

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023



WELCOME VISITORS

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

*Children are always welcome in church,
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger
located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST October 15 to October 22

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/Holy Communion Receive Anticipated Giving Cards Dean's Retreat at Nawakwa FNF Deadline
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Texas Lunch
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us,

God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand,

God is praised.

When we share of our abundance,

God is known in the world and God is at work in us!

In our daily lives, let us live out and fulfill our baptismal calling.

God's Work. Our Hands.

God ☩ bless your hands, your gifts, and your work,
that through you, God's love may be known. **Amen.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving in our hearts!

Now We Join in Celebration

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

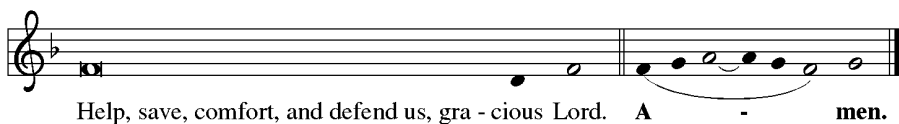
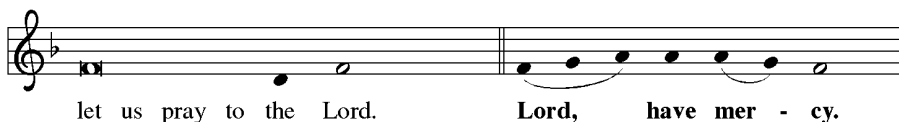
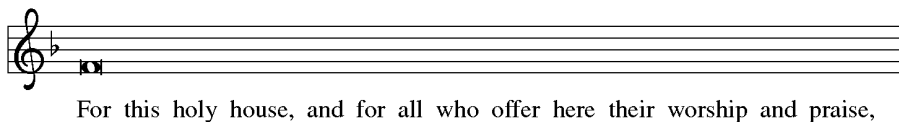
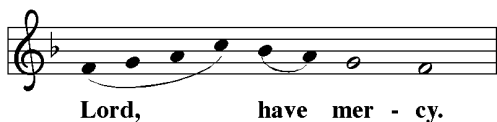
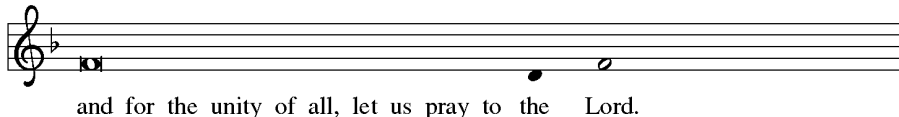
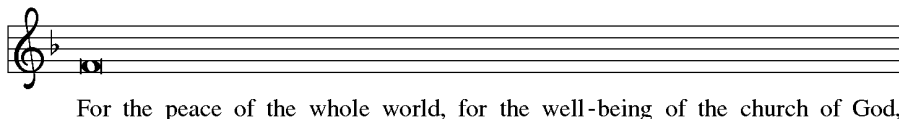
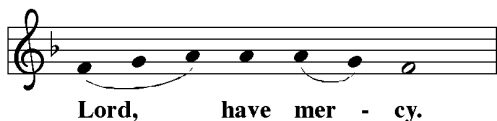
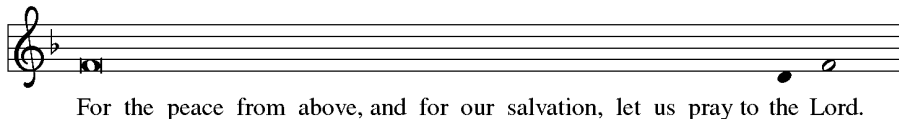
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

O Savior, Precious Savior

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929



1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous-ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

APOSTLE CREED

**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

God, we pray, open our hands in love.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org

CHRIST IS WITH US

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine / Spirit Song

for congregation

Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine: Words and Music by
GRAHAM KENDRICK
Spirit Song: Words and Music by **JOHN WIMBER**

Verse 1: Choir Only Here is bread, here is wine: Christ is with us; He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine: Christ is with us here.

Verse 2: Choir Only Here is grace, here is peace: Christ is with us; He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace: Feast on Jesus here.

Refrain: Choir Only In this bread there is healing; In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Verse 3: Choir and Congregation

Here we are, joined in one: Christ is with us; He is with us.

We'll pro-claim till He comes Je-sus cru-ci-fied.

Verse 4: Choir Only O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Choir & Congregation

In this bread there is heal-ing; In this cup there's life for-ev-er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

Postlude: Choir Only In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

God's Work, Our Hands

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

OFFERING PRAYER

**Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring,
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,
that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

DIALOG

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth
and formed humanity in your own image.

You breathed into us your own breath of love
and gave us hearts and hands and voices
to live your loving purpose in the world.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus,
who gathered around himself a community formed by your love,
and yearned to gather all people together.

On 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.

In the same way 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 sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name,
and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood,
we plead with all creation:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit upon this meal,
the body and blood of Jesus,
that we overflow with your selfless love.

Turn us to face our neighbors,
that by us and through us
your love may be known in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All honor, praise and glory to you,
God of creative, dirty hands,
God of holy, wounded hands,
God who strengthens and guides our hands,
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, eat and be nourished to do God's work with our hands..

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

*As you come forward to receive Holy Communion,
you are invited to present your anticipated giving card to God
by placing it in the basket placed in front of the baptismal font.*

DISTRIBUTION

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ)
and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass
(the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar.*

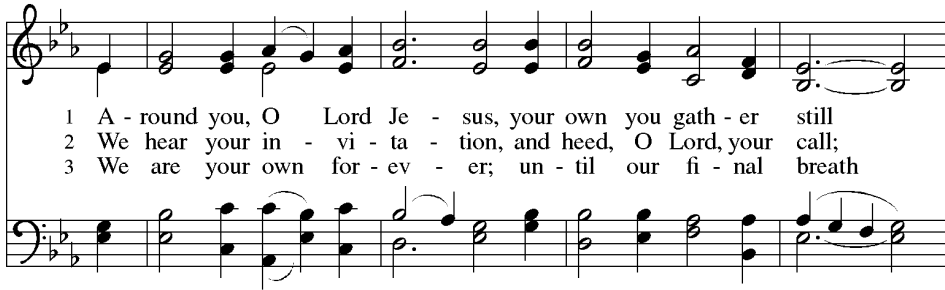
Non-communicating children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Composite Music: H. Thomissön, Den Danske Psalmebog, 1569



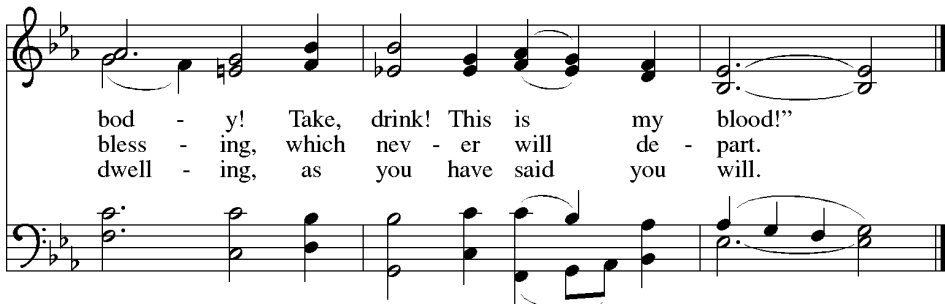
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

GIVING CARD DEDICATION

Holy Jesus, we offer our anticipated giving to you and ask your blessing upon the ministry of our congregation in the coming year. Use our financial gifts to enrich the spiritual lives of people both near and far. We also offer our hands, feet, and voices to serve you in all ways. In this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled and strengthened by your Spirit to live out your love for others. Amen.

God's Work, Our Hands

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Sending

BLESSING

God, the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

Amen.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Ida Heller.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Joanne Fisher (11/4), Trudy Gearhart (11/28), Leslie Gotwald (11/5)
Denise Heinbaugh (10/28), Charles & Gertrude Kampmeyer (11/3)
Joyce Morschhauser (10/19), Sam Mull (10/18)
Steve Schumacher (11/2), Martha Willson (10/19)

Long Term Care: Pat Dent and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul
and Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia).

ADDRESS FOR RUBENS PAUL while in the military:

E1 Paul Rubens
3rd Platoon Spartans Battle Company
4-39 IN REGT, 165th IN BDE
10550 Hampton Pkwy
Fort Jackson SC 29207

ATTENDANCE October 8 73 in person 9 on line

CANTATA PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS has begun.
Please come to the rehearsal on Thursdays at 7 p.m. or see
Freda for more information. The cantata will be presented
on December 17 at our 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Christmas Cantata



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 If you have a loved
one who has entered the church triumphant between November 1, 2022
and October 31, 2023 whom you would like to have remembered by
name on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office and include the
spelling of the name, and date of death if available. felccoffice@gmail.com





SUPPORT THE SPIRITRUST AUXILIARY by eating at **MOD pizza** anytime today. MOD pizza will donate 20% of your bill to support the auxiliary which supports hospice, home care, The Inn, the Manor, etc. Bring a flyer (attached to the bulletin board), or see Tudy Gates for a flyer. You can also order online through the MOD app or website using the code

MODGIVES 20 and using a coupon. Thanks for your support.

LADIES BREAKFAST will be on Wednesday August 19 at the Texas Lunch Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome.



COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED In November we will be electing council members for a three year term to serve from January 2024 through December 2026. If you have an interest in being nominated or finding out more about this opportunity, please talk with Tim Gotwald.

CROP WALK CHAMBERSBURG on

Sunday, November 5. You are invited to walk and/or support the 2023 Chambersburg CROP Walk. Registration is at 1:30 at Zion Reformed Church on Main Street. The walk begins at 2:00



p.m. and is an easy loop around downtown and the Rail Trail. There will be a water and rest stop along the way. CROP raises money and awareness for those whose are hungry around the world and in our community. Ask Bill or Kristy Nienstedt if you would like to register to walk or donate to this program. CROP, the “Christian Rural Overseas Program” of Church World Service was established in 1947 (The same year as Lutheran World Relief) in response to massive starvation in post-World War II Europe. The mission was simple—feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick. Today, CROP Walks across the US continue to meet this challenge. Your help is needed and appreciated!

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING is in New Orleans in July of 2024. Kate



Nienstedt will be attending along with five youth from Trinity Lutheran. Their first fundraiser is now underway. Kate will be selling Sweet Rollers cinnamon rolls (\$6), packs of 2 chocolate chip cookies (\$5), and bags of coffee (\$12) after church through October 22nd. See Kate or her mom Kristy to place an order. Items will be delivered on Sunday, November 5th. Thanks in advance for your support!

TRUNK OR TREAT AT TRINITY LUTHERAN on October 28, 6:30-8 pm at Trinity Lutheran parking lot. They need our help to make this great for their neighbors. To help please purchase candy and place it in a basket as you enter the sanctuary. You can volunteer at the event and/or decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy, you do not have to provide the candy. Last year they felt they did not have enough trunks. Please consider. If you have any questions please contact Mary Gotwald.



FALL FOLIAGE DAY Sunday, October 22, 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at Nawakwa. Come for a fall afternoon! An evening meal provided. Register by October 13. \$15 per person (4 & under free).

QUILT AUCTION November 5 (Oct 29-Nov 3 Online Bidding) at Nawakwa 2:00 p.m. Silent Auction, 3:00 p.m. Live Auction. Dinner following Live Auction. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Please register for the in-person event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal.





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
Lector:	Becky Hoover	Nancy Fricke	Gerry Wilson
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh		Bob Wildeson
Communion Assistants:	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick Deb Fleegal		
Greeters:	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Jim Brown Rick Gates Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson



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Sally Herritt

Financial Secretary

Carol McCoy

Custodian

Jennifer Flores

Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.