

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunflower Drive ~ DuBois, PA ~ (814) 371-2470

Rev. John Miller ~ Pastor

Rev. Amy Godshall-Miller ~ Pastor

Nikki Dombroski – Family Ministry Coordinator

Reformation Sunday ~ November 3, 2024 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: 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. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

504

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

ANTHEM: Alleluia to the King

~ Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A: The First Lesson is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

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. 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of Reformation preaching. 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.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

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. 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

Pastor Jim Neal

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**

PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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



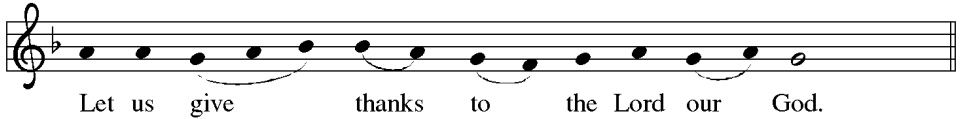
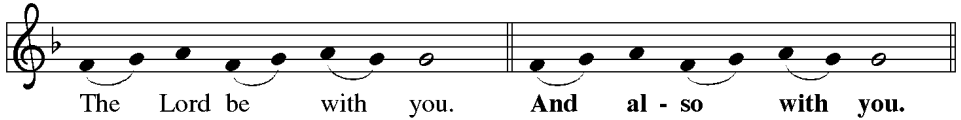
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

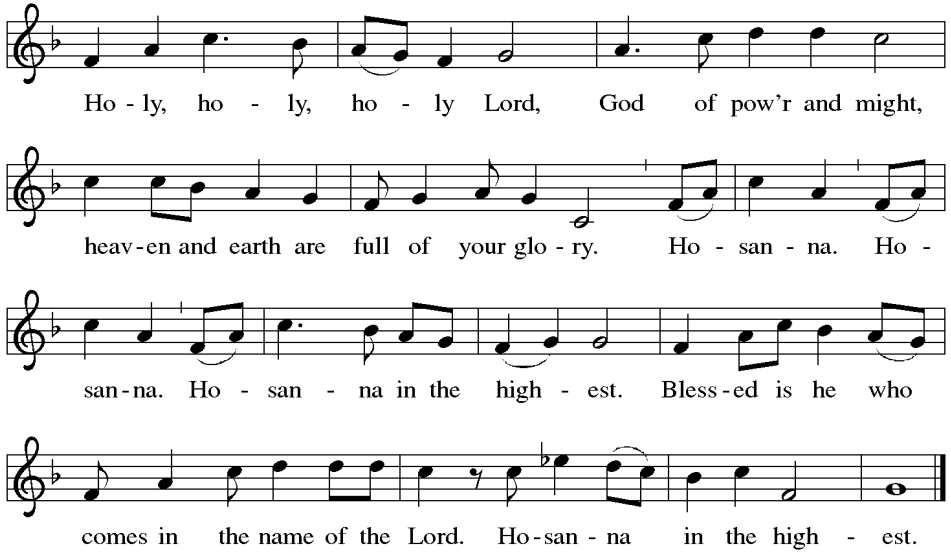


PREFACE:

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.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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.

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.

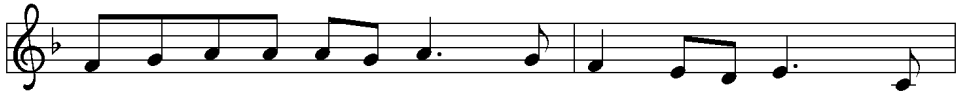
THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

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.

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

PRAYER:

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

BLESSING:

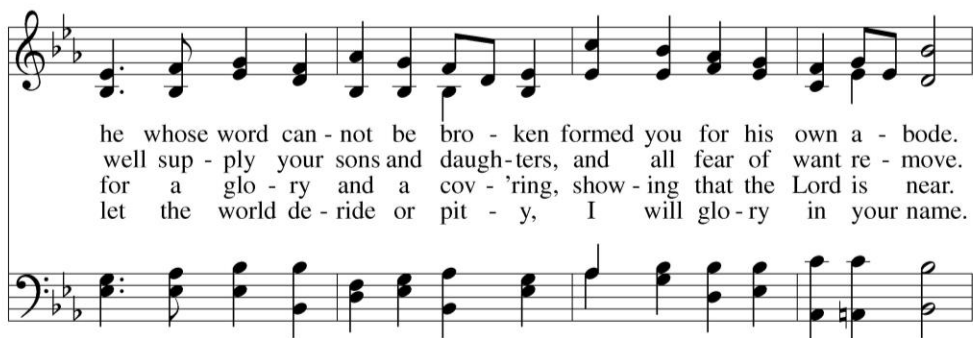
♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

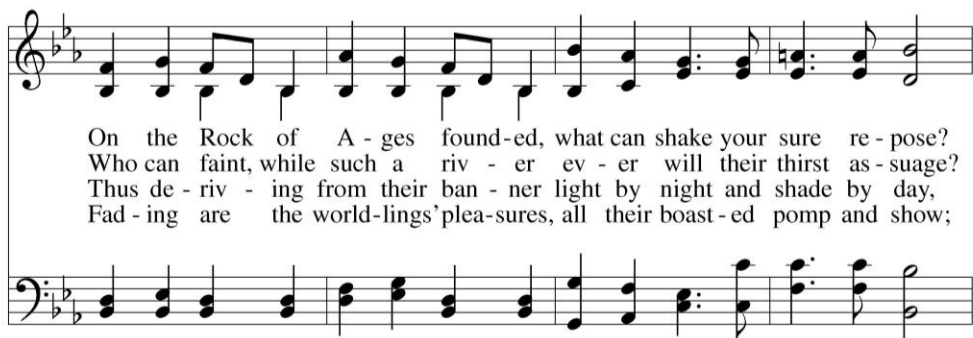
HYMN: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken*



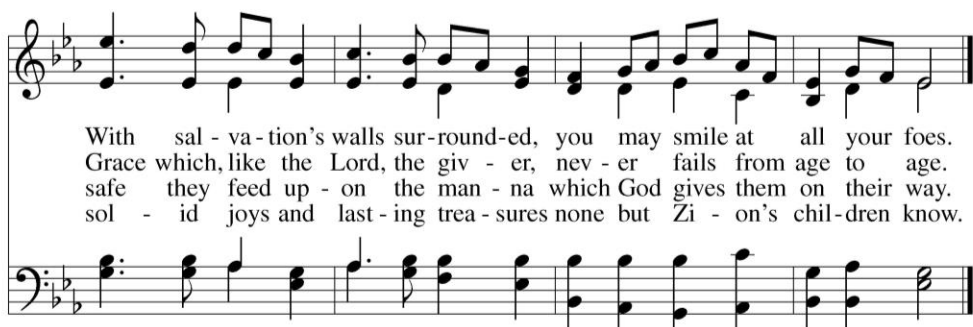
1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.
well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Fad - ing are the world - lings' plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

☉ *Egypt Pilgrimage through Tuesday, November 5* ☾

Today - Reformation Sunday

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Sunday School

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

Tuesday-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Nov 10-All Saints Sunday

Mon-Nov 11-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Nov 12-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thurs-Nov 14-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Fri-Nov 15-7:00-Confirmation Youth Lock-In begins

Sat-Nov 16-11:30-Lock-In ends

+++

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 11:32-44

+++

Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-52; 9:45-68; 11:00-26

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Bill Clark on his Birthday by JoAnn & Joe Kruckow and Marty Clark.

We welcome Pastor Jim Neal as our worship leader. Thank you for your presence among us today.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: "Samuel: God hears me!"

Council . . . If you are interested in serving on council, please complete the Council interest form in the narthex and return it by **next Sunday November 10, 2024**.

All Saints Day . . . NEXT Sunday November 10. Festival Service of Worship with Holy Communion at all services – Celebration of All the Saints, and especially those most beloved to us called to God in death this past year.

The Confirmation Youth LOCK-IN at the church is **Friday-Saturday, November 15-16** from 7 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or email Pastor Amy.

Christmas Play preparation will begin on **Sunday November 17** during the Sunday School hour.

→ **Mission of the Month: DuBois Food Pantry Christmas Gifts** ←

We plan to buy a Christmas gift for every client of the Food Pantry. More than 900 gifts were distributed last year. Every adult, teen, and child will receive a \$5 gift. **Two ways to participate:**

① **Christmas Gift Tree!** If you would like to shop, select an ornament from the tree in the narthex; each ornament provides three \$5 gift ideas. A flyer with all needed info is by the tree. Please return gifts unwrapped by **Sunday November 24. OR . . .**

② **Contribute Financially** towards this effort (if you would rather not shop) by using a pew envelope and writing "Food Pantry Gifts" in the *other* line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for helping bring Christmas cheer to others!

Gift Wrapping . . . Sunday Morning November 24! Join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship services . . . we need LOTS of volunteers to help wrap the Food Pantry Christmas gifts! There will also be a light breakfast. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Nikki Dombroski.

Thanksgiving Donations for the Food Pantry . . . remember to bring a non-perishable food item to worship on **November 24** to be donated to the DuBois Area Food Pantry. Thank you!

Pointsettias for Christmas Eve . . . Order forms are on the table in the narthex. **Please order by Sunday December 1.**

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army . . . Saturday December 7 at Big Lots (DuBois Mall), 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please consider giving ½ hour or an hour of your time for this important effort of the Salvation Army to raise money for those less fortunate in our area to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Coming in early 2024: For youth in 6th-12th grades!! A road trip to Pittsburgh for YouthQuake, **Friday-Saturday, January 24-26, 2025**, at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis. Early bird registration deadline is November 6. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Pentecost Season Devotions Part Two: Road Trip through the Bible are on the table in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Food Pantry Items for November are QUICK COOKING OATMEAL and/or EVAPORATED CANNED MILK.