People Need the Lord* See Insert

***(10:30) Sending Song:** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*
ELW 517

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

***(8:00) Postlude:** *People Need the Lord* arr. Henry Wiens

***(10:30) Postlude:** *Join We All in One Accord* Jason A. Snipes

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON REFORMATION SUNDAY. We rejoice in God's unchanging Word and saving grace. We pray that our church and our lives may be always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in honor of our 41 years of marriage by Ken & Ginger Walker.

TODAY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AFFIRM THEIR BAPTISM:

Julia Norris – Parents are Ryan & Anna Norris

Robert Fought – Parents are Mike & Candice Fought

Easton Root – Parents are Curt & Sara Root

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Josephine Sue Brickner. Parents are Shawn & Alexis (Schneider)

Brickner. Grandparents are Dean & Chris Schneider and Jan & Kerry

Brickner. Great-Grandparents are Connie Longanbach and Edgar

Schneider and Jim & Charlotte Brickner.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS: Vice-President: Becky Dymond – Elder: Randy Brown – Trustee: Ryan Wasserman – Endowment: Judi Neill & Randy Koch. The 2026 Spending Plan was approved.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is November 2nd, 2025. We will be remembering all the Saints who have entered the church triumphant since our last All Saints Sunday last year. If you would like to add a loved one's name to those we recognize on this day, **please call the office at 419-332-6820 by this Tuesday, October 28th.**

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026 – We are asking for two people to be our representatives at the Synod Assembly next year on Saturday, May 30, 2026. It will be from 9 am to 6 pm. Please see Dave Kocsis or Pastor Tim if interested.

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH of our **Faith Lutheran Church Projects Capital Campaign**, a bold step toward protecting our facility with a new roof for the next 25+ years, transforming our fellowship entry way into a more accessible and welcoming one, and revamping our sanctuary sound system to enhance and improve our worship experience.

And here's the exciting part, a generous donor believes in this mission so strongly that they're willing to match the first \$20,000 raised! That means your support right now will go twice as far. Our initial goal is to raise \$20,000 by the end of 2025, and when we reach that goal, because of our generous donor, we'll have raised \$40,000!

To contribute to this, simply note on your offering or gift that it is for the **Faith Lutheran Projects Campaign**.

THE RETIRED MEN'S GROUP The men's group will be meeting **tomorrow** here at Faith around 7:45am and carpooling to the home of Denny and Deb Fahle. If you live close by, please meet us there by 8:00am. We will be starting our study of the book of Job. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Hope you will be able to be a part of this visitation and study.

SIBERIAN SOLSTICE – St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint Street, Oak Harbor invites you to join them on Saturday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for a musical celebration of Christmas presented by Siberian Solstice. This amazing group from northwest Ohio performs an exciting contemporary set of Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed group Trans-Siberian Orchestra. The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums and guitars can be enjoyed by all age groups. This year through music, video and narration the story of THE ANGEL'S GIFT will be told. No tickets are needed. It is a free will donation. A group of us from Faith Lutheran Church will be attending this concert and you are invited to join us! We will meet at 4:45 p.m. at the church and proceed to Arby's in Fremont for supper at 5 p.m. **PLEASE, WON'T YOU JOIN US?**

SACRED HEART'S ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW will be held Friday, November 7th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 8th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may want to stop in and check it out! Enjoy!

TOLEDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Grace Lutheran Church, 705 W. State Street, Fremont is once again hosting the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. This year's concert will be held on **Thursday, December 18th, at 7 p.m.** in the church Sanctuary. We hope you will be a sponsor for this event. The cost of bringing the Toledo Symphony to Fremont is \$13,000.00. Please help underwrite this fine musical program with your generous contribution. The sponsor categories are listed on the letter found on the Women's Bulletin Board in the coat room area. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church, earmarked for the Toledo Symphony, and mailed to 705 W. State St., Fremont, OH 43420. Tickets will be mailed 3 weeks prior to the concert. **Deadline for underwriting contributions is December 5th.** Sponsor Reserved Seating tickets are NOT transferable to General Admission seating. We thank you for your consideration. The Symphony Committee.

ROCKY RIDGE FALL SOCIAL GATHERING – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Location: Vacant lot corner of Third & Rocky Ridge Road

Date & Time: **TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 26th**, from 5-6 p.m.

Food: FREE hot dogs, chips, donuts & cider

As well as free raffles!

Bring a lawn chair.

Hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge

Event made possible by a grant through a generous donation from the Stewardship of Life Institute; with co-sponsors of Kindling Faith at ULS and the ELCA Churchwide Office.

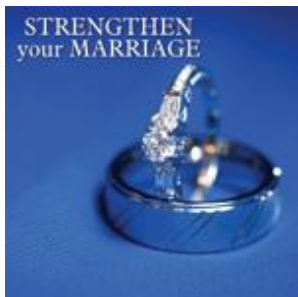


FLC Women's Thank Offering Sunday will be **November 9th, 2025.**

We welcome Cheryl Paeth to share the message and a representative will be here from Flag City Honor Flight to receive our proceeds from the Souper Soup Cookoff and Silent Auction. We will also recognize our Veterans at this Service. **Please pick up your Thank Offering envelopes in the Narthex.** Also, a basket for additional donations will be available on this Sunday to benefit the Flag City Honor Flight.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A LUTHERANS & PASTORAL CARE GATHERING sponsored by the Portage Valley Federation of Lutheran Men (PVFLM) on **Saturday, November 1, 2025.** Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and PVFLM History by Victor Schuerman at 10:00 a.m. at Luther Home of Mercy's Emmanuel Lutheran Center, 3557 U.S. Rte. 20, Lindsey, OH 43442. RSVP by Friday, 10-24 to 419-836-7741.

MAKE YOUR GOOD MARRIAGE GREAT! Enhance your communication skills with a Marriage Encounter experience! Join us November 7 - 9, 2025 at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Streetsboro, Ohio, with meals catered by local Honeybaked Ham and Ruby Tuesday restaurants. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen at d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net or 440-734-6312 for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – The order form is on the insert for you to order your Christmas Poinsettias. We have added a new color of Marble this year. The cost is \$11.00 each and the deadline is November 30th.

PRAYING DAILY



For healing and hope: Joan Bolen, Patty Carrigan, Mary Ann Diekman, Denny Fahle, Millie Fetterman, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Laurie Krynock, Bill Leutenegger, Mike Masella, Dean May, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Gary Overmyer, Sandie Reed, Ken & Gloria Root, Bob Schneider, Bill Seibert, Becky Sterling, Janet Tressler, Linda Woessner. Matt Michael, Jackie Mowry,

Eric Paul, Teri Titkemeier, John Triplett.

For the Family of: Paul Antesberger, Dorothy Hartford (Ruth Gerber's Sister)

For our Military: Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

ASSISTING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer **Pianist:** Becky Fox
Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Flautist:** Marilyn Ring
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Jim & Kim Smith Amy & Gil Wagner
Lector: Braelyn Weiker Eric McBride
Acolyte: Brielle Weiker Evan McBride
Communion: A. Miller & J. Seibert A. Wagner & R. Koch
Counters: Laurie Krynock* & Randy Koch
Fellowship Time Host:
Altar Guild: Sarah Quaintance & Nicole Weiker
Ushers: (8:00) Gazdecki Family & Jackson Fought

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Organist:** Parm Boyer
Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Greeter:</u>	Karly Paeth/Paeth Family	Dave & Marilyn Ring
<u>Lector:</u>	Lillian Harder	Brielle Weiker
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Lillian Harder	Braelyn Weiker
<u>Communion:</u>	G. Tooman/K. Paeth	C. Trick & R. Brown
<u>Counters:</u>	Ann Waggoner* & Anne Gerner	
<u>Fellowship Time Host:</u>	Adult II Sunday School Class	
<u>Altar Guild:</u>	Bonnie Overmyer & Deb Fahle	
<u>Ushers:</u>		

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – Oct. 26 to Nov. 2

Sunday REFORMATION & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Oct. 26-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

Monday

Oct. 27-----7:45 a.m. Men's Group – Meet at church at 7:45 a.m.
To carpool to Denny Fahle's home by 8 a.m.
10 a.m. Valley View – Tea Time with God
7:30 p.m. Dartball – Home vs. Zion

Tuesday

Oct. 28-----7 p.m. Esther Circle – Sermon on the Mount #12

Wednesday

Oct. 29-----6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir
7:30 p.m. Praise Choir

Thursday

Oct. 30-----3 p.m. Christ Care

Friday

Oct. 31-----

Saturday

Nov. 1-----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

Nov. 2-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

SUNDAY, OCT. 19, 2025: ATTENDANCE: 116 – OFFERING: \$3,244.52
NOISY OFFERING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025: \$125.56

GOSPEL MESSAGE

**October 26, 2025
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Home, Sweet Home

Whether you have lived in several places or very few, you probably have a method for transforming a space to live into a home. Maybe you put family photos on the walls, set out mementos, or spread a favorite quilt on the bed. These touches are important if we want to feel like we belong in a new space.

Jesus offered the gift of belonging to people who newly believed in him, but they had a hard time accepting it. He said if they would continue, or abide, in his word, they would be his disciples, know his truth, and be set free. They would receive the gift of belonging to his household forever.

To us the listeners' response is surprising, as if the new believers had shut their ears as soon as they heard Jesus say, "The truth will make you free." They didn't want to accept that there was anything they needed to be set free from. On a deeper level, they didn't want to believe that someone else would need to set them free. Jesus' words invite us to reflect on where our freedom comes from, and where we belong, as his disciples.

On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate how the Holy Spirit is constantly reforming the church, the community of Jesus' disciples. We give thanks for the gospel message that Jesus saves us from sin and death through his cross and resurrection. We don't have to earn our salvation; we can simply trust that Jesus is the one who makes it possible. That's how we receive genuine freedom—as a gift of God's grace. Thanks to Jesus, we have a permanent home. No matter how many times we move, we abide with Jesus forever. This festival day encourages us to keep listening to Jesus' word, growing in faith as his disciples, and giving thanks that with him, we are always at home.