

## **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

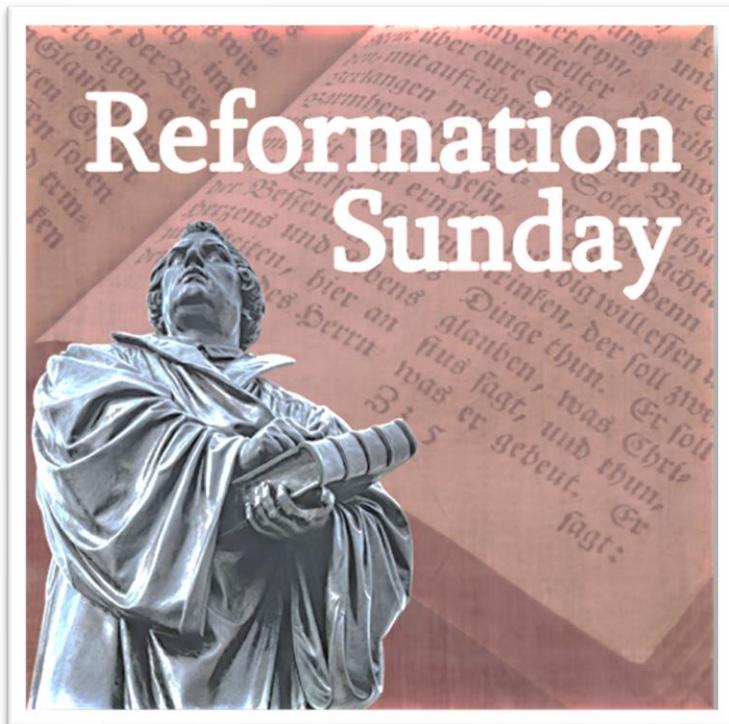
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### **✠ Reformation Day ✠**

*October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM*

*LSB setting 1*

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.  
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak  
reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WELCOMES YOU THIS MORNING!

We welcome you to this service of God's Word and Sacrament at which the words and action of Jesus Christ are central. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the narthex (entrance) and complete the Visitor Registration Card. Visitors who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to read and consider the Communion Registration card (*reverse side of same card and below*\*) before joining us at the altar and to place the card in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers.

***If you are unable to receive wine, please speak to Pastor or an elder before the service.***

**COMMUNION:** When you commune, you will have a choice between individual cup and the common cup (chalice). The acolyte offers an individual cup before the pastor presents the common cup (chalice). Non-alcoholic wine is offered from individual cups placed in the center of the tray.

### ***\*PLEASE NOTE\****

Those who intend to commune are encouraged to prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion by reviewing the "*Sacrament of the Altar*" on page 326 and "*Christian Questions with Their Answers*" drawn up by Dr. Martin Luther on page 329-330 of the Lutheran Service Book. *Visitors are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist) with us if you...* are baptized in the name of the Triune God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation, believe & confess the Christian Faith as expressed in Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, believe that in receiving Communion, you eat & drink Jesus' true body & blood with bread & wine for forgiveness of your sins & strengthening of your faith.

If you can affirm the statements above, you are welcome to share in reception of the Sacrament with us today. Please complete one of the red & white Visitor Communion Registration cards if you commune with us. Thank you!

### **Acknowledgments**

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## The Prelude:

*Komm Heiliger Geist, Her Gott ..... J. S. Bach*

### The Greetings and Theme of the Day

## ✠ THE PREPARATION IN CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Entrance Hymn

**LSB # 655** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (words by Martin Luther)*

### 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.

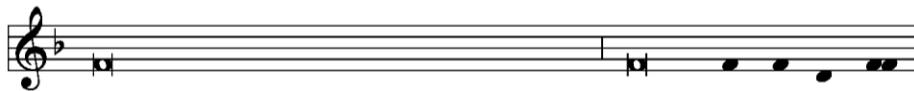
### Kyrie



**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.



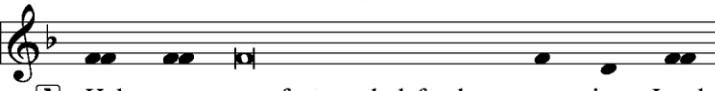
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



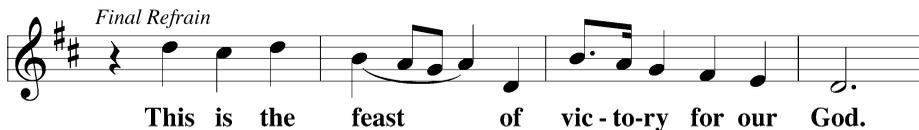
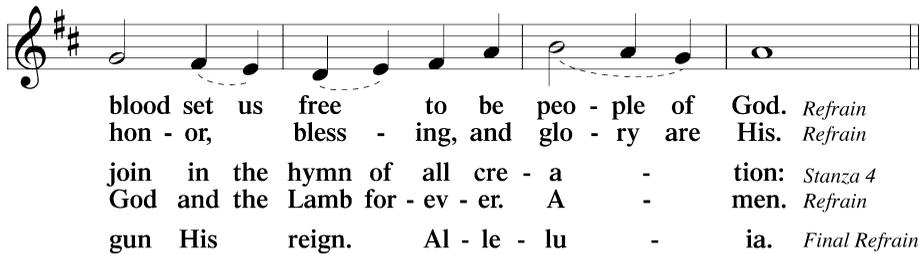
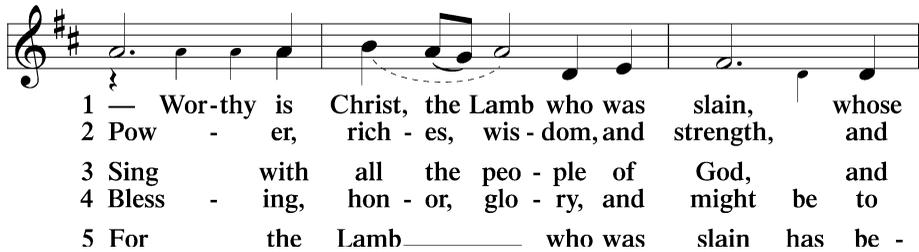
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



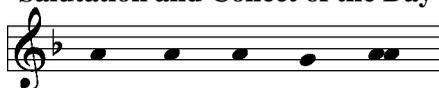
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**This Is the Feast**



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 46:1–11*

<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 gives way,\*  
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | roar and foam,\*  
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\*  
God will help her when | morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\*  
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works | of the LORD,\*

how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;\*

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots | with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that | I am God.\*

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted | in the earth!”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

## **Epistle**

*Romans 3:19–28*

<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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Festal Gospel Procession**  
**Common Alleluia and Verse**



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.

**Holy Gospel**

*St. Matthew 11:12-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup>“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day**

**LSB # 657** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (words by Martin Luther)*

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

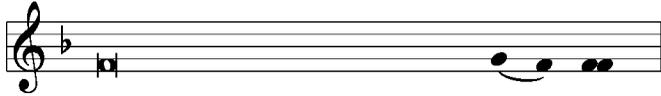
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** Lord have mercy.

### **Pax Domini**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

Sit

### Anthem: *Thy Strong Word*

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Stand

### Offertory



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

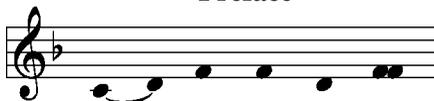
**P** Let us pray.

**P** Most merciful Father

- C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



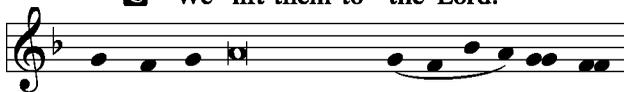
**C** And al - so with you.



**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.

**Proper Preface for Reformation Day**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**



**C** 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\text{I}\cdot$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\cdot\text{I}\cdot$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

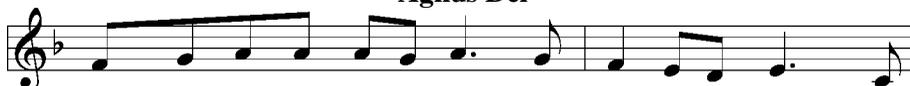
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Agnus Dei



**C** 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution of the Sacrament

Please come forward in *Pilgrim style* and extend your arm so that pastor may place the bread /wafers in your hand.

**An individual cup of wine will be placed on the altar rail.**

After communing you are asked to place your individual cups in the bowl of water and dispose of your paper container in the waste basket

## Communion Distribution Hymns

**LSB # 630** *Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*

**LSB # 627** *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

**LSB # 638** *Eat This Bread*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Post-Communion Canticle/Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

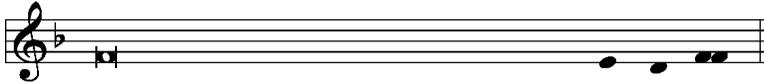
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

### Announcements

#### Exit Hymn

**LSB # 941** *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

#### Dismissal

**P** Depart in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**FLOWERS:** *Lynn & Marilyn Gerhart ~ for Marilyn's birthday*

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY: The Ladies #1 Bible Study will NOT meet this week, (November 3).** We will resume our study of Acts 7 on Wednesday, 11/10.

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**HOOKS & NEEDLES** will not meet in person until January, praying that the pandemic will allow this. Please continue to work on your items at home and bring them to church or call Barb Kilpatrick to have them picked up.

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**MEALS FOR GRANT FAMILY:** We have an opportunity to be of service to the Grant family as Carrie is experiencing a difficult pregnancy. Providing one or two meals a week will give Carrie the chance to stay off her feet a little more.

There are ways you can participate even if you can't deliver a meal. You can give a gift card for them to pick up a meal at a restaurant, bring a meal or casserole to put in the church fridge for them to pick up, cook a meal and have it safely picked up and delivered for you, or give towards ingredients for someone else to make a meal.

Be on the look out for either a sign-up sheet or email with contact details. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be the hands and feet of God to those in our church family. *Leigh Ann Bockle*

**NEW OFFERING BOX FOR LCGS:** Please notice the new wooden offering box located to the right of the doors leading into the sanctuary. The box was handmade by some of our very talented LCGS members. Please place your tithes and offerings in the box as you enter or exit the sanctuary. Those not able to worship in person may continue to mail their contributions to the church office: LCGS, 1601 N. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29609, Attention: Financial Secretary. Your questions should be directed to Karen Carson, Financial Secretary at (864) 509-6890 or [jchomekc@charter.net](mailto:jchomekc@charter.net).

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**STREAMING SERVICES:** Streaming services are available **BOTH live at 10:30 (Eastern time) and on YouTube for later viewing.** Please contact Ralph Clements (864-915-2762, or, [ralph.clements@earthlink.net](mailto:ralph.clements@earthlink.net)) with any questions or comments.

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**THE QUILL:** Don't forget to check out the *Quill* newsletter! It is full of interesting church news as well as scheduled services and meetings. The *Quill* newsletter is available at the door. You can also view it on the church website @ [www.lcgs.org](http://www.lcgs.org), *Media Center, The Quill.*

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**UNITED MINISTRIES: United Ministries' Place of Hope.** If you are able, pick up a package of new socks for our participants. Other needs: beef stew, grits, mac & cheese, peanut butter, ramen noodle packets, soup, cereal, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables. For your convenience, you can place them in the baskets marked "United Ministries" located in the narthex under the table. Or, the Deliveries can be made to United Ministries, 606 Pendleton Street, from 8:00 – 5:00 Monday – Thursday and until noon on Fridays. Thanks for considering!

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**GOOD SAMARITAN FUND:** Jane Kerr is now our contact person for the Good Samaritan Fund. She will work with Pastor to insure that donations promptly be distributed to those in need. If you have a need or if you know of a person or family who has a need - inside or outside our congregation - please e-mail Jane at [Kerrkw@hotmail.com](mailto:Kerrkw@hotmail.com).

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**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE October 31** “So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth. Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you can proclaim, ‘Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!’” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**SEND A CARD:** *Send a card* opportunity for member Anne Herman while receiving rehabilitation:  
**Anne Herman, Room 407, White Oak Manor Rehabilitation**  
**70 Oak Street,**  
**Tryon, NC 28782**

**TRIP TO GREECE/TURKEY 2023!** Join us for a trip to Greece/Turkey! Since our Holy Land trip was such a big success, I'm planning the journeys of Paul through **EOX (their new branch for smaller expeditions of 6-16 guests)** in July/Aug 2023. We'll start in **Istanbul** (as a pre-tour) and visit the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Walls of Constantinople, and several other must-sees there before joining the main tour in Thessaloniki, Greece. From there, we'll work our way south to the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Olympia, Kalamata, Sparta, Mycenae, Thermopylae, and Athens - just to name a few. Then we'll take a post-tour **Greek Isle Cruise** to Mykonos, Kusadasi (Turkish gateway to Ephesus), Patmos, *Rhodes*, Crete, and Santorini - and enjoy a free day in Athens before our flight home. The brochure with itinerary and further details are available online, so please let Jennifer Johnson know if you're interested!