



*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 MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

*"Individuals need to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and use a cloth face covering ... in community settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. These universal precautions are appropriate regardless of the extent of mitigation needed." [The Center for Disease Control]*

*Therefore out of love for one another as part of the Body of Christ, we will all wear masks, stay six feet away from other households, sanitize our hands, refrain from singing, and speak together very quietly only for the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed. The louder we speak, the more potential viral spread there would be, even from behind masks.*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Reformation Sunday – October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*Built on a Rock*

Robert Lind

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

### GREETING

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **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.**

### **WORD**

#### **READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Romans 3:19-28**

*The assembly is seated.*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

*The assembly stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to John.

## **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.

## **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*      # 517**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

- 1    Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
      curb those who by deceit or sword  
      would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
      and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2    Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
      for you are Lord of lords alone;  
      defend your holy church, that we  
      may sing your praise eternally.
- 3    O Comforter of priceless worth,  
      send peace and unity on earth;  
      support us in our final strife  
      and lead us out of death to life.

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.*

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of Christ's Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in the Baptism.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*Those making affirmation are presented by a representative of the congregation:*

I present name/s, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters,

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.  
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response by each confirmand:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response by each confirmand:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response by each confirmand:* I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead.  
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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response by each confirmand:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those making affirmation kneel. The minister and Faith & Families Director lay a hand on the head of the person:*

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Continue to nurture the faith within us, but especially among the young people who this day publicly affirm their baptismal call in the Rite of Confirmation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind, especially wild fires in the west, and hurricanes along the gulf coast. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Bring wisdom and compassion to both those who govern and those who will soon vote. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Give strength to those caring for people with the coronavirus, and recovery to those who are infected. Grant healing to those who are ill, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

*We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone who cannot be here! Yes, now is the time to use our phones in church, on silent of course!*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 God thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**

We praise you, all-holy God,  
for the universe beyond our knowing,  
for creatures seen and unseen,  
and for the places we call home.

We praise you for your covenant people,  
for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,  
for the prophets and the psalmists,  
and for centuries of faithful Christians,  
for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde,  
for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai,  
Nommensen and Kierkegaard,  
Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld,  
for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,  
who saves us from sin and from evil,  
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,  
who on the night before he died,  
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.  
And so we remember your Word,  
his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection,  
his presence in this meal around the world.  
We pray, O God, for your Spirit.  
Bless all those who share this meal;  
inspire your people for service;  
continue the reformation of your church;  
and renew the world with your mercy,  
with your healing, your justice, and your peace.  
We praise you, all-holy God,  
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,  
mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, steadfast Shield,  
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen!**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken together quietly enough not to wake a baby, in order to share as little airborne virus as possible from community speaking.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*During this time of the pandemic we are following ecumenical safety guidelines. The ushers will dismiss you by pew, and you will approach the altar by the center aisle (please allow a six-foot separation between households, as the blue tape on the floor indicates). The pastor, who has thoroughly disinfected his/her hands, will drop the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms. Then we ask that you maintain a six-foot distance as you make your way toward the table that is holding prefilled glasses arranged far enough apart to take one without touching another. First lower your mask, then eat the host, and finally take*



*either a glass of wine or grape juice. As you leave, drop the used glass in the nearby basket, replace your mask, and then sanitize your hands – and rejoice that although this is different, that we can resume receiving the Lord’s Supper if we continue to strive to keep one another safe with precautions.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BLESSING**

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister proclaims God’s blessing.*

Mothering God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bles you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

## ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**# 825**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship  
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## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*  
Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**Arr. Steven Scott**

## **OFFERING**

*You may drop your offering in the plates as you leave.*

*If you are worshiping at home, please mail your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA. Or you can drop it through the slot in the door at the back, office entrance of the church building.*

*To avoid crowding and therefore lessening the six-foot physical distance, we ask you to leave starting from the front pews to the back. If you and others feel comfortable, you can continue fellowship conversation in the lobby and outside with masks from a safe distance.*

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## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie

Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Gemma Geary, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Nancy Cooper, David and Angela Weiser, Faye Sausser, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner

**Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Direnzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Kathrine Smiley, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Steficheck, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Jerry Stoutland, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Linda Covert</b>
<b>Confirmation Assistant</b>	<b>Tanya Cartwright</b>	<b>Tanya Cartwright</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Linda Covert</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>	<b>Jim Zeiglebein</b>
	<b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Don Boyer</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Rick Heckrote</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Jillian Gipe</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Sue Moyer</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, Janet Sattizahn</b>	

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Karen Ochenrider</b>	<b>Jim Covert</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Krista Sausser</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>Bill Shay</b>	<b>Jane Mahoney</b>

Sound Board	Joy Heffner	Frank Mahoney
Acolyte	Melissa Boyer	Gary Reager
Altar Guild	Ellayna Boyer	Jillian Gipe
Counters	Cheryl Miller & Karen Dudley	
	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	

### WEEKLY NEWS

*THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES* are to the Glory of God, in honor of Elizabeth and Ryan Lamm's 12<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 25<sup>th</sup>, by Bob and Jill McCloy.

### ***TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY & WE CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION!***

**CONFIRMANDS 2020:** Ellayna Louise Boyer, Rylee Anmarie Brown, Jillian Grace Gipe, Hope Elizabeth Stephen, and Olivia Beverly Sweigert  
Let us continue to pray for these Confirmands whom God has loved and will continue to love. As part of the baptized people of God, may they continue to seek to follow and serve Christ.

***PLEASE GREET THEM*** outside by the labyrinth following the service for a light reception to celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism.

***FAITH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY*** will be participating in the community Trick or Treat night in Schuylkill Haven. We will hand out candy from the front of the church on the sidewalk in front of the Labyrinth. This will take place on Saturday October 31st 6-8pm. If you would like to join us and put up a table please sign up in the lobby at the Faith and Families sign up table. All guidelines must be strictly followed. Tables must be distanced and we must be adhering to social distancing with each other and masks worn at all times. Candy must be prepackaged and preferably nut free. Any questions see Tanya.

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY FESTIVALS AND OBSERVANCES**

- ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 1, remembers all the saints of God, both dead and living. We will give thanks for the newly baptized, remember members and friends of the congregation who have died in the past year, and give thanks for the many other saints whose witness has influenced our lives.
- CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ORDIINATION OF WOMEN IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, November 15. Finally realizing that despite several negative verses in scripture about women in leadership, many more verses in the New Testament include and speak of women leading the church – most notably Paul in Galatians 3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." – We began ordaining women in 1970 (the first woman of color was not ordained until 1980).

***THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN***, a pamphlet by Martin Luther was written 500 years ago in 1520 by Martin Luther, and like many of his writings, became a "best seller" throughout 16th century Europe. Today it is one of his most famous and respected works, and really summarizes Christian faith in a grace-filled way. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A STUDY GROUP ON THIS ESSAY BY LUTHER USING THE ZOOM APP?** If so, please see Pastor Rowe who plans to lead this on Wednesday evenings for several months.

***ATTENTION:*** If you participate in the Redner's receipt program, please make sure that you use your **Redner's card** when you check out. Using your card ensures that a special code appears on the receipt that allows us to receive funds from Redner's. If there is no code, the receipt cannot be used! **THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

***DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELED IF...***

- If someone attends Sunday worship, and soon afterward tests positive – thereby having exposed us even while wearing masks while staying six feet apart. Out of love for one another we will then cancel Sunday worship for 1-2 weeks for a period of quarantine.
- If one of the school districts in the area suspends in-person learning, then we will also suspend worship and Sunday School out of mutual love and concern.
- If the Coronavirus Task Force (Jane Mahoney, Donald Boyer, Deborah Reed, and Pastor Rowe) and the Church Council feel that the level of community infection puts our gathering at risk, or that another temporary stop to worship may help prevent the increase of the virus.

Like snow cancellations, Sunday cancellation will be announced on Facebook, the church website ([www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). The Sunday record of attendance will be used to call people. In addition, if we need to once again suspend Sunday gatherings, please help us pass the word to the others!

***HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS IMPACTED JERUSALEM'S MEMBERS!*** At this point we know of four members who have had the Coronavirus. One was asymptomatic, one we sick at home, and two spent over a week in an intensive care unit. In addition, we know of three relatives of church members who have died. Despite some voices in our society that want to shrug off the virus and live normally, we believe that Christian love and concern call us to continue to take precautions both here on Sunday and throughout the week. Please wear your masks, social distance, and be cautious with family and public gatherings and travel.

***WE COULD USE MORE VOLUNTEERS*** to take Holy Communion to people who are staying home. Please see Pastor Rowe.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
10:30am Worship  
**TUESDAY** 6:30pm Social Ministry Meeting (Via Zoom)  
**WEDNESDAY** 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting  
**SATURDAY** 6:00pm Trick or Treating with Faith & Families Ministry

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**IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**, we remember some of the witnesses that surround us as we prepare to receive the Meal. It is fitting on this Reformation Sunday that a sampling of Lutheran reformers and witnesses are named. Here are very brief descriptions of their ministries:

- **Luther**, the lead reformer, of course of the 16th century German-centered reformation, who among other things, Translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into German

so that everyday people could read it (before that, the public readings were in Latin).

- **Melancthon**, Luther's colleague and scholar who wrote the Augsburg Confession, the central reformation document that described Lutheran teaching.
- **Muhlenberg**, the 18th century German missionary to Colonial America who evangelized and organized the Lutheran church in this country.
- **Fedde**, a Norwegian Deaconess who came to America in the late 19th century to organize the Lutheran Deaconess community in America in order to serve the poor.
- **Katie Luther**, not only Luther's wife, but an articulate witness and leader for the gospel in Wittenberg, where she hosted dignitaries and fed many poor students.
- **Cranach**, reformation artist, and publisher of reformation writings. Also friend to Martin and Katie Luther, and godparent to several of their children.
- **Bach**, the 18th century Lutheran composer set so much scripture to music that he has been called after Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the Fifth Evangelist.
- **Nicolai**, the 16th century composer elevated chorales and hymns in the life of the church, the most famous of which is "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" (#308).
- **Nommensen**, a Danish missionary to Sumatra, where the gospel he preached established the Batak Lutheran Church in Indonesia which now numbers 4,000,000 people.
- **Kierkegaard**, a 19th century Danish philosopher and theologian, who wrote against the dry, state-run Danish Lutheran Church, and urged instead a faith that was passionately lived in life.
- **Bonhoeffer**, the 20th century pastor, theologian, and writer who until his martyrdom, helped lead the confessing Lutheran church in its opposition to Hitler.
- **Hammarskjold**, a Lutheran layman who as a Swedish diplomat became the Secretary General of the United Nations. Believing that diplomacy was his Christian vocation, he was killed in a plane crash in 1961 while trying to broker a peace treaty between warring factions in the Congo.