

Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th

Reformation Weekend - Service of the Word



Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
Oct. 26–Nov. 2

Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
Tuesday	10:00am Reading Buddies
Wednesday	6:30pm Confirmation @ St. John's
Saturday	5:00pm Worship - Pastor Heaney
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship - Pastor Heaney

Jeanette Pfeifer's new address:
502 E. 3rd. Street
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The Fellowship & Hospitality
Committee will host the annual
Christmas Dinner on
Saturday, December 6th. Look for the
sign-up sheet in November.



Offering 10/18 and 10/19	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$6,239.15	\$195,157.57
Capital Fund	\$511.91	\$15,199.34
LWR Baby Care Kits	\$20.00	\$594.90



Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Mary Carlson's sister,
Sue
Lance Davenport
Lee Gehrke
Gianna
Sharon Goode

Mike Hamer
Mary Ann Hulon
Jen
Judy
Karen
Chuck Lee

Linda Martin
Doris Miller
James Moris
Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson
Roger & Helen
Larry Rogers
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Jackie Wendland
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
OCTOBER	28	READING BUDDIES
NOVEMBER	23	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHN'S
NOVEMBER	23	ECUMENICAL SERVICE @ ST. JOHN'S

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Assisting Minister 1: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

Assisting Minister 2: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Assisting Minister 1: Merciful and loving God,

C: **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Assisting Minister 2: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Greeting

Assisting Minister 1: 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

Assisting Minister 2: Almighty God,

C: **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.**

Please be seated.

Assisting Minister 1: The **First Reading** for this Reformation weekend comes from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 31-34.

Assisting Minister 1: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Assisting Minister 2: Our Psalm today is **Psalm: 46**

¹ God 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;**

³ though 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.**

⁵ God 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.**

⁷ The 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;**

⁹ behold 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."**

¹¹ The LORD of ^l hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Assisting Minister 1: The **Second Reading** comes from Romans Chapter 3 verse 19 - 28.
Assisting Minister 1: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: (Sunday only) Please join in the singing of the hymn "I Brought My Heart to Jesus". Jeanette Pfeifer wrote the lyrics; friends of hers composed the music.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

Assisting Minister 2: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. John the 8th Chapter

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

Gospel: John 18:31-36

Assisting Minister 2: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Hymn Sing

*Assisting Ministers announce # of verses

ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation v 1&4*

Assisting Minister 1: Samuel John Stone was born at his father's rectory in 1839 in England. He studied at Pembroke College, Oxford. His first curacy was that of Windsor. In 1874, he succeeded his father at St. Paul's, Haggerston; and in 1890 was appointed rector of All Hallows, London Wall. St. Paul's Haggerston was in a poor section of London. Stone would open the church at 6:30 in the morning so that commuters, frequently poor working girls, arriving early could have a brief service and prayer, then have time to rest, to read or to sew. He built numerous churches; his belief was that poor people deserved beautiful churches in which to worship. His thoughtfulness earned him the title of "the poor man's pastor". "The church's one foundation" is based on the ninth article of the Apostles' Creed. Stone wrote at least four dozen hymns.

W&P 122 Seek Ye First v 1&2*

Assisting Minister 2: Karen Lafferty was raised in a Christian home, but like many young people, wanted to discover life for herself and did some drifting. She was working as a nightclub entertainer in New Orleans when a friend came to visit her and got her back on the right track. After that she began to write Christian songs. She pursued a career in entertainment for a number of years and eventually joined the organization Youth With a Mission, later organizing the group Musicians for Missions. One evening she went to a Bible study at church, where they talked about Matthew 6:33.1. She was tremendously encouraged and challenged by the words about Christ's kingdom. So she went home, wrote the tune, recorded it on a tape recorder, and then sang the little descant part. She taught the song at church the next week, and it caught on right away.

ELW 840 Now Thank We All Our God v 1&3*

Assisting Minister 1: Martin Rinkart was called to be the pastor of the Lutheran church in his hometown of Eilenberg, Germany. He arrived there just as the terrible bloodshed of the Thirty Years War was beginning. The city of Eilenberg was a walled city and it became the refuge for political and military fugitives. This, however, caused serious overcrowding, and deadly pestilence and famine swept through the city. Armies overran it three times, leaving death and destruction in their wake. The population of Germany went from 16 million to 6 million during this time.

The Rinkart home was a refuge for the victims, even though he was often hard-pressed to provide for his own family. In the year 1637 the plague was particularly severe. At its peak, Rinkart was the only pastor remaining in Eilenberg, conducting as many as 50 funerals in a day. He performed more than 4000 funerals in that year alone, including that of his beloved wife.

Yet in the midst of this, Rinkart was a prolific hymn writer. The exact date of "Now Thank We All Our God" is in question, but it is known that it was widely sung by the time the

Treaty of Westphalia was signed in 1648. It was commonly sung as a grace following meals. Since then it has become a Te Deum for Germany, sung on occasions of national thanksgiving.

ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee v 1&3*

Assisting Minister 2: The author of the hymn, Henry Jackson van Dyke, was born in Pennsylvania in 1852 and became pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Henry later became professor of English literature at Princeton and the author of a number of books, including the still popular *The Other Wise Man*. In 1907, van Dyke was invited to preach at Williams College in Massachusetts. At breakfast one morning, he handed the college president a piece of paper, saying, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains (the Berkshires) were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn of Joy.'" When he was later asked about his hymn, van Dyke replied: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time — hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of Heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

Apostle's Creed

Assisting Minister 1: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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 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.
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

Assisting Minister 2: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Assisting Minister 1: ... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister 1: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Peace

Assisting Minister 2: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Assisting Minister 2: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister 1: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Assisting Minister 2: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Assisting Minister 1: Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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.**

Sending

Assisting Minister 2: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Assisting Minister 1: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 838 Beautiful Savior

Dismissal

Assisting Minister 2: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



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