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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able. The inner glasses are grape juice. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal **WOV** – Blue Hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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*Brief Order for Public Confession

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*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie

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*This Is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading:

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I 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. ⁷And 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.”

Psalm 46 (read responsively by whole verse)

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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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,

since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

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*Gospel

John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Sermon: “THE SON SETS YOU FREE”

*Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” **LBW 230**

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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O God, our mighty fortress, we give thanks on Reformation Sunday that your holy Word continues its work among us. We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to renew and reform your Church always, drawing us back to your Word when we have wandered from the truth.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the gifts of wisdom, understanding, faith, and growth, which you grant to those who study your Word. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to increase our faith and love, that the gifts of your Holy Spirit may be evident in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God our ever-present help, our rock and our salvation, deepen our faith in your promise of salvation. May your grace have free reign among us that we might be emboldened to witness to your saving grace in our homes, our communities, and to all nations.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God you are our shield and our strength. Be our protector in all the uncertainty and tragedy of life. Pour out your healing upon all who are sick or suffering [particularly ...]. Keep us mindful that no evil can win the day for through the cross of your dear Son, Jesus, the kingdom is ours forever.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

Operation Christmas Child

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Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving

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*Words of Institution (Prayer #33)

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*The Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

*Post Communion Prayer

*Thank the Lord

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*Benediction and Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" vv.1,4 & 5

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

* Postlude

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Last Sunday, 10/24: 37

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Krystal Lico 10/28
Ruthann Joos 10/30
Richard Wilson 10/31
McKenzie Mielke 11/5/08

Lexus Tompkins 10/30/03
Alexis Haag 10/31
Emma Newberry 11/2/11



Please thank everyone for their prayers and cards. It means so much to me and I am so grateful.

Thank you, Trudy Loomis



We would like to thank everyone for throwing us a wonderful baby shower on Sunday, October 17. It was such a special day, and we are overwhelmed by the love and generosity we received.

Ben and Amy Blobaum



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Only 2 weeks left to fill a box or two for a child. You may select the age of the child that you would like to buy for. There is a brochure inside each box with suggestions and instructions. Please return your filled box no later than Sunday, November 14.

CRAFT NIGHTS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The next craft night for OCC will be Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm. We will be making a craft for next years shoeboxes. All are welcome to come. These are projects anyone can do. Do you have colorful buttons? We are looking for buttons, a nickle to a quarter size for this project.



ORDINATION CELEBRATION

On November 7th, Pastor Phil Gronbach will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Please join us for a cake and coffee reception after service next Sunday.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please plan to meet with our potential new Pastor on Wednesday, November 17th at noon for a light lunch or at 6pm for Craft (Operation Christmas Child) and a potluck.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 21st right after service for the purpose of:

1. Ratification of the amendment of the NALC Constitution
2. Issuing a Pastoral Call, God willing

Sunday 10/31: Join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service.

Tuesday 11/2: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Dist., 12-2 pm.

Thursday 11/4: Food Truck Delivery, 7:30am.

Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 11/6: Communion Service with pledges to the altar,
5:30pm.

Change Your Clock



Change Your Battery

Daylight Savings Ends – Turn Clocks Back 1 hour

Sunday 11/7: Communion Service with pledges to the altar and Sunday School to follow, 9am. Cake Reception to celebrate Pastor Phil's 50th anniversary of ordination, immediately after the service.

PARISH CONCERNS:

- Nancy Bakanas for relief of tremendous back pain. She has a fractured vertebrae.
- Trudy Loomis has moved temporarily to Peggy & Gary's. She is having in-home rehab therapy.
- Walter Mercado is getting stronger every day.
- Chuck Huey's sister, Harriet has kidney failure.
- Justin Mielke for healing of his heart condition.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Amy Blobaum and Abby (Pahnke) Bohn.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Peggy Veach, her son Chris and grandson, Briggs.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- Pray for our church and its activities, as we patiently wait for God to send us the right Pastor.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians and other Afghans suffering violence of the Taliban.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.