

**ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
REFORMATION  
CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION AND  
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES  
Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:00pm  
Sunday, October 27, 2024 9:30am**



*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

## *ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship*

*Please note: Sunday Service is streamed, recorded and posted on YouTube beginning with the prelude and continuing through the postlude. Be aware that you may be recorded when coming up the center aisle for communion.*

**PRELUDE 5:00:** “The Church’s One Foundation” -arr. A.L. Page

**9:30:** “Lord Keep Us Steadfast” -Edwards

Handbell Choir

### **WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(please stand as you are able)*

**P:** People of God, Christ has drawn near.

**C: Jesus, Beloved of God, have mercy on us!**

**P:** What do you want God to do for you?

**C: We want to see again.**

**We want to see with eyes of hope and faith, to see with eyes of love.**

**P:** Your faith will make you well.

**C: We worship in faith and trust, in joy and gratitude.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

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might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C:** Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES *(please be seated)*

*Clare Stockland will be presented with her Bible today. The Bibles will be presented by her parents on behalf of St. Stephen the Martyr. Tyler Myszkowski will receive his Bible at a later date.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30)

Kelly Sachse

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<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

**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*please stand as you are able*)



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



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

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SHARING OF FAITH STATEMENTS (9:30)** *(please be seated)*

**MESSAGE:** “Another Reformation?”

Rev. Brian Hooper

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #779 Amazing Grace**

### **APOSTLE’S CREED (5:00)** *(please rise as you are able)*

**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.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (9:30)**

**L:** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

**Presenter:** Kim Sussman

I present Benjamin David Hooper and Annika Lynn Tanke, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**P:** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community

of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**P:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY** *(please be seated)*

**P:** Annika and Ben, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all earth?

**Confirmands Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P:** People of God, do you promise to support this brother and sister and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

**P:** Stir up in Ben

and Annika the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us rejoice with this brother and this sister in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God. and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. Bring an end to war and battle and be with those whose lives are affected, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan and Lebanon. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**



**L:** Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. We lift to you those who are near and dear to us who we name now out loud and in the silence of our hearts (*pause*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** God of the Ages, we thank you for the young people of this congregation, especially those who have reached milestones of faith this day, Ben Hooper, Annika Tanke, Clare Stockland, Tyler Myszkowski, Charles Ferguson, Audrey Kelroy, and Emily Kelroy. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

**L: hear our prayer.**

**L:** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** (*please be seated after sharing the peace*)

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: (9:30)** "I Will Give Jubilant Thanks" -Barrett

## OFFERINGS

*Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website [ssmelca.org](http://ssmelca.org), or use the QR codes listed here:*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**



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for iPhone

## OFFERTORY HYMN: HYMN #686 We Give Thee but Thine Own vs. 1&3



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer.*

*You will have the opportunity to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward please inform an usher and communion will be brought to your seat, otherwise prepare your prepackaged elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher).*

*Today we welcome Christopher Dollar, Charles Ferguson, Audrey Kelory, Emily Kelory, Felix Reinholz and Penny Whitmore to the Lord's Table. They will be receiving their First Communion.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand as able)*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

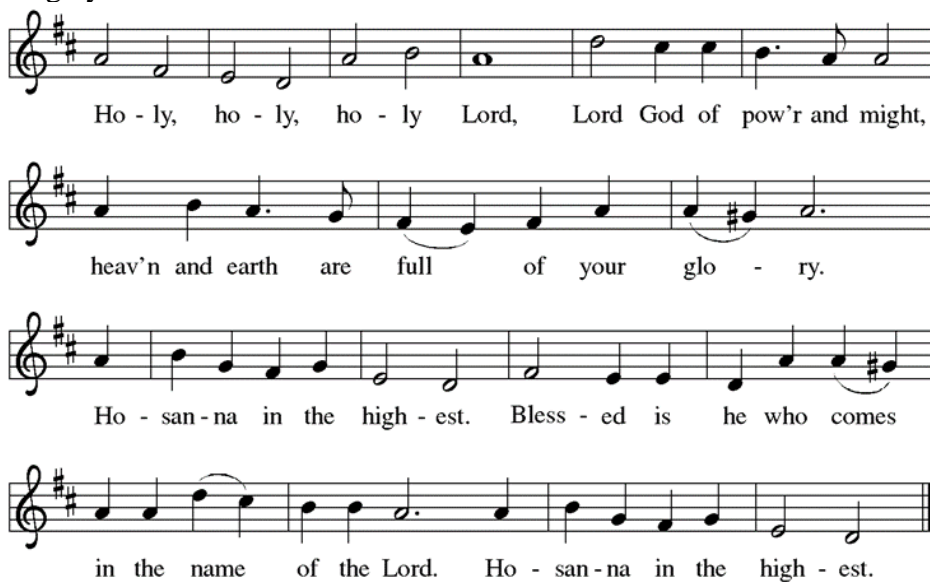


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**L:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** “In the night...”

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

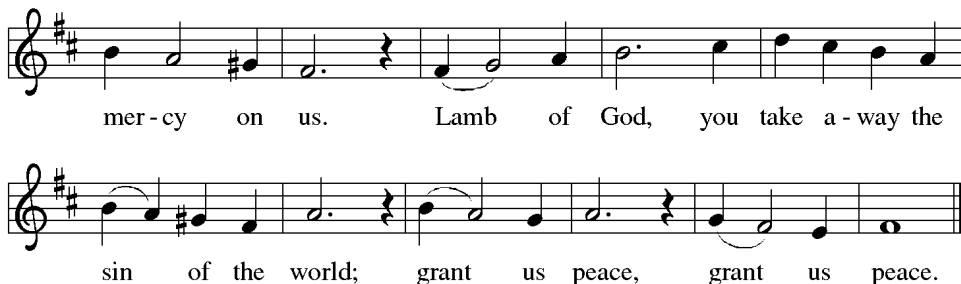
**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### **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

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**COMMUNION HYMN: ELW #645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

**P:** Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please be sure to read the printed announcements at the end of the bulletin.)*

**BLESSING**

**P:** God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**SENDING HYMN: ELW #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE 5:00:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” -arr. W. Held

**9:30:** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” -arr. Kevin Hildebrand

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**Ushers 5:00:** Jim Hennessy and Patti Winter

**9:30:** Jack Kalman, Kim Sussman and Adam Woerpel

**Reader 5:00:** Patti Nelson **9:30:** Denise Sanders

**Communion 5:00 Set Up:** Bonnie Court **5:00 Serve:** Patti Nelson

**9:30 Set Up:** Faith O’Connell and Shelly Rosenstock

**9:30 Servers:** Faith O’Connell and Bonnie Daleness

**Streaming Technician:** Eric Sanders

## St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God's family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Food Pantries:** Food donations for October will be donated to Unity Lutheran Church. Once again, please consider purchasing some non-perishable food items that can be opened without the use of a can opener for "the campers." As always, any canned goods are appreciated. Monetary donations are always appreciated and allow the food pantries to purchase items at reduced cost. Please remember to add a note that your donation is for *Food Pantries*. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

**A Call to Prayer: Monday, November 4 at 6:30pm.-7:30pm.** This election year is challenging. Society pushes you to pick one candidate and hate the other. Jesus taught us to, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." With these thoughts in mind, you are invited to our worship space for a community prayer service focusing on a peaceful election process. We pray that voters choose wisely and leaders govern wisely. There will be some guided prayers and time for quiet contemplation.

**Newcomer Orientation:** Are you a newcomer to St. Stephen the Martyr? If you would like to find out more, get connected, deepen your ties, or if you are considering membership, please join us following the 9:30am worship service on Sunday, November 24 for a newcomer orientation. Please email Pastor Brian Hooper ([pastorbrianhooper@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbrianhooper@gmail.com)) with any questions, or if you plan to attend.

**If you would like to give funds to Hurricane Relief** one option is to give to Lutheran Disaster Response through the ELCA website: <https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate/1>. You can also access this site by going to [elca.org](http://elca.org) and searching for hurricane relief or by searching for Lutheran Disaster Response. If you prefer funds can be given to SSM marked "hurricane relief" and we will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response.

**There will be an RIC event titled “We Love All” at Adoration Lutheran Church** on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 3:30. For more information check out the links below or see the flyer on the bulletin board between the offices.

<https://milwaukee-synod.org/event/we-love-all-2024/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1745449702863878>

**Unity Lutheran Church serves as a polling location and they plan to host a bake sale in their lobby on Tuesday, November 5th during the presidential election.** Their previous efforts in meeting their neighbors and asking for donations of baked goods have been very successful. If members of St. Stephen the Martyr would like to donate baked goods, please bring them to church on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> by 10:30 a.m. and Shelly Rosenstock will deliver the items to Unity after service.

***This Week at SSM***

<b>Wednesday, 10/30</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	Handbell Rehearsal	
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Choir Rehearsal	
<i><b>All Saints</b></i>			
<b>Saturday, 11/2</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Worship	Ushers: Larry & Sue Stasiewski
			Reader: Nick Winter
			Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
			Communion Server: Heidi Hennessy
<b>Sunday, 11/3</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Worship	Ushers: Dennis Luchesi and Cheryl & Dan Stefanski
			Reader: Mary Luedtke
			Communion: Julie Starks and Cathy Peterson
		Sunday School	
	<b>10:45am</b>	Coffee Hour – Debbie Barth Host	

## **KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER**

Mark Breutzmann, Bonnie Court, Penny Dowling, Diana Gastrau,  
Sue Jarchow, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski, Karen Palasz,  
Joan Retzlaff, Dick Rutzen, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt,  
Julia Suchy, Charlene Weller, Mike Wholean, John Winter

## **PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff  
Scott, friend of Mary Luedtke  
Sandy Bell, sister of Bill Bravner & friend of  
SSM

Jim Bembenec, friend of Mike and Tracy  
Wholean

Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese  
Rich Bonner, friend of Al Behling  
Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese  
Debbie Ehemann: former SSM adm. assist.  
Joshua Falkos and family as he is deployed to  
Eastern Africa, grandson of Mary Rockstad  
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally  
Kowalewski

Mike G, friend of Shelly Rosenstock  
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau  
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese  
James Haas, friend of Patti Winter  
Robert Hoffman, son of Karen & John Hoffman  
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel  
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt  
Dan Knapik, friend of Don & Carol Manning  
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski

Susan Kueny, friend of Mary Luedtke  
Travis Lamensky, friend of Kelly & Greg  
Sachse

Mark Langhoff, friend of Shelly Rosenstock  
Gerald Newmann, father of Denise Sanders  
Tim Noonan, friend of Jean Brownell  
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus  
Sarah Reyes, daughter of Debbie and Vic  
Barth

Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt  
Larry & Lori Sachse, family members of  
Kelly & Greg Sachse

John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton  
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann  
Simley

Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein  
Alfred Waltke, father of Kelly Sachse  
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters &  
Stepdad of Lori Salas

Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski  
Lisa Wholean, daughter of Mike & Tracy  
Wholean

Derek & Jess Wholean, son and daughter-in-  
law of Mike & Tracy Wholean

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*Congratulations to  
Ben Hooper &  
Annika Tanke  
On their Confirmation*

*Tyler Myszkowski &  
Clare Stockland  
On receiving their Bibles*

*Christopher Dollar,  
Charles Ferguson,  
Audrey Kelroy,  
Emily Kelroy,  
Felix Reinholz &  
Penny Whitmore  
On receiving their First Communion*



## HYMN #504 A Mighty Fortress

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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## HYMN #779 Amazing Grace

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.

## HYMN #645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## HYMN #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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.

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