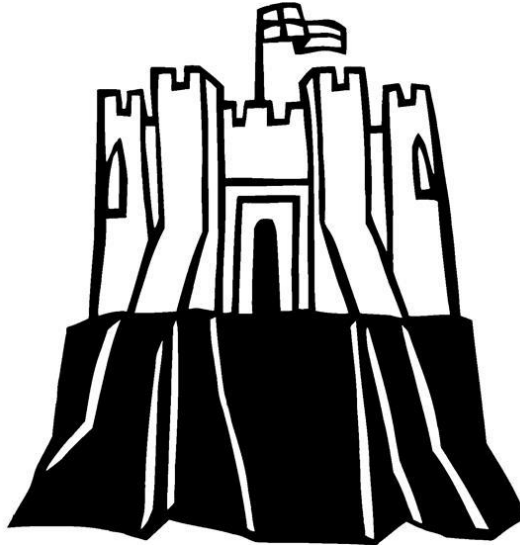




October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday

[Online Guest Form](#)



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.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper

* Please stand as you are able

THE PRELUDE: "Chorale Prelude on the 'Old 104th'" (C. Hubert H. Parry) Steven Schneider,
Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

*FANFARE: "Ein Feste Burg" (Martin Luther)

Instrumental Ensemble

*HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

LBW 228

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, the lyrics are written in four lines, numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 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
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 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***THE 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.

***THE KYRIE**



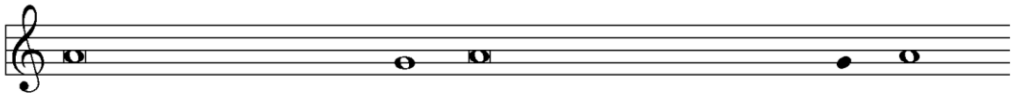
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



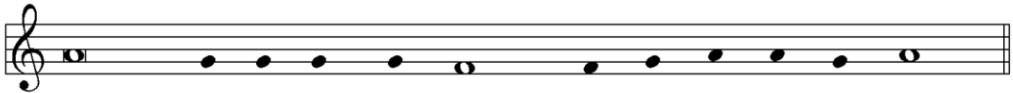
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



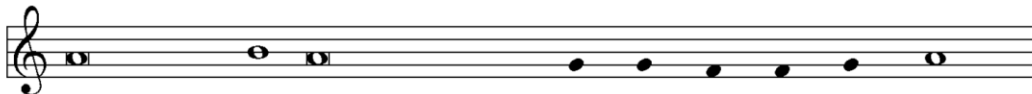
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

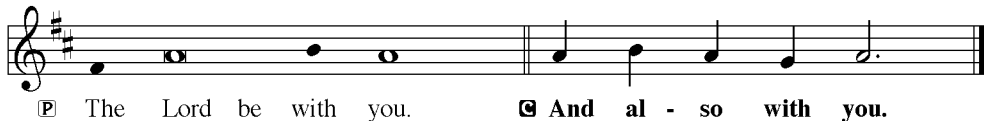


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

Cherub Choir
Claire Strand, Director

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

THE PSALM: *Psalm 46*

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.**

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 up on 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Bible Presentation

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of grace, hear our prayer.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "God is Our Refuge and Strength" (Allen Pote)

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

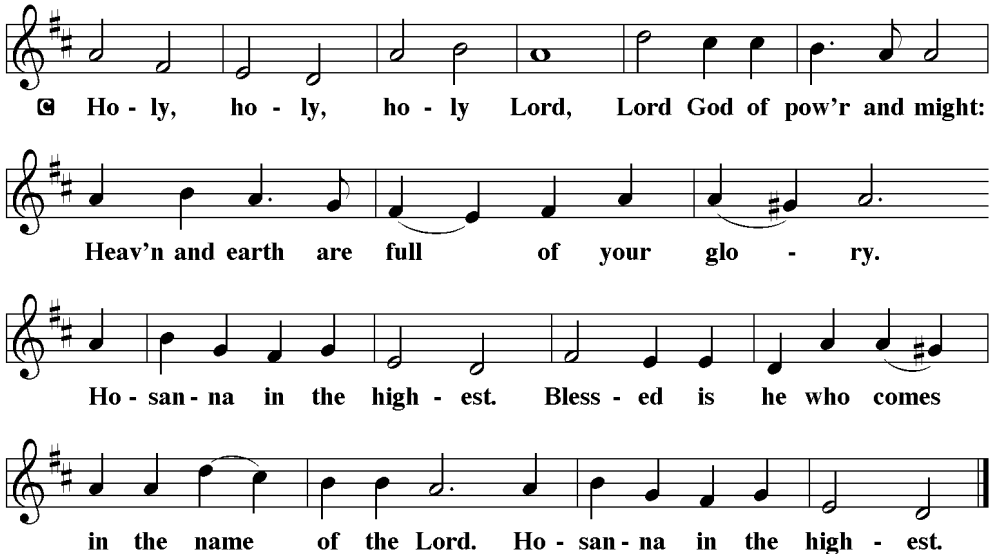
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

*THE SANCTUS



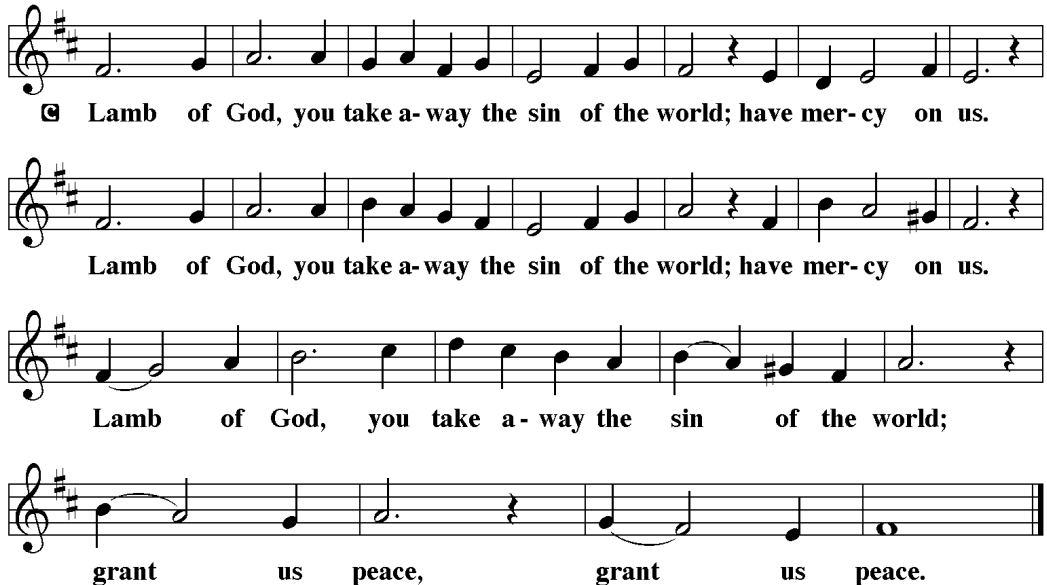
☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



☐ 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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

□ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: AURELLA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Toccata and Fugue in D minor"

J. S. Bach

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names referenced during the Prayers of the Church during the livestream .

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Anita DeJong in celebration another birthday and by MLC staff in appreciation of Pastor Kris Schroeder.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Parish Hall after each service of worship.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in being a substitute for a Sunday in the nursery, please contact Laurie Campbell at personnel.committee@mlutheran.org for details.

TOWN-HALL MEETING TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. MLC Council will review the agenda for the meeting, present the proposed 2024 Budget, and answer questions. Official notice of the meeting was sent this past Thursday. Printed copies are available in the church office.

CHILI COOKOFF & COSTUME CONTEST IS TONIGHT FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Cookoff starts at 5:00, with a costume contest, games for kids, and a food packing to follow. Signup at the Welcome Center to bring chili, fixings, a dessert, or other items. POC Kari Pitchko.

MLC'S PLANNING FOR MISSION CONGREGATION MEETING will be Sun., November 5th at 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH MLC WILL CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY giving us a time to honor, remember and pray for the saints who have gone before us. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who has died since last All Saints Day and be a part this remembrance, please complete the form at <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/all-saints-sunday2023> or call the church office tomorrow at (256)721-0041. Last day to provide names is tomorrow.

THIS SATURDAY IS MLC'S 2nd ANNUAL GERMAN FOOD FESTIVAL 300+ guests are anticipated, and volunteers are still urgently needed to help the event run smoothly for those attending. Please use the signup genius form to indicate your availability. There is also a sign up at the Welcome Center. POC Dana Burton.

CALL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS can be sent to: Rachel Finch (rachel.tatum.finch@gmail.com)

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Wrapped Toothbrushes FOOD PANTRY Boxes of Stuffing and Gravy Mix

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt Meredith Kilby
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand

Pastor Kris Schroeder

Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org

Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

Pastor Kris will be concluding her Continuing Education Oct. 30 - Nov 3. For emergency pastoral care call the church office at 256.721.0041

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, October 29 REFORMATION SUNDAY - BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting - Parish Hall
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 5:00 p.m. - Chili Cookoff and Halloween Costume Party

Tuesday, October 31

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, November 1

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Dorothy Seitz
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 2

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Friday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. - German Food Fest Baking & Setup

Saturday, November 4

- 11:00 a.m. - German Food Festival

Sunday, November 5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY/Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 4 - German Food Festival
- November 5 - Congregation Meeting, All Saints Sunday
- November 10 - Valley Consort Concert at MLC
- December 3 - Advent Begins
- December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin
- December 10 - Annual Ring & Sing Concert

Attendance:

October 15 Online: - 68 October 22 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 67, 11:00 a.m. - 69

Offerings Counted Week of October 22, 2023

Give Online!



Volunteer Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/33773DB0EA3CFEECF9-sunday>

