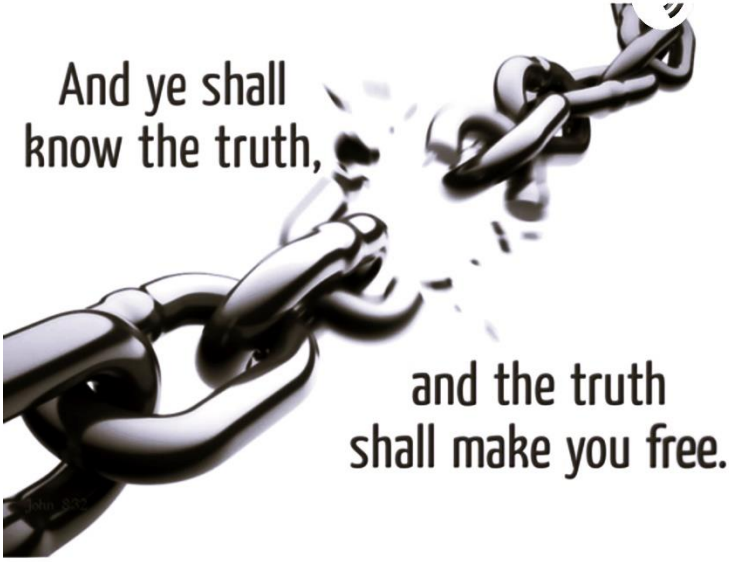
Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you ***welcome****!*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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 pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

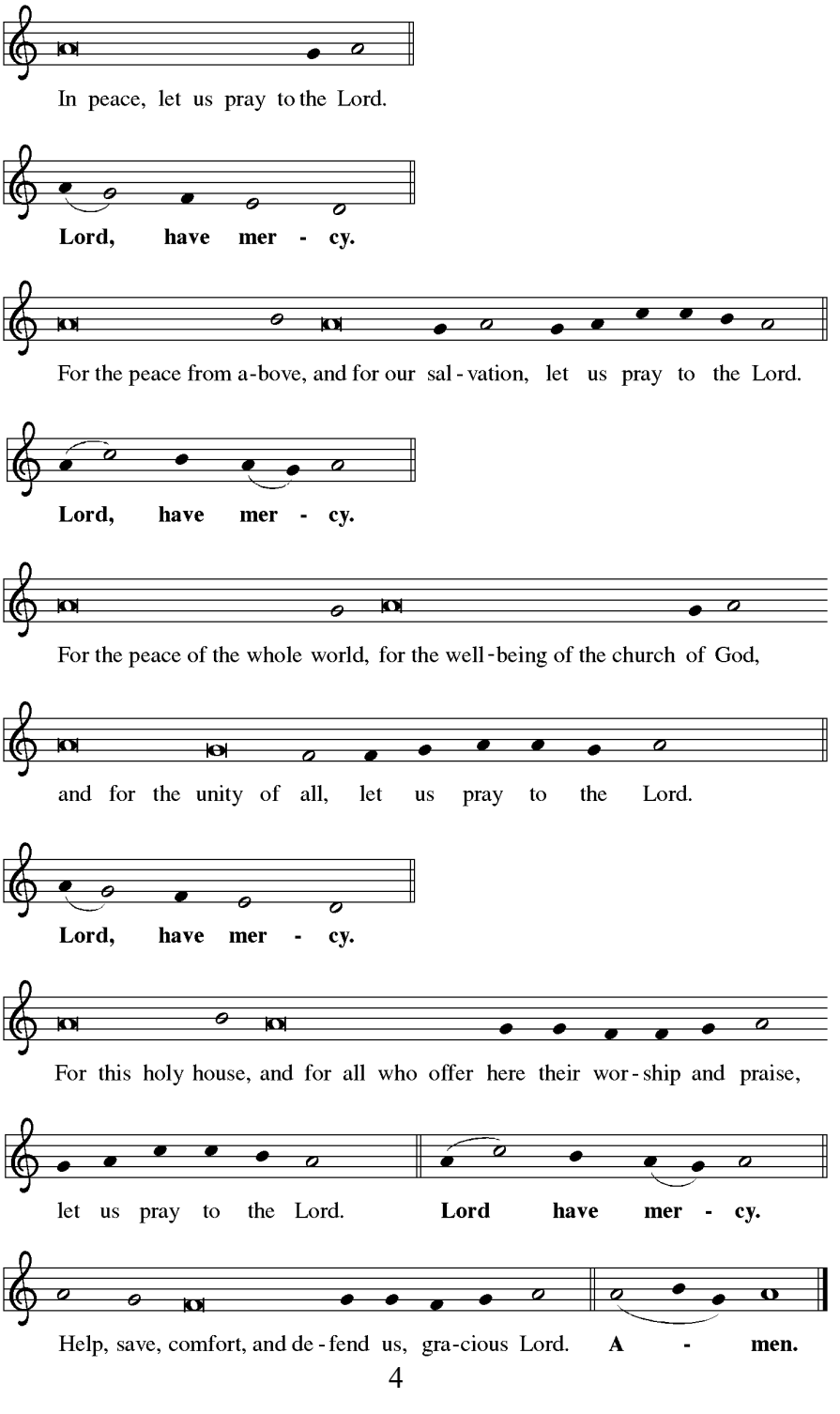
GATHERING SONG ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** **(ELW 504)**

GREETING

During this time, 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.

KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Jeremiah.

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

31 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. 32 It 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. 33 But 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. 34 No 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 reading may be concluded:
The word of the Lord.
The assembly 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)*

[1] God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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. R
[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 up- | on 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 | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. 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.

19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before
him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of
God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no
distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they
are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his
blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,
because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously
committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own
righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the
faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of
law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a
person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

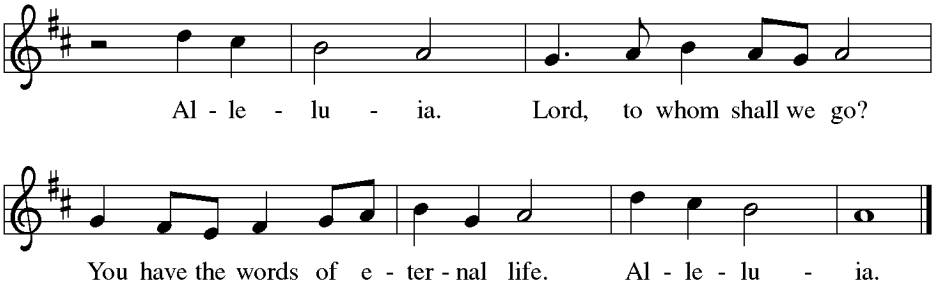
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will make you free." 33 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'?"

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

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Built on a Rock* (ELW 652)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Grace Alone" (S. Brown & J. Nelson) – Dinkey "Voices in Song".

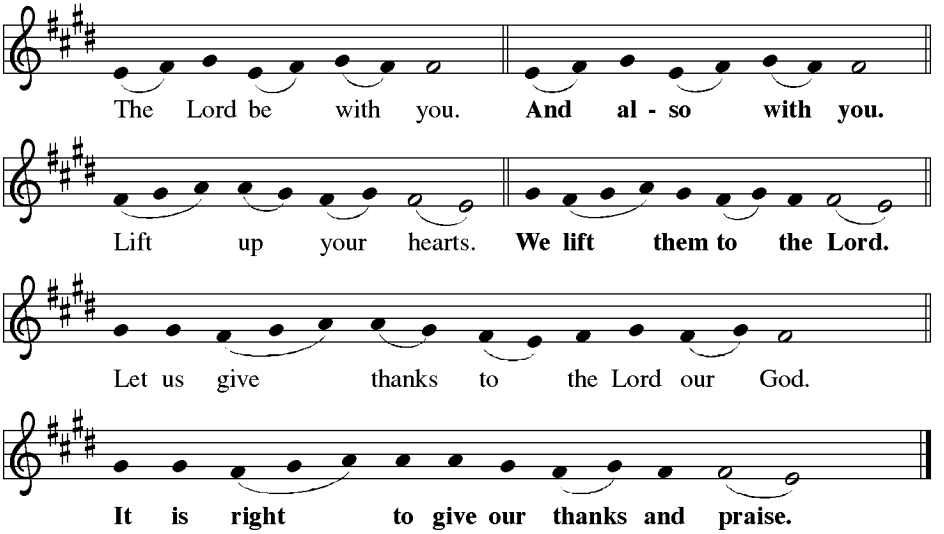
OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"*

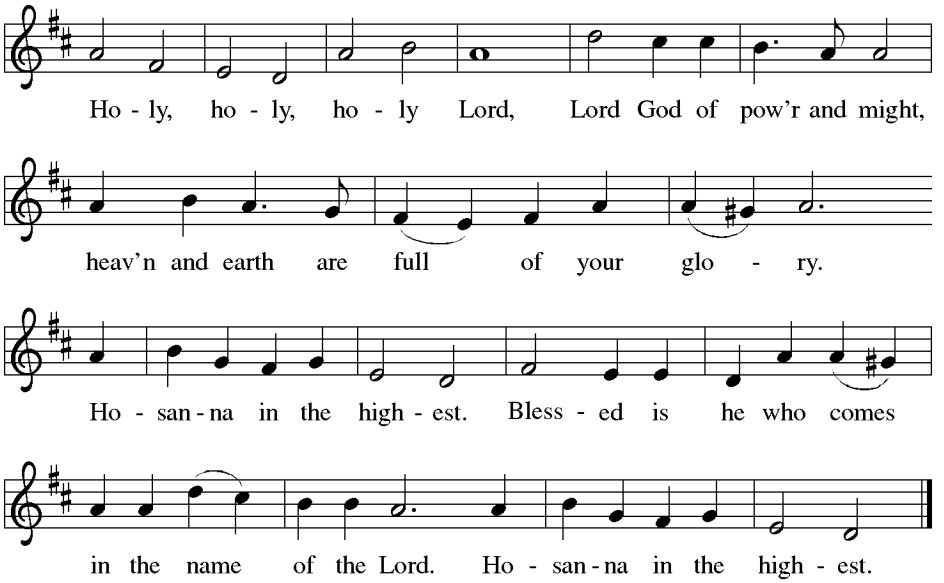
We all are one in mission. We all are one in call.
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A simple great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

OFFERING PRAYER
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

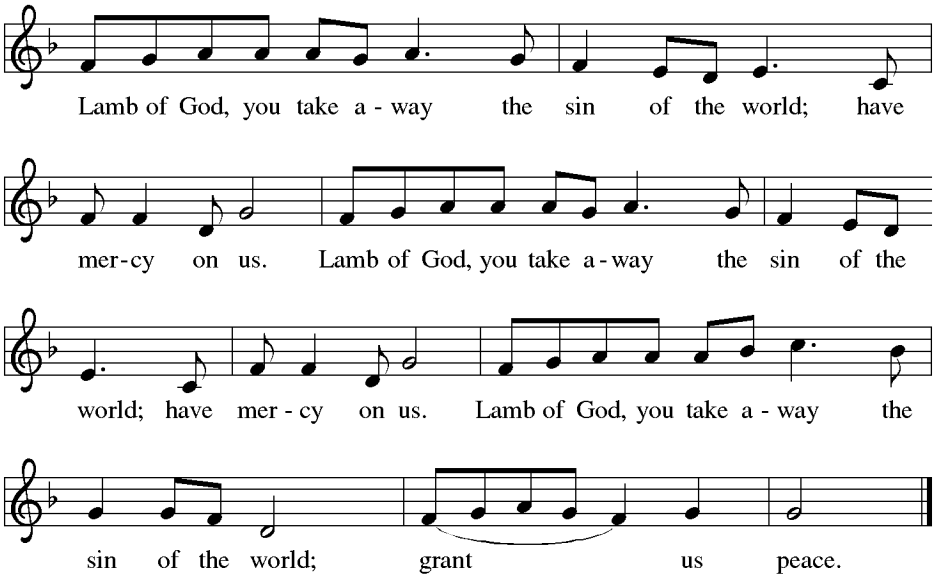
LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ***The Church's One Foundation*** **(ELW 654)**

DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 25, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Terry & Diane Urbon in honor of their grandson Emerick's birthday.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Terry & Diane Urbon in honor of their grandson Emerick's birthday.

Office Hours:
Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	Reformation Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Monday	6:00PM	Ladies Aid
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00AM	All Saints Day Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

The following children will be receiving their Bibles today: Remy Jones, Veda Watkins, and Wynn Watkins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! October 25 to October 31

10/25 Lori Barron
10/25 Reese Freundt
10/25 Aubrey Watts
10/26 Adalynn Curran
10/26 Anthony LeBlanc Jr.
10/26 Wesley Mertz
10/26 Patricia Schleicher
10/27 Michael Bowman
10/29 Robert Janco
10/30 Joan Flickinger
10/31 Richard Kirkendall
10/31 Evelyn Klotz
10/31 George Wilk

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, $15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Spaghetti Dinner: Dinkey will be having a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 4 PM to 7PM. Adults are $12, children 5 to 12 are $8, 4 and under are free.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner**. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Dinkey, St John's, Zion Stone, St Peter's and Ben Salem are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026, with drive thru pick up at Ben Salem Lehighton from 1:00-3:00 PM. You must pre-register by calling Nancy Meiser at (570)205-9267 between November 2nd and November 16th.

Fundraising: Dinkey will be selling filling; $9 a quart, $35 a pan. Orders due by November 3, 2026. Please call Linda (484)464-3705 or the church office (610)377-4242. Pick up is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

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Louise Everett
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Brenda German
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Robert Miller
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Barry Ruth
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Tanner Schleicher
Georgine Shupp
Carol Steber
Kathy Steigerwalt
Patti Walck
Jason Wetzel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers:	The Congregation
Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Licensed Lay Minister:	Kimberly Gerhard

"Kimberly Gerhard, a Licensed Lay Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation."

Music Director:	Colleen Rudelitsch
Greeters:	Wetzel
Acolytes:	Blake Schleicher Bryn Schleicher
Lector:	Kurt Steigerwalt
Communion Assistants:	Joanne Koons Elijah Pagotto

Worship Participants for November 1, 2026:

Greeters:	Bierman
Acolytes:	Jordyn Albert Blaine Blose
Lector:	Courtney Van Fossen
Communion Assistants:	Erica Pagotto Lavona Schleicher

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Built on a Rock



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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