

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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# **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 27, 2024  
**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

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## PARDON OUR DUST

Reconstruction of our front sidewalks and courtyard is continuing. The courtyard is closed. Entry to the church is limited to the bell tower and basement doors. The doors at the bell tower, at Grant Street and Strawberry Way, have very steep steps. Please use these with caution. Our temporary handicapped entrance is located at the basement door at the corner of Strawberry and Garland Ways. All are welcome to use this entrance. A member of our staff will be present at this door. If you are parking at the U.S. Steel Tower, please cross Grant at Strawberry Way. We will update you when the courtyard entrances will be available and keep you informed through the Parish News and bulletin as work progresses.

## PARKING

Please be aware that the police have been more diligent in enforcing no-parking zones on Sundays, especially when there are sporting or other events downtown. Parking on our side of Grant Street is posted as permitted until 1:00 PM, but they sometimes ticket or even tow vehicles across the street. Though past efforts have failed, we are once again exploring if parking can be permitted there in the future. We encourage parking in the U.S. Steel Tower garage, which we have made free on Sundays, though contributions toward our \$2.00 cost are welcome. Sometime during your visit at church, use your smartphone to scan one of the special QR codes that are posted around the building to take advantage of this arrangement with Metropolis. **Please note that the QR code must be scanned each time you park in the garage.** Full details on the program are available in the Parish News and posted around the building. There are two entrances to the garage: one is off of the Veterans Bridge/Bigelow Blvd ramp just before Sixth Ave; the other is on Bigelow Square, just off of Sixth Ave and in front of the DoubleTree Hotel's main entrance.



## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!**

*We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today and hope you will return to worship with our community of faith again. If you would like to know more about our ministry in downtown and metropolitan Pittsburgh, please speak to a pastor, any of our members, or visit [www.flcpittsburgh.org](http://www.flcpittsburgh.org).*


Our liturgy incorporates historic practices of the Western Christian tradition, aspects of which may be unfamiliar to some. We hope this bulletin will serve to welcome our visitors and be an aid to those who seek to participate in our worship of God.

**ACCESSIBILITY** While construction proceeds, our accessible entrance to the building is limited to the grade level door at Strawberry Way. An elevator is available in the Parish House to access other levels of the building. The parking spaces directly in front of the building have been designated for those with handicapped plates or placards for their vehicles.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the ushers' table in the rear of the nave. Easy-to-use receivers with either an earpiece or a neck loop are available. Antiseptic wipes are available to clean assisted listening equipment before use.

### **YOUNG CHILDREN**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Children's worship boxes, with items to help engage our youngsters in worship, are available in the back of the nave. Please return them to an usher after worship. A family restroom with a changing table is available downstairs.



## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered by invitation of the Lord himself. All baptized believers who trust that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

## ✠ ALTAR FLOWERS & LAMPS ✠

### FLOWERS

#### THE CENTERPIECE

*is given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Victor C. Reiber.*

### LAMPS October 7 - 20

#### SANCTUARY

*is given in memory of  
Alan J. Holl, brother of  
Nancy Headrick &  
Harry Obley*

#### VOTIVE

*is given in memory of  
Barbara Bertollini Lape,  
sister of Beatrice Weimer,  
by Beatrice Weimer*

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

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*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices before worship.  
The people prepare for worship by silently praying the following prayer:*

(✠) O God, your Word is a light making bright my way to you:  
Open my ears to hear, my mind to understand, my heart and soul to  
receive, and my life to show forth your blessed Word borne to me  
this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Read Ps. 125, p. 280*

## THE PRELUDE

*Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort  
(Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Gott der Vater wohn uns bei  
(God the Father, Be Our Stay)*

Samuel Scheidt

*The people stand.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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**

P On this Reformation Sunday, let us confess to Almighty God  
our part in tearing the body of Christ,  
our responsibility for continuing the brokenness of the Church,  
our blindness in assuming that a divided Church is God's will,  
our pride in thinking that all necessary truth  
is already in our possession,  
our self-centered regard only for ourselves.

Let us kneel to confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

*The people kneel. A brief time is provided for self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,  
**C** **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

*The people stand as the bells peal.*

*The people may turn in place to follow the cross as it passes.*

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

**ELW 645**

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

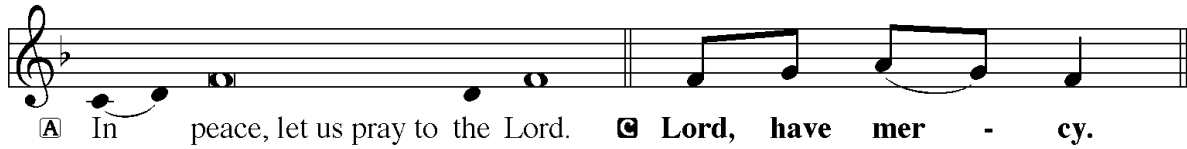
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 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

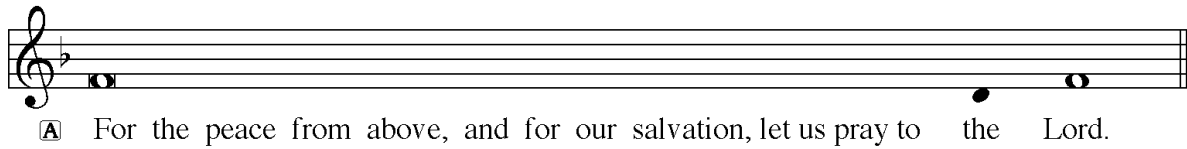
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

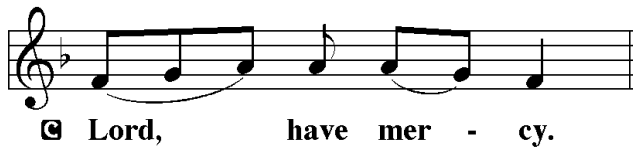
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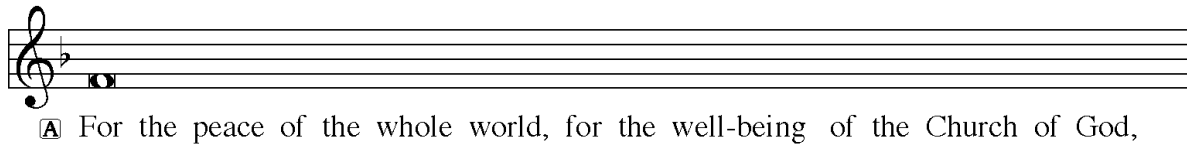
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



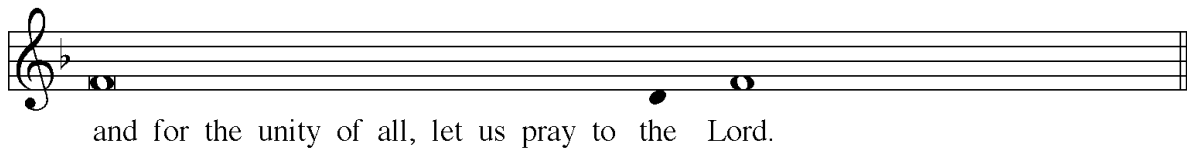
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

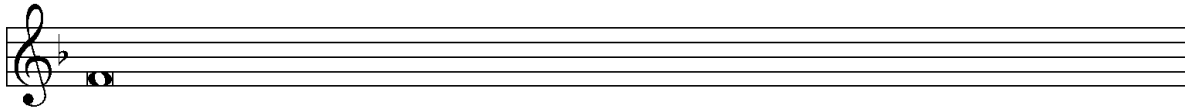


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

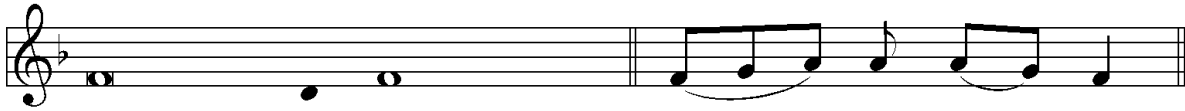


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.





**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

**THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*All Glory Be to God on High*

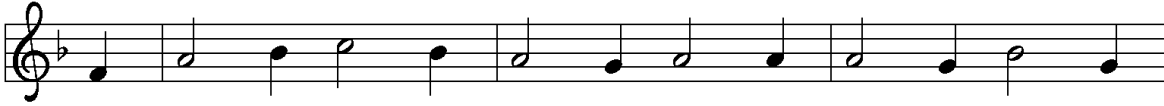
**ELW 410**

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**THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*All Glory Be to God on High*

**ELW 410**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to  
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
on us all have mer - cy.  
lives are in your keep - ing. A - - - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius  
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## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth; protect and comfort them in all temptation; defend them against all enemies of your Word; and bestow upon Christ's Church militant your saving peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

C **Amen**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON—Jeremiah 31:31-34

L A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

8:30 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

LBW Tone 8

*Sung responsively, Soloist / Congregation*



- <sup>1</sup> God is our ref- | uge and strength,\*  
a very present | help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,\***  
**and though the mountains be toppled**  
**into the depths | of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters | rage and foam,\*  
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> **The LORD of | hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**
- <sup>5</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup> **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;\***  
**God shall help her at the | break of day.**
- <sup>7</sup> The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;\*
- God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD of | hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**
- <sup>9</sup> Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,\*  
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup> **It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;\***  
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,**  
**and burns the | shields with fire.**
- <sup>11</sup> "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;\*"   
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- <sup>12</sup> **The LORD of | hosts is with us;\***  
**the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

11:00 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*

Anglican Chant / Martin Luther

*Sung by the Choir*

## THE SECOND LESSON—Romans 3:19-28

L A reading from Romans.

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

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

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

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



**THE HYMN OF THE DAY***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word***LBW 231**

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the bass line.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

*The people remain standing.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**C 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;  
*by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.*  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

A Let us kneel to pray for the whole people of God  
in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*The people kneel.*

A ...Lord, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C Amen**

*The people stand.*

## THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C And also with you.**

*The people offer one another the sign of peace, saying, "Peace be with you" from their pews.  
The people are seated as the gifts are prepared.*

**THE MUSIC AT THE OFFERING** *God the Father, Be Our Stay*

**LBW 308**

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THE MUSIC AT THE OFFERING *God the Father, Be Our Stay*

LBW 308

St. 1—Choir • 2 & 3—All



Choir 1 God the Fa - ther, be our stay;  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our stay; oh, let us per - ish nev - er!  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, be our stay;

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and grant us life for - ev - er.

Keep us from the e - vil one; up - hold our faith most ho - ly,

and let us trust you sole - ly with hum - ble hearts and low - ly.

Let us put God's ar - mor on, with all true Chris - tians run - ning

our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning the dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.

A - men! A - men! This be done; so sing we, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"

Text: adapt. Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.  
Music: GOTT DER VATER WOHN UNS BEI, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray.  
 O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your Church; that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve you in safety and freedom; and grant us your peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen


## SURSUM CORDA



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.*

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

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

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Commanded by our Lord's teaching and encouraged by his example, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## AGNUS DEI

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

**LBW 103**



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -

est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

grant us thy peace! A - - - men

## THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

*To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

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MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

*O Lord, We Praise You*

**LBW 215**



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor to please



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
him with our be - hav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us, but that





sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 heav'n-ly - mind - ed he make us; give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite  
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

ORGAN VOLUNTARY    *I Leave as You Have Promised, Lord*    Johann Christoph Bach

*When all have communed, the people stand.*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C** **Amen**

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*I Leave, As You Have Promised, Lord*

**LBW 349**



I leave, as you have prom-ised, Lord, in peace and glad - ness.



My eyes have seen their great re - ward; gone is sad - ness.



Fa - vored Is - ra-el's glo - ry bright shall be the world's sal - va - tion.

Text: Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Music: MIT FRIED UND FREUD, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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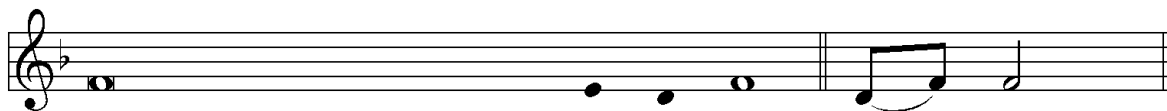
## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of the blessed reformers you caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth: Grant, we pray, that knowing its saving power in this holy sacrament, we may faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies, and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of souls and the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## THE BLESSING



Almighty God, Father, † Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

The people may turn in place to follow the cross and bow as we are sent forth to serve.

**THE HYMN TO CLOSE**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**LBW 229**

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  
vour 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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### THE DISMISSAL

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

### THE POSTLUDE

*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*  
 (All Glory Be to God on High)

Johann Pachelbel



# TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

|          |   |              |
|----------|---|--------------|
| 8:30 AM  | Holy Communion                          | NAVE         |
| 9:30 AM  | Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal         | CHOIR ROOM   |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday Church School Classes (All Ages) | HCH, VARIOUS |
| 10:00 AM | Parish Choir Rehearsal                  | CHOIR LOFT   |
| 11:00 AM | Holy Communion                          | NAVE         |
| 12:15 PM | Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal      | CHOIR ROOM   |

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Hurricane Milton as well caused great damage.

Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to respond to all impacted areas. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you enable the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and Milton and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.

Support the response today by visiting this URL: <https://bit.ly/4eue92v>

Or write a check to First Lutheran Church and put *Helene disaster* in the memo line and drop in offering plate or send in the mail.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC:** On this Reformation Sunday, the liturgies follow Martin Luther's German Mass (Chorale Service), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with historic chorales (hymns) dating from the 16th century.

**THANK YOU!** The Christian Ed and Youth Ministry committees would like to extend a "Thank You" to Jeff Heald for his help in the work necessary to get the TV installed in the youth room.

**ALL SAINTS DAY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** The pastors, Parish Choir and congregation are cordially invited to worship with friends at Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill. A sung Eucharist, begins at **7:30 PM** that evening, with combined choirs singing music of Pittsburgh composers Joyce Moon Strobel, Benjamin Cornelius-Bates, and Joseph Willcox Jenkins. Pastor Evans will preach. A light reception follows the liturgy.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** This morning, adults will begin a new class entitled *Who is My Neighbor?*, a comparative look at Lutheranism and other faith traditions. We look forward to engaging conversations.

**EAGLE SCOUT FUNDRAISER:** Gregory Schiavone has chosen for his Eagle Scout project to design and build new shelves for our Godly Play Classroom. He needs to raise funds for the project, so he will be offering wooden crosses to the congregation for a free will donation. **Please come to Holy Cross Hall in between services (9:45 - 10:45 AM) this morning**, where Gregory will be displaying his crosses.  
Thank you!

**SISTER CYNTHIA 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** November 13, 2024 will mark Sister Cynthia Pock's 30th anniversary of ministry as our cantor at First Lutheran Church. Please join us on Sunday, November 10, after the 11:00 a.m. liturgy for a luncheon to celebrate Sister Cynthia's many years of faithful dedication to Church's worship of God. This parish has been so richly blessed through Cynthia these three decades, as she has lived out her calling in what is truly a ministry of the Gospel: in the music that awakens our faith and in the care with which she ministers to us. More than that, she has been a gift to the wider Church and community as a mentor, teacher, and inspiration to many. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 10! Please sign up in the Parish House or RSVP to Christine Hoffman at [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

### **DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR REFORMATION**

has been designated for the Companion Synod in Madagascar. For many years, our Southwestern Pennsylvania ELCA Synod has been in relationship with the Tulear Synod in Madagascar. This has included trips for both lay and clergy members of our Synod to engage in mutual witness and consolation with our siblings in Christ in that part of our world, and in the form of financial gifts. Your donation will help the church in Madagascar to thrive, to know the support and friendship of our Synod, to empower ministry in impoverished communities, and to bless us through their relationship, witness, and encouragement. Please use the "Reformation" envelope in your offering envelope box, or, make your check payable to "First Lutheran Church" and mark it "Reformation"

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SAINTS: Sunday, November 3** is All Saints Sunday. Our family in faith will gather to offer praise and thanks to God for the lives and witness of those who have died in Christ. In celebrating this great festival, we remember saints known and unknown, recognized and unrecognized, who have helped to shape our lives of faith by their example. In the Prayers, we will recall those of our own parish who have died in the past year. During the distribution of the Sacrament, we will also remember your loved ones and friends who now rest in the Lord. Their names will be read as the tower bell tolls, allowing us time to reflect upon the gifts and the joy they brought into our lives. If there are names you would like to have included in this "roll call of the saints," please contact Christine Hoffman ([cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org); 412-471-8125) or add them to the list that is available in the Parish House.

**YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY! AMEN TO ACTION:** On Saturday, November 2, Amen to Action calls together different faith traditions to come together to serve in unity. First Lutheran youth and their families were proud to participate in the past years as Amen to Action provided over one million meals to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. We are excited to participate in the Amen to Action food packing event at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on **Saturday, November 2, from 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM**. Youth and family members are welcome! Please sign up at this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/amen2actionFLC>

**PLEASANT VALLEY SHELTER DINNER on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM.** To love our neighbors, First Lutheran Church prepares and serves a meal at Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter on the first Tuesday of every other month. Our next dinner will be Tuesday, November 5. We are in need of more volunteers to make food at home or buy prepared food at a store and to help serve the meal at 7:00 PM. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Jeff McCurry at [mccurryj@gmail.com](mailto:mccurryj@gmail.com).



## FINANCIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

The purpose of this December meeting is to take action on the Congregation Council's Proposal for Ministry, 2025. This proposal (budget) has been developed with the involvement of parish committees and the Council itself.

All Voting Members are urged to be present. Voting Members are defined as those members of the congregation who have communed and made a contribution of record in the past year. Guests are welcome to attend.

***Sunday, December 8 at 9:45 AM in Holy Cross Hall.***

**FAMILY CIRCUS GATHERING:** The First Lutheran Church Family Circus (families with children age 0 through second grade) is gathering at Marjorie and Jared Weiner's home the morning of **Saturday, November 9, 2024** for a potluck brunch! There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor space to play. If you would like to attend and did not receive a Paperless Post invitation, please email [eharmon130@gmail.com](mailto:eharmon130@gmail.com) for the address and other party information.

**VOLUNTEER AT GLOBAL LINKS** on **November 16 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Have fun with fellow members while sorting and packing surplus medical supplies which are sent to Central America, Bolivia, and local partners. No special skills required. Open to those who are 18 years and older (no upper limit!) and those who are 16-17 with a signed waiver by parent or guardian. Global Links is located near the Greentree exit on I-376. Contact Sherry Wilson with questions at [swilson854@gmail.com](mailto:swilson854@gmail.com). Contact the church office for the registration link.

**LOST AND FOUND** The lost and found basket (located in the Parish House on shelf above reception desk) is overflowing with lost items, especially sippy cups, please claim your items! They will be thrown away at end of month. Thank you!

**FOUNDATION OF HOPE DRIVE:** First Lutheran's Health Ministry Team will again be having a drive for the Foundation of Hope starting October 13 and ending November 17. This organization assists our incarcerated neighbors and those who have been released from the Allegheny County Jail. They would like to receive full size bottles of shampoo and lotion, toothpaste and deodorant as well as sweatpants/shirts in sizes XL and XXL. (Please no hoods, graphics and red or maroon items). A bin for the donations will be in the back of the Nave. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be sent to the church by check or PayPal with a notation it's for the Foundation of Hope. If each individual or family donated at least one item, no matter how small, we could make a sizable donation to their significant needs. Thank you!

**FIRST COMMUNION:** At First Lutheran Church, we offer formal First Holy Communion with instruction, usually about twice annually. We recommend, if not already communing, that children receive formal First Holy Communion by around kindergarten. An opportunity for instruction is provided beforehand. Those who began communing at a younger age are also encouraged to attend instruction. **The date for First Holy Communion instruction is Sunday, November 24 after the 11:00 liturgy. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, December 8 at the 8:30 AM service.** (If others are interested we could also hold FHC on December 22 at either service.) Please speak with one of the pastors with any questions or contact the church office to let us know your child will be ready for FHC instruction on Nov. 24, First Holy Communion, or both.

**GLOBAL LINKS HAS AN URGENT NEED** for rollators, transport chairs and manual wheelchairs for their partners abroad and locally. They also have ongoing needs for aluminum crutches and walkers. All items should be clean and in working order. Global Link collects a wide variety of medical supplies, which they ship primarily to Central America and Bolivia. For a complete list of items, go to their website at [globallinks.org](http://globallinks.org) and choose Ways to Give. **If you have items to donate, please contact the church office** and a member of the Social Ministry Committee will contact you to make delivery arrangements.

**CHORAL COMPLINE** is sung each Sunday evening by the Pittsburgh Compline Choir under the direction of Douglas-Jayd Burn. Join them at Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh **each Sunday evening at 8:00 PM.** First Lutheran Church is a sponsor of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE WALK-IN MINISTRY PANTRY!**

We still need: canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned chicken, canned tuna, Ramen noodles, jam and jelly, and breakfast or granola bars.

**TOILETRIES**

We need small bottles of lotion and individual packs of tissues.

By visiting our Amazon wish list, First Lutheran Church - Walk in Ministry Food Pantry you will get an idea of the items that are needed, you have a few options: 1. You can make a monetary donation to the church (noting that the contribution should be directed to the food pantry) 2. You can order directly from the FLC Amazon wishlist, or 3. You can place an order for similar items on the list from your own Amazon account (changing brand or quantity to suit your giving choices.)

<http://tinyurl.com/flcWISHLIST>

**ON DUTY THIS WEEK / PARTNER MINISTRY SERVICES:**

This week, First Lutheran Church will be on duty Monday - Thursday, October 28 - 31.

The Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Roman Catholic Church offers breakfast Monday - Saturday 9:00-10:30 AM; bag lunches Monday - Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and dinners Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 5:30 PM. A midday meal is served on Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM. Those seeking crisis counseling or services may be directed accordingly.

**Our next week of service begins November 25.**

**NEW PARKING VALIDATION PROCESS AT MELLON SQUARE GARAGE:**

Mellon Square Garage (and eventually Smithfield/ Liberty Garage) will be using a new validation system. Instead of stamping your ticket with the church stamp, you will attach a validation sticker to the back of the parking ticket. The parking stickers will be available from the ushers or staff person. On the second floor of Mellon garage, use the parking station to scan first the front of parking ticket, then the back in order to pay the \$1.00 (either cash or credit.) When you exit the garage, you must also scan the front of the parking ticket and then the back (the sticker) on the way out. So for now, use the stickers for Mellon square parking and the church stamp for Smithfield/Liberty garage- until it goes to the same system in about 30 days.

**MEAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** Each Wednesday morning 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, a small team of volunteers prepares 60-100 meals in our church kitchen for two local organizations serving our neighbors in need. Meals are planned and groceries are gathered by our coordinators; volunteers need no cooking experience. Contact Christine to volunteer: [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).

**2025 FLOWER and SANCTUARY/VOTIVE LAMPS** are now available for those who wish to make a donation. Floral arrangements and candles can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Your name(s) and dedication are acknowledged in the bulletin. The cost for flowers is \$25 per arrangement. The cost for the 14-day candles used in the sanctuary/votive lamps is \$7.50. **Please sign-up in the notebooks on the reception desk in the Parish House, or contact Christine Hoffman at 412-471-8125 or [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org).**



## SERVING TODAY

|                            | 8:30 AM                                    |           | 11:00 AM                   |
|----------------------------|--|-----------|----------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>  | Pr. Evans                                  |           | Pr. Murdy                  |
| <b>Preacher</b>            |  | Pr. Evans |                            |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>  | Kathy Pfister                              |           | Mimi Pasternak             |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | June Navid<br>Ted Schroeder                |           | Pr. Evans<br>Kathy Stefani |
| <b>Lectors</b>             | Richard Moncure                            |           | Pr. Len Larsen             |
|                            |  |           |                            |
| <b>Acolyte(s)</b>          | Ben Pasternak                              | C         | Grace Hall                 |
|                            | Will Schroeder                             | T         | Zoe McCurry                |
|                            | Gregory Schiavone                          | T         | Abby Wilson                |
|                            | Will Schroeder                             | A         | Emily Wilson               |
|                            | Vivian Evans                               | BB        | Catherine Patton           |
|                            |  |           |                            |
| <b>Cantor</b>              | Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO             |           |                            |
| <b>Vocalist(s)</b>         | Megan Wall<br><i>Treble Section Leader</i> |           | The Parish Choir           |
| <b>Instrumentalist(s)</b>  |  |           |                            |
|                            |  |           |                            |
| <b>Head Usher</b>          |  |           | Kurt Herbst                |
| <b>Usher(s)</b>            | Kurt Hansmann                              |           | Wes Nelson                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | Janet King<br>Nora Nealon                  |           | Jen Roth<br>Kathy Roth     |
| <b>Coffee Hour Host</b>    |  |           | Kim Wilson                 |

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## CALENDAR

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

#### *Walk-In Week Begins Today*

- |       |    |                                  |                 |
|-------|----|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12:00 | PM | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting     | HOLY CROSS HALL |
| 8:00  | PM | Youth Ministry Committee Meeting |                 |

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- |      |    |               |           |
|------|----|---------------|-----------|
| 1:00 | AM | Staff Meeting | MEZZANINE |
|------|----|---------------|-----------|

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- |       |    |                         |         |
|-------|----|-------------------------|---------|
| 8:00  | AM | Meal Ministry Meal Prep | KITCHEN |
| 12:10 | PM | Noonday Holy Communion  | NAVE    |

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 *Reformation Day*

- |      |    |                              |            |
|------|----|------------------------------|------------|
| 6:30 | PM | Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal | CHOIR LOFT |
|------|----|------------------------------|------------|

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 *All Saints Day*

- |       |    |  |                 |
|-------|----|--|-----------------|
| 12:00 | PM | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting                 | HOLY CROSS HALL |
| 7:30  | PM | All Saints Liturgy at Church of the Redeemer | SQUIRREL HILL   |

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- |      |    |                                  |           |
|------|----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 8:15 | AM | Amen to Action Youth Group Event | SHADYSIDE |
|------|----|----------------------------------|-----------|

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- |       |    |   |                 |
|-------|----|---|-----------------|
| 8:30  | AM | Holy Communion                            | NAVE            |
| 9:35  | AM | Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal           | CHOIR ROOM      |
| 9:45  | AM | Sunday Church School Classes for All Ages | VARIOUS         |
| 10:00 | AM | Parish Choir Rehearsal                    | CHOIR LOFT      |
| 11:00 | AM | Holy Communion                            | NAVE            |
| 12:10 | PM | Cantate Children's Choir Rehearsal        | CHOIR ROOM      |
| 12:15 | PM | Health Ministry Team Meeting              | HOLY CROSS HALL |

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**THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER**

### STAFF

The Rev. Brian A. Evans, *Senior Pastor*  
The Rev. Joseph G. Murdy, OLF, *Interim Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Daniel E. Hall, MD, *Assisting Episcopal Priest*  
Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO, *Cantor*  
Mrs. Suanne O'Dell, *Financial Secretary*  
Ms. Christine G. Hoffman, *Admin. Assistant to Pastoral Staff*  
Mr. Jeremy Caywood, *Building Manager*  
Mr. Nicholas Sharer, *Communications Coordinator*  
Mr. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

### PASTORS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Rev. Brian O. Bennett, *Lutheran University Center*  
The Rev. Erin E. Evans, *St. Paul, Zeli. / Zion, Harmony*  
The Rev. Canon Natalie G. Hall, *Church of the Redeemer*  
The Rev. S. Cyril Hurnyak  
The Rev. Leonard J. Larsen  
The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry  
The Rev. Caroline Mendis  
The Rev. Martin M. Roth

### MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson  
& Dr. Andrew L. Wilson, *Japan*

### ORGAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele

### COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

Joyce Moon Strobel



**Assisted listening devices are available. Inquire with an usher.**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
9:45 AM Sunday Church School  
*(Classes for all ages during school year)*  
11:00 AM Holy Communion

#### Midweek Noonday Worship

12:10 PM Holy Communion, Wednesdays  
*(Holy Communion for Healing on the first Wednesday of each month)*

### SUNDAY PARKING

Accessible parking is available on Grant Street in front of the church. Free parking is available in the US Steel Tower garage. Reduced rate parking is available at the Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00. See an usher or the attendant at the reception desk for validation. Street parking is free on Sundays until 1:00 PM.

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