Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday
Holy Communion
October 26, 2025
God's Work/Our Hands
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION AND 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.
- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are captive 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Built on a Rock



- Built a rock the church shall stand. e - ven when stee - ples
- in tem ples made with hands God the Most High Sure - ly, not
- Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own 3 hab - i -
- this house, an earth ly frame, Je sus the chil dren is
- Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are dwell - inghigh in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth-ly he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us tion: hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our bless - ing; man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this ring ing,



chim-ing and call - ing—call-ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a life and sal-va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their Say - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls bide with us in love, midst will show his grace, his cov - e - nant, world, my face shall see;

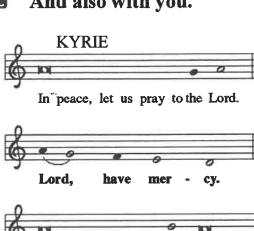
of those dis-tressed, long-ing for life ev-er-last ing. mak-ing our bod-ies his bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing. grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom. my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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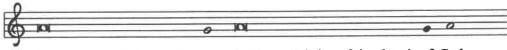
GREETING

- P 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.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

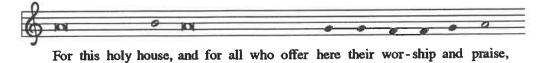




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,











Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

CHOIR-"Servant Medley"

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

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 married to them, 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 word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 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.

⁴There 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 hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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 being will be justified in the sight of God" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

(cont'd)

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in 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 God's 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. This was to show God's righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

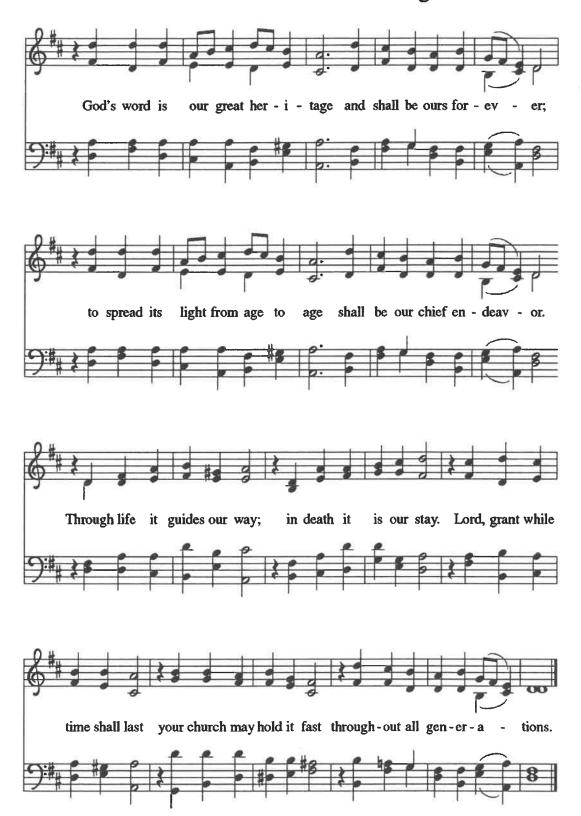
the law.

The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Stand for Gospel Acclamation

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

- P The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- 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 Judeans 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."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for Sermon

Stand for Hymn of the Day

The Church's One Foundation



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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.

THE PRAYERS

- P God of Grace,
- receive our prayer.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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



bless-ing. 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 dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



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

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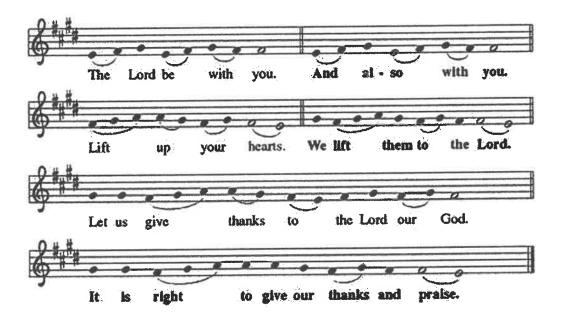
OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

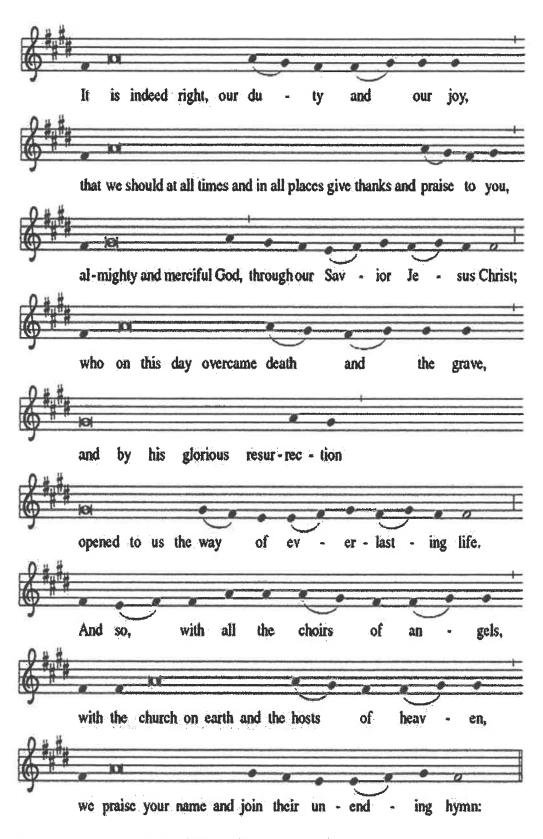
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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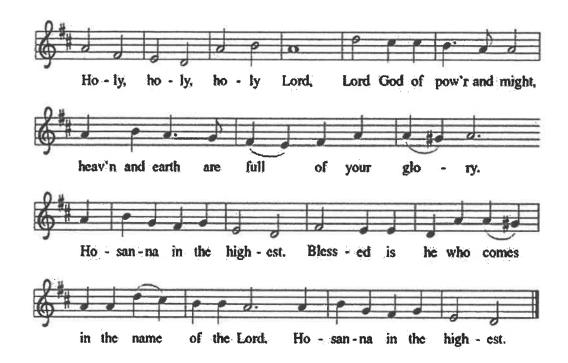


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HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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. (cont'd) 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

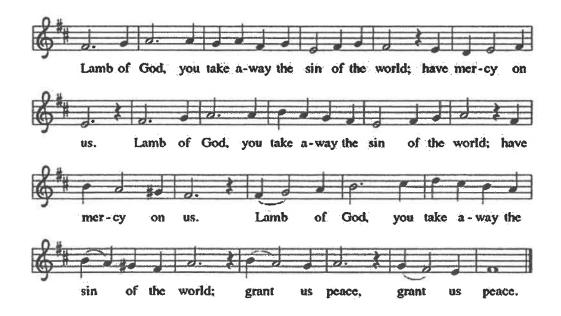
THE FRACTION

P "Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross".

"Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia".

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



Rise, Shine, You People!



- Rise, shine, peo - ple! Christ the you tered
- sends the pow'rs of See how e vil reel ing;
- brate; your ban ners Come, cel e high un furl ing,
- Fa ther sent Tell how the the Son to save us.



hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. our He comes to brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the of the Son, who life and free-dom gave Tell how the



by death and sin sur-round-ed, wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, world go out and tell the sto - ry Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion

with grace un - bound-ed. are for - giv - en. now of Je - sus' glo - ry. God's new cre - a - tion.

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P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you Now and forever.
- C Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; ject - ed. vour us, fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom we trem - ble not. un - moved we stand; thev for God him - self fights side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.

God him - self e - lect - ed.

can - not o - ver - pow'r us.

weap-ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!

The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. God's on - ly Son, a - dored. God's judg-ment must pre - vail! they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual. He holds the field vic - to - rious. One lit - tle word sub - dues him. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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DISMISSAL

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

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Michelle Bahlavooni * Dan Comstock*

Derl Crawford John Curio* Diane Deptula *Ralph Evans*

David Ferro Carl Frank * Jennifer F.* Mary Faith Fisher*

*Adam Gajkowski * AJ Gunther* Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach

Richard Huntington Jo Ann Johnson * Marlene Karchner *

*Dave Madara * Vinnie Moroney* Jan Peifer* Nelci Reid *

Henry Reinsburrow *Sheri Renner* Tom Termini* Mark Troup

* Marlene Trotman* *Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel *Ron

Wolfe* *Shirley Young* Jim Zeart*

THIS SUNDAY: OCTOBER 26, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: David & Karen Bird
Greeters & Ushers: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Bill Hower Jr
Lector: Loreen Comstock
Communion Assistant: Loreen Comstock
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel
Offering Counters: Janet Gibney & Sharon Bachman
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Ron & Glenda Brink
Greeters & Ushers: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Linda Chapin
Lector: Diane Young
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Darlene Turner & Sharon Bachman

Offering Counters: Tina Baucher & Valerie Lynn Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by John & Deborah Kishbaugh In memory of loved ones

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God by John & Deborah Kishbaugh in in memory of loved ones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA & GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

We will be collecting some items to send to Camp Louise. The following items can be donated from October 9th - October 30th. Please place on table by baptismal font.

Individually wrapped toilet paper

Paper towels

Freezer or Regular Plastic Bags-qt, gal, or 2 1/2 gal(Dollar Tree)

Toilet Bowl Cleaner-crooked neck

Windex refillable bottle

BIBLE STUDY / CHOSEN

Thursday, October 30th, Bible 1:00 PM /Chosen 2:00 PM.

BELLS/CHOIR

Thursday, October 30th, Bells 3:30 PM / Choir 4:30 PM.

RAISE RIGHT

We are submitting orders on November 2nd and November 16th. We will continue to submit orders on the first and third Sunday of every month in anticipation of Christmas If you do not see a store that you are interested in, please let us know and we will see if it can be added.

WELCOME TABLE

Our upcoming meals will be on November 8th & December 13th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. We will again be giving Christmas cookie bags to our guests with their December 13th meal. Sign up sheets will be in the sanctuary.

Drop off times for donations will be Thursdays before the meal from 3:30 to 4:30 PM and Saturday, the morning of, after 9:00 AM.

POLKA MASS

This years Polka Mass will take place on this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Ethnic German Refreshments to follow.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 2nd. Please give the names of all those who have departed since November 3, 2024 to the office. Their names will be read aloud during worship on All Saints Sunday.

FALL CHICKEN AND WAFFLE

Fall Chicken & Waffle will take place on Saturday, November 1st from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Sign up Sheets are on the rear table of the sanctuary.10% of the proceeds will benefit a scholarship in memory of Lea Grace Adams. Lea was a Central Columbia graduate and St. John's member who embodies generosity and respect for all, regardless of culture, socio-economic status, or personal differences. The scholarship will be awarded to a Central Columbia senior (s) who shares Lea's passion for connecting through service to others. Please make checks payable to St. John's, with a memo of Lea Adams scholarship. They can be placed in Sundays collection. We will also accept donations at the ticket window.

FILL THE SHELVES

November 2nd

GATHERING TIME

November 9th

COUNCIL MEETS

November 18th

SENIOR LUNCHEON

November 19th

GRIEF SUPPORT

We will not meet again until February 25, 2026.

New Possibilities Resource & Recovery Center, located at Trinity Reform UCC, 260 E. 7th Street, Bloomsburg will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Meal for those in Recovery and their families on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th at 1:30 PM.

Space is limited so if you are interested, please email us at zrs34476@gmail.com to get signed up. We will need your name, email address, cell phone number, and number of adults and children.

We look forward to spending Thanksgiving with you!



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 26, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Oct 27, 2025 Office Hours 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025 Office Hours-Pastor in 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025 Office Hours 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 30, 2025 Office Hours-Pastor in 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

BIBLE/CHOSEN 1:00 PM / 2:00 PM BELLS/CHOIR 3:30 PM / 4:30 PM

Friday Oct 31, 2025 Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 1, 2025 Office closed Chicken & Waffle 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov 2, 2025 All Saints

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Last Sunday Attendance: 43

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00 Benevolence: \$122.00 New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,225.00 Benevolence: \$87.00 New Building: \$122.00

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