

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 27th, 2024, 9:00 AM Reformation Sunday / Setting 3



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.

WELCOME to worship at St. John's, whether virtually or in person. We are delighted to share this time together. St. John's focus is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, strengthen believers and care for those in Need.

HOLY COMMUNION is served by a 2-line procession down the center aisle. We will celebrate with bread, wine, or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

GIVE TO ST. JOHN'S Offering plates are located at each entrance. If you prefer to give electronically, visit our website, and click on the **E-Giving Tab**. Use your existing login information. For new users, search for St John's Lutheran Church Lewistown. Information on **E-Giving** is available on the SJLC resource table. Thank you for your continued support.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we would like to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it on the offering plate at the entrances. May Christ's spirit be with each and every one of us in our congregational life and faith journey.

LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS are available, please see a door greeter.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor – Rev. Allen Huslander and Rev. Charles Hershberger

Ushers – Scott Welham (head usher), Robyn Mertz, Deb Kling

Cantor – Dave Phillips

Lay Reader – Scott Welham

Communion Assistants – Glen Hetrick, Sue Shawver, Terri Limes – book bearer

Crucifer – Glen Hetrick

Acolytes – Geneva Kelly, Ava Kelly

Altar Guild Volunteers – Betty Weaver, Mary Barr, Linda Goss, Janet Deamer

Media & Production – Grant and Carrie Stufft, Nancy Ressler, and Mary Barr

PRELUDE 9:00 AM "The Gift of Grace" Based on "Amazing Grace" arr. Arnold b. Sherman, 2002
Agape

Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

*Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses are in **Bold**.
Red Hymnal (ELW) will be used for parts of the service.*

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Processional Hymn

ELW #504 "A Mighty Fortress of God"

Entrance of Martin Luther with 95 Theses portrayed by Jon Farley

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

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This is the Feast

ELW page #140 Setting 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Special Music

“Be Glad in the Lord” Joseph M. Martin, 1997 Timespann, a div. of The Lorenz Corp.

Chancel Choir

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write my law in their hearts says the LORD.*

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.

Reader ends with: **"The Word of the Lord."**

Congregation responds: **"Thanks be to God."**

Psalm: Psalm 46

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.**

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.

Second Reading – Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God's grace as a gift.*

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.

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CHILDRENS MESSAGE *All children are invited forward.*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able.*



The Holy Gospel according to, Mark the 10th, Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then 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." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Allen

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**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 into hell.
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

The petitions end with: *“God of Grace”*
And the Congregational response is:
“hear our prayer”

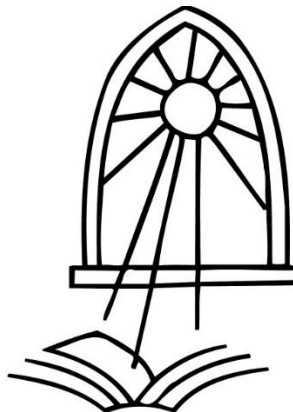
Keep In Prayer: Deb Montgomery,
Patty Wagner, Steve & Vicki Yohn,
Jack Stull, Toby Sweigart, Dave
Borland, Larry Niemond, Martha
Liebegott, and the Call Committee.

*To have someone added to the
Prayer Guide-with their permission-
please contact the church office.

SHARING of GOD’S PEACE

Share the Peace in a safe manner.
Simply say the words. *“Peace be with You.”*
“And also with you.”

MEAL *Please continue to stand.*



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

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 (spoken)

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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
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.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

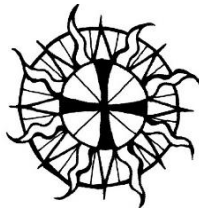
The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, which 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



Lamb of God

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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

All who are baptized are invited to come forward. Children, if not already communing, may be brought forward for a blessing from the Pastor. Please hold both hands out to receive the bread, then choose a cup from the Acolyte. Please dispose of your communion cup in the nearby waste basket.

Communion Music

Piano duets with Terri Limes

“Medley of German Hymns” “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Kirchengesange and “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Katholisches Gesangbuch, Arr. Larry Shackley, 2005 Alfred Pub Co.

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Geistliche Kirchengesang, Arr. Phillip Keverean, 2008 Hal Leonard Corp.

“Praise to the Lord Almighty” Erneueren Gesangbuch, Arr. Phillip Keveren, 2008 Hal Leonard Corp.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

ELW #517 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Silent Meditation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” Haldor Lillenas, Arr. Shackley, 2012 Lorenz Pub Co.

Piano duet with Terri Limes

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DEDICATIONS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are presented by Scott Price in honor of the 507th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and in memory of Mrs. Pegge Mixer who loved Reformation.

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN is presented by Pam Logan in honor of loved ones.

THIS WEEK'S ETERNAL CANDLE BURNS in memory of John P. Mertz by his wife Robyn Mertz.

THE COMMUNION WINE this morning is given by Ed and Janet Deamer in honor of their church family.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

REFORMATION RECITAL The St. John's Lutheran Church Reformation Recital is **today October 27th at 3:00 pm.**

REFORMATION RECITAL FELLOWSHIP The Barnabas Brothers are proudly sponsoring the Reformation Recital Fellowship **today October 27th**, following the Recital in the Fellowship Hall. The Barnabas Brothers will provide the Reformation Cake plus chicken salad sandwich squares and beverages. We respectfully request that the Congregation share a **snack item or baked good**. The Reformation Recital Fellowship provides a special time of Christian Fellowship that enables the Musical Performers and the attendees to meet. We anticipate a good attendance so please plan accordingly to share a snack item or baked goods. Thanks to Patty Loudenslager, Director of Music at St. John's Lutheran Church for coordinating the Reformation Recital Fellowship. Thank You Steve Burk Barnabas Brothers

MEET & EAT ladies' luncheon is on Tuesday November 5th, 2024, at Sal-lee's Restaurant. Ladies are to meet at 12:00-Noon.

THANK YOU Verna Moist would like to extend many thanks for the prayers, cards and flowers.

NEW INFORMATION has been put up on the WELCA bulletin in the hallway between the office and the library. There is more information on the Seafarer bags and on the quilts.

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL (for all ages) is an amazing experience where scriptures and parables "come alive." Godly Play dates are as follows: 11/10, 01/12, 02/09, 03/09, 04/13, 05/11. All are welcome!

THE BARNABAS BROTHERS' next hoagie sale is scheduled for Friday November 15th. The deadline for orders is Sunday November 10th. Help will be needed for hoagie preparation on **Thursday November 14th**, at 7am **Friday November 15th**, starting at 6am or whenever available. The last hoagie sale was very successful with a total sellout of 950 hoagies. Thanks to everyone who participated as we are dedicated to serving Our Lord and Savior and helping Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and the St. John's Lutheran Church . Thank you. Respectfully, Steve Burk.

DEADLINE The deadline to submit announcements for December's SJL Church newsletter is **Friday November 15th.**

SOLES 4 SOULS A reminder. A box is in the lobby for any shoe donations.

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS 4th Quarter Special Offering will go towards Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

LUMINA CENTER The new **2024/2025** Restaurant Discount Cards are now available. The

cost is \$10.00, and discounts apply to 16 local restaurants in the community. Please see Steve Burk, Mary Barr or the SJLC Office to purchase.

UPDATES The church office is working on updating the congregation demographic records. If you have moved, changed your phone number or if you have become a new member in the last 2 years, please pick up a demographic sheet located on the resource table in the lobby.

LOST & FOUND there is a lost and found box in the lobby on the shelf above the coat rack. Please check for any items that you may be missing.

WEATHER ALERT If the Mifflin County School District is delayed, closed, or closing due to snow and ice, the SJLC Office and all activities in the church facility will be postponed or cancelled.

COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

THE SJLC COUNCIL meeting is on **Monday October 28th, 2024**, at 6:30pm.

THE MISSION & OUTREACH meeting is on Tuesday November 12th, 2024, at 4:30pm.

ATTENTION COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEMBERS it's that time of year to submit your yearly report for the SJLC Annual report which is due December 31st. Therefore, the administration office asks that all reports be submitted via email, US mail, or in writing no later than Friday **December 13th, 2024**. Thank you.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD item requests for **October** are cereal, breakfast bars, sugar, shelf stable milk, and powdered milk.

HAM SANDWICH SALE is on the second Friday of every month at SJLC. Orders are due the Monday before.

PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP Needs sheets (slightly used ok). Deliver to quilt room.

Worship SCHEDULE

November 3 [All Saints Day] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School

November 10 [Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Godly Play/
Sunday School

November 17 [Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday
School

November 24 [Christ the King] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School
December 1 [First Sunday of Advent] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School
December 8 [Second Sunday of Advent] 9:00am Worship, 10:15 Sunday School

Meetings (Please see above for details)

10/28 Mon. Council meeting at 6:30pm.
10/30 Wed. Choir practice 6:00pm – 9:00pm.
11/10 Sun. Godly Play at 10:15am
11/12 Tue. Mission & Outreach meeting at 4:30pm
11/25 Mon. SJLC Council meeting at 6:30pm.

Reminders for November

Acolytes – Cora Rankin, Cooper Rankin

Altar Guild Volunteers – Sharon Gibboney, Anne Spicer, Collette Croyle

Communion Assistants – Dave Ray, Ginny Ray, Mary Barr

Crucifer – Dave Ray

Ushers – Dennis Noble – head usher, Sandy Noble, Gloria Stewart

Money Counters – Judy Spencer, Deb Kling

Lay Lectors

November 3 – Ed Deamer

November 10 – Children

November 17 – Thankoffering

November 24 – TBA

Next Sunday's Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John:11-32-44*