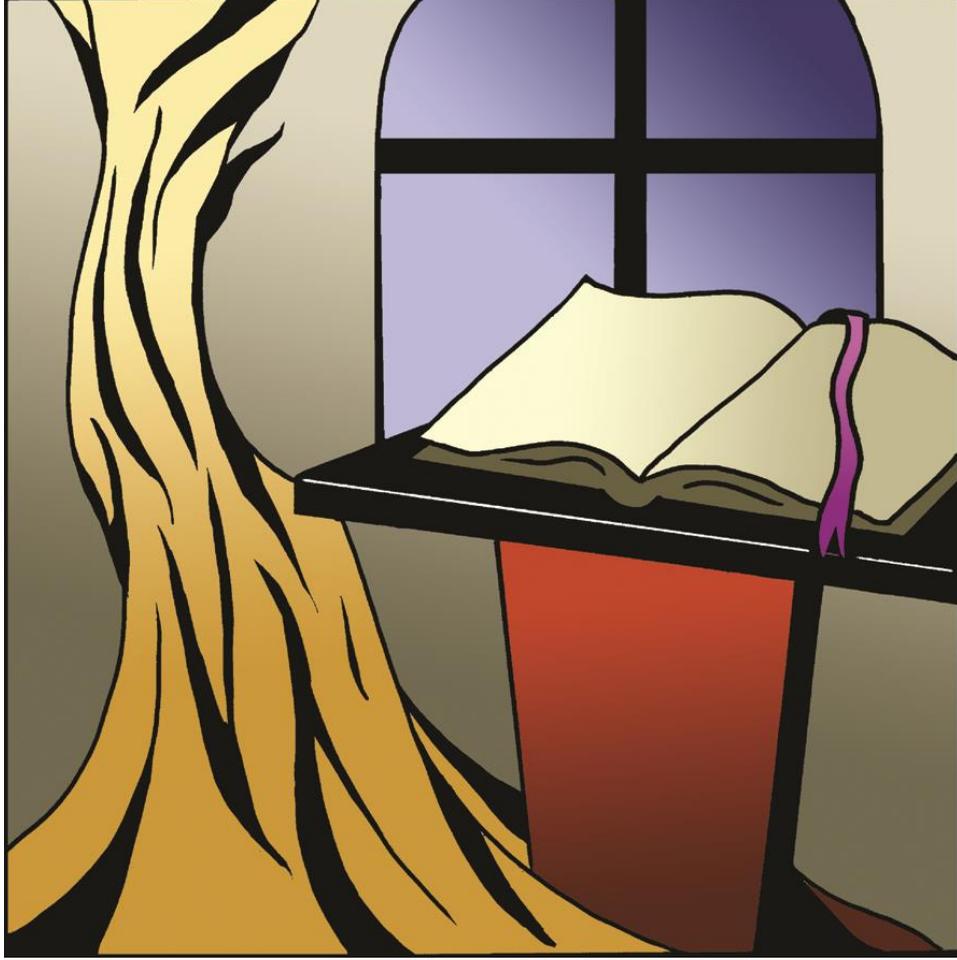


Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021



Welcome to Worship

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.
We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning
and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we ask that throughout the worship service
you please wear your face mask.*

If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing,
so under the advisement of CDC guidelines,
we are not having congregational singing during worship.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning!
We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome in church.

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available.
Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEACON OF HOPE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

Nancy Fricke

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.
And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.
Amen. Alleluia!

*A small group of people will be singing the liturgy and hymns from the choir loft.
Because of the Coronavirus, we ask the congregation to listen to the music
and meditate on the words.*

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; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour 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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:19-28

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

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

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Alleluia. (1 John 4:11)

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

The Gospel according to St Mark, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON (*silence follows the sermon for reflection*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Written by Martin Luther

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in God.

**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
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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Meal

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship. To reduce the odds of spreading the coronavirus, we have placed the offering plates at the entrances of our worship space. You are encouraged to present your gifts to God as you leave worship today or give online at www.FELCC.org . You are also encouraged to place your anticipated giving card in the offering plate this morning. Thank you for your faith-filled giving.

ANTHEM

“The Lord Will be My Shepherd” by Price/Besig

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, our Beacon of Hope, everything we are and everything we have are gifts from you. As stewards of these gifts, open our hearts with joy to share them generously. Bless these tithes, offerings, and anticipated giving cards that they may be used to be a Beacon of Hope to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

And so, with Martin Luther and the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



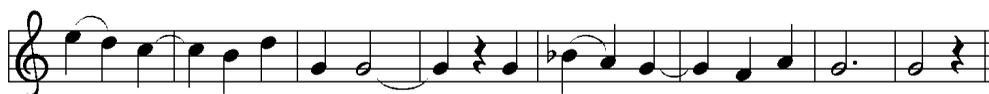
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in our rose garden.

We praise you for centuries of faithful Christians,
for Peter and Paul,
for Luther, Melanchthon, and Bach,
for all servants of Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,
who saves us from all sin and evil.

*Please be seated and remove the cup and the napkin from plastic bag.
Peel off the seal from the bread portion of your communion.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is the Body of Christ given for you. *(You may consume the bread.)*

Please remove the outer wrapping from the wine portion of your communion.

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.

This is the Blood of Christ shed for you. *(You may consume the wine.)*

*Please place your used cup and seals in the ziplock bag to avoid spillage. Please
discard this bag in the receptacles as you leave worship.*

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion
we may be reformed,
knowing the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We 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.**

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

BLESSING

People of God, you are a Beacon of Hope to Our Neighbors.
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and be a Beacon of Hope to Our Neighbors.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ATTENDANCE

October 24

49 In-person

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Prayers & Lector

Nancy Hamilton

WELCOME

A special welcome to Pastor Herbert Spomer.

We are thankful to have him with us today,
sharing God's message of hope.

If you are in need of pastoral care today,
please contact Pastor Warren Heintzelman. 717-830-5690
Pastor Nicholson will return to the office tomorrow.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

October 31 to November 7

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Reformation Worship w/ Communion Special Guest – The Rev. Herb Spomer Return Anticipated Giving Card *Wear Red*
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Set-up Mega Event
	2:00 p.m.	Book Study
	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Volunteers Arrive for Mega Event
	11:00 a.m.	Mega Event (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	* Remember to change your clock! (Fall Back!) *	
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion All Saints Sunday



First Lutheran is wanting to be a **Beacon of Hope.**

Our mission statement says we *are the light of Jesus, burning brightly and vigorously in our community.*

Throughout the month of October, we will be using this theme to talk about our ministry related to stewardship.

October 3 – First Lutheran as Beacon of Hope to the World

October 10 - First Lutheran Beacon of Hope to the Hungry

**October 17 - First Lutheran as Beacon of Hope
Through Servanthood**

**October 24 - First Lutheran as Beacon of Hope
by Way of Vision**

**October 31 - First Lutheran as Beacon of Hope
to Our Neighbors**

Love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:28-34)

Guest preacher: The Rev. Herbert Spomer

Nancy Fricke – stewardship message

Reception of anticipated giving cards



Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Verdeen Beaver (11/20), Esther Beaver (11/20),
Mimi Carlton (11/24), Gloria Dorsett (11/11),
Gloria Hammond (11/20), Denise Heinbaugh (11/23),
Willie Overcash (11/3), Donna Synder (11/5),
James Warne, Chuck Yaukey (11/20)

Grief: The Family of Patricia Rockwell (Cheryl Christman's mother)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Fred Jacobs, Mid Kramer, John Newcomer,
Evelyn Scott, Joan Thorpe, Grace Williams

Military: Olivia Richart, Tawny & Brad Arnold

Military Prisoners: Trevor Reed, Paul Whelan

CONGREGATION MEETING First Lutheran will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 14 following 10:45 worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2022.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY **Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born. Hope is Here.** By Max Lucado. This four session video Bible study explores how God chose to make himself nothing and come into our world. Jesus' birth gives us the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always within us. Join us on Monday at 1:00 p.m. throughout the season of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13, and 20) as we pause in our busy lives to remember God's gift of love and hope. Meeting Room 2, facilitated by Pastor Nicholson. Please let Pastor Nicholson know if you would like to join this group. 717-264-2015

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP **Sponsored by LARC.** The Lutherans, Anglicans (Episcopalians), and Roman Catholics are joining together to Give Thanks (Thanksgiving) to God through worship on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi (320 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg.) This worship is open to the entire community. Invite your neighbors.

SEND LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS If you would like to contribute money toward mailing cost for the quilts and kits assembled by our congregation, there are offering envelopes at the entrances to worship with the bulletins. Please make all checks payable to First Lutheran Church. The offering envelope may be returned any time in October.

13-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will begin on Thursday, November 11 at Trinity Lutheran. Register by calling Trinity Lutheran (717-263-8156).

ALL SAINTS On November 7 we will be remembering those who have entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021. If you have a loved one whom you would like to have remembered by name, please contact the church office and include the spelling of the name and the date of death if available. felccoffice@gmail.com by tomorrow.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS First Lutheran is in need of persons who are willing to serve on the Congregation Council for the years 2022 through 2024. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body or would like more information, please speak with Tom Kriner.

MEGA EVENT - NOVEMBER 6 We are requesting your help for the Mega Event to distribute clothing, help with crowd control, and put things away following the event. Join us on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. or any portion of that time you are available. Please talk with Mary Gotwald to volunteer. 717-264-4759. We are also in need of your prayers for this event, the volunteers, and those receiving clothing and other items. May we be God's Beacon of Hope in people's lives as we share God's love with our neighbors.



SCHEDULED WORK DAYS FOR THE NOV 6, 2021 MEGA EVENT
November 4 Set up Day in Fellowship Hall 1 pm

LAUNDROMAT OUTREACH The Neighborhood Task Team has outreach events at Spot Laundromat in the South Gate Mall. We greeted our neighbors and shared quarters, laundry pods, dryer sheets, a pen with the church's name on it, a water bottle and books for the children. We explain that the church is interested in getting to know our neighbors. The congregation has been so generous in supporting this ministry. We are grateful for you. Containers to collect quarters and dollar bills are at the entrances to the sanctuary.



SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM Donations of individually packaged food items for the backpack program are greatly appreciated. For the Month of November, suggestions are: canned fruit/fruit cups in light syrup, dried fruit: raisins, plums, cranberries. T

THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you for your care and concern.

HAPPENINGS AT CAMP NAWAKWA

Quilt Auction Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA is having its annual Quilt Auction at Camp Nawakwa (1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307 on Sunday, November 7. The silent auction of handmade craft items is at 2 p.m. The live auction of Quilts is at 3:00. Dinner following the live Auction. This is a free event and includes an evening meal. Register by October 31. Items may be previewed at LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction



Women's Craft Retreat November 12-14 at Nawakwa. You may bring your own project to work on or they will be provided. Registration fee: \$155. Register by November 1. Meals, lodging, and most supplies provided. Call 717-677-8211 or visit www.LutheranCamping.org to register.

SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN help needed. The Village at Luther Ridge
If you are interested in one of the two opportunities listed below, please contact
Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org.

Off-site escorts for independent living are currently needed. These volunteers provide an essential service by accompanying independent living residents along with team members on off-campus outings, such as group trips to concerts, restaurants, theatre productions, and other local events. This is a great way to spend time with residents while helping to provide a safe outing. Volunteer meals and ticket costs are covered on these trips.

Life Enrichment volunteers are needed at the personal care and skilled care levels. These volunteers assist by leading or helping residents to participate in games, crafts, or other activities. If you are a “crafty” person or enjoy playing cards or other games, this could be for you. Bingo is also very popular so we also have a particular need for bingo callers.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

You will notice some changes in our worship service based on the prayerful decisions made by the congregation council due to the rise in Covid cases and the strong desire to protect to the best of our ability persons of all ages worshipping with us. Thank you for your understanding.

- We will continue to livestream our worship service
- We will hold an abbreviated service (approximately 30-35 minutes)
- We will continue distancing using marked pews
- We will collect offering at the entrances to the worship space.
- We will continue cleaning protocols for worship space and common areas
- We will have no congregational singing
- We will have 10 persons or less singing with masks on from the choir loft.
- Unvaccinated and vaccinated should wear masks while worshipping

God of healing, we pray for our world and all of its citizens. Protect us from this and other illnesses and help us to do everything in our power to care for those around us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.