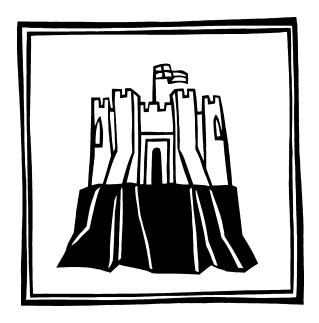
Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025



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God's work. Our hands.

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 "BUILT ON A ROCK"

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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,
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.

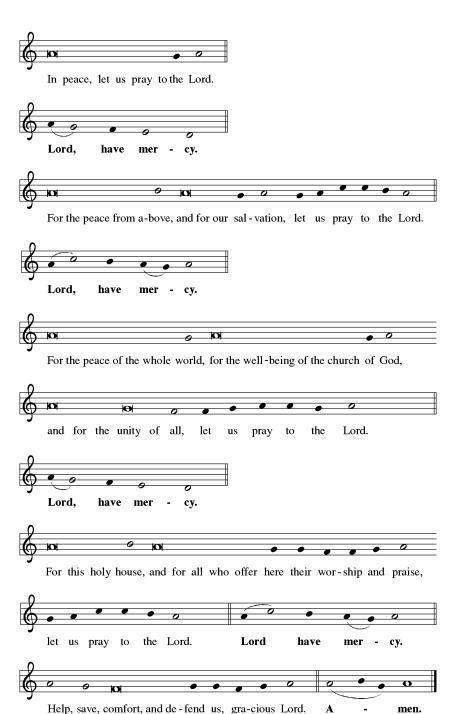
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! Amen.

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.

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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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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- ¹ uge and strength, a very present ¹ 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-1y of God, the holy habitation of 1 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.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

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 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)

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

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

A brief silence.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill (*especially*). Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION "GRACE ALONE"

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

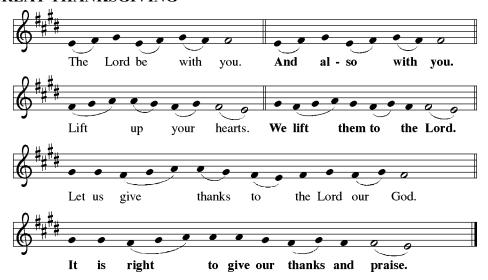
Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

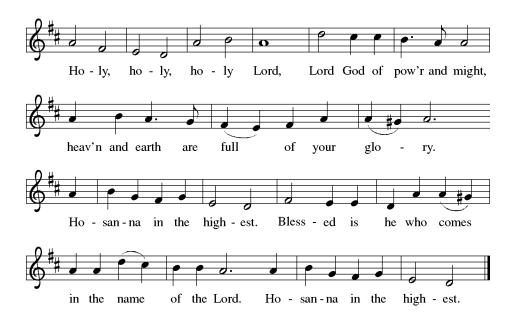
Amen.

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.

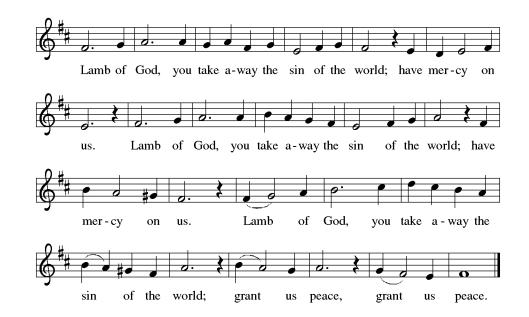
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.



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

O God.

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin. Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS October 26, 2025

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Mr & Mrs Terry Urbon in honor of grandson Emerick McArdle's 7th birthday.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Mr & Mrs Terry Urbon in honor of grandson Emerick McArdle's 7th birthday.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl**. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM (610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	Reformation Sunday Worship
Tuesday	6:00PM	Ladies Aid
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00AM	All Saints Sunday Worship
-	12:30PM	Confirmation (D)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! October 26 to November 1

10/26 Adalynn Curran	10/30 Joan Flickinger
10/26 Anthony LeBlanc Jr	10/31 Richard Kirkendall
10/26 Wesley Mertz	10/31 Evelyn Klotz
10/26 Patricia Schleicher	10/31 George Wilk
10/27 Michael Bowman	11/01 Patricia Hudson
10/29 Robert Janco	

<u>New Members</u>: Today we welcome Frank & Deb Bokan and Courtney Van Fossen as new members to Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church.

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

<u>Fundraising</u>: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

<u>Cookbook</u>: Recipes for the Dinkey cookbook need to be given to Karen Schleicher or dropped off at the office by today, October 26, 2025.

<u>St Matthew's Lutheran Church</u>, 222 Church St, Lehighton will be hosting Jeff Steinberg, inspirational entertainer on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 6:00PM. All are welcome.

St John's Lutheran Church, 319 South Ave, Jim Thorpe will be hosting a concert by BQE Strings in honor of all veterans, past and present on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3:00PM. Free admission for veterans, \$20 for adults, children 10 and under Free.

<u>Fundraising:</u> Dinkey is selling filling; \$9/quart, \$35/pan and pumpkin roll \$9. Order by November 3, 2025. Pick up is November 24, 2025 from 2 to 5 and November 25, 2025 from 4 to 6; order sheets in back of church.

Spaghetti Dinner; Dinkey will be having a spaghetti dinner on Election Day, November 4, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM; \$12 Adults, \$8 Children 5-12, under 5 is free.

<u>2025 Free Thanksgiving Meal</u>: Five churches; Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday November 22nd 2025. This will be a drive-thru pickup, at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehighton, PA. 18235 from 1 to 3pm that day.

You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4 pm. Registration begins November 3rd and ends on November 17th. If Nancy is unable to answer your call, please leave your name, phone number and number of meals you are requesting.

There are a limited number of meals available.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

The Congregation **Ministers**: Reverend Anthony Pagotto Pastor: **Music Director**: Bridgette Gorman Wetzel **Greeters**: Alexis Keller Acolytes: Rylee Keller Erica Pagotto **Lector**: Rich DeLuca **Communion Assistants:** Kirsten Frankhouser Worship Participants for November 2, 2025: **Greeters**: Bierman Larkin Klotz **Acolytes**: Jaxson Markell Bryn Schleicher **Lector**: Lisa Kercsmar **Communion Assistants**: Joanne Koons

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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