

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE — O Day Full of Grace (Den Signede Dag), C.E.F. Weyse, Michael Burkhardt, arr., ©1994 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP), div. of MorningStar Music Publishing, Inc. Organist — Brenda Peck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✚ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**
**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**
**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**
**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**
**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

For the ways we turn away
 from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
 Lead us back to you
 and set us on the right path;
 in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
 God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
 God's compassion is beyond compare.
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
 In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504



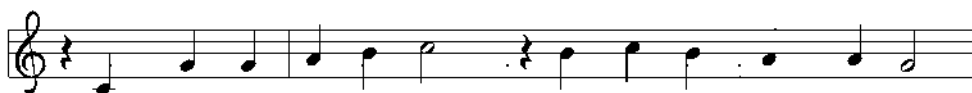
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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



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



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



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

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

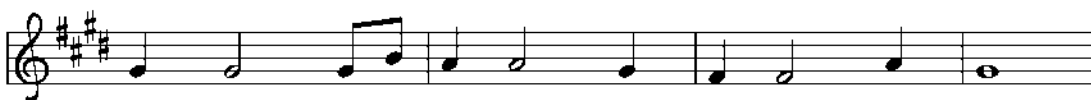
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

ELW #849



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién:
 1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
 2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
 3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
 4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ WORD +

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.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46

READ RESPONSIVELY

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in

his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Thy Word (C, V.1, C)*

Words and Music by

** Pronouns changed to plural possessive

Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

CHORUS:

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet
and a light unto our path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet
and a light unto our path.

VERSE 1:

When we feel afraid, and we think we've lost our way,
Still You're there right beside us.

Nothing will we fear as long as You are near.

Please be near us to the end.

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

³³They 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?’”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM - Let Us Build a House Lloyd Larson, Marty Haugen
2020 Arrangement: Hope Publishing Company Jim Turner, Clarinet

+ THE MEAL +

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OFFERING HYMN *We Are An Offering* **ELW #692**

Chorus

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

Dwight Liles

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
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.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, 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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood

may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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 unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

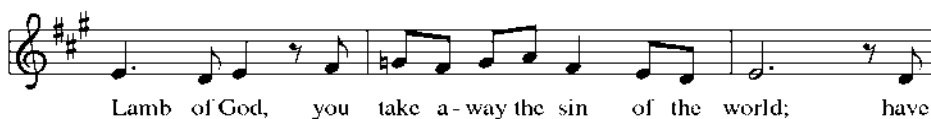
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

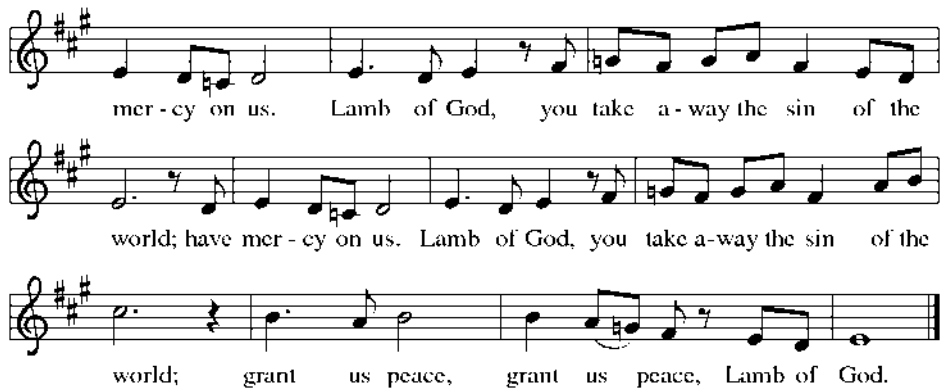
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191





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

COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS *One Way*

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW #816

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

ELW #654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

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Organist — Brenda Peck

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

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.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO,
NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, HERB KIEL, PASTOR MARY,
RON WEBER, GENE WALKER

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29:

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING: BECKY HENDRICKS

USHERS: DOUG MCFARLAN, LINDA SHUDROWITZ

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

FLOWERS: ANDREA BERRYMAN — **IN CELEBRATION OF ALL BERRYMAN BIRTHDAYS**

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

REFORMATION SUNDAY

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

OKTOBERFEST LUNCH — AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

WESTERN AIRE CONDO ASSOCIATION MTG. — 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)

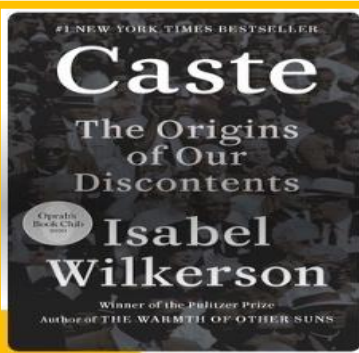
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

Matthew 6:21



DWELLING IN THE WORD
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.



SUNDAYS@6

Join us for Sundays@6 as we go through a book study on Caste The Origins of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. Sunday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting is in News You Can Use. Contact Pete or Debi Ellertsen 217-793-2587 for more information.

HELP STOCK OUR MICRO PANTRY: Items can be dropped off in the micro pantry or in the church office. We could use more personal hygiene products and laundry supplies, as well as food. Thank you to all who donate to this ministry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation Oktoberfest Lunch



Sunday, October 29 after worship

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!



Faith Formation/Fellowship committees are hosting a Reformation Oktoberfest potluck. Brats, hotdogs, hamburgers (condiments and buns included) and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share OR if you would rather offset the cost of meat, monetary donations will happily be accepted. There will also be fun activities!



Special *Congregational Meeting*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
AFTER 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**



Intentional Prayer

REMEMBER TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On November 5, All Saints Day, we will once again remember those disciple/members of Peace Lutheran who joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day, as well as friends and family members who are now part of the Church Triumphant. Newly baptized individuals will also be named in prayer.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING A PHOTO OR OTHER MEMORABILIA TO HONOR YOUR FRIEND OR LOVED ONE, PLEASE BRING IT SUNDAY MORNING PRIOR TO WORSHIP.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, November 12, 2023
2:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church

This Concert will be comprised of several church choirs, including Peace Lutheran, along with small ensembles from the Land of Lincoln Chorus, the Springfield Choral Society and others to benefit Grace Food Pantry. A free will offering will be taken.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order your Poinsettias
for Christmas
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Call the Church Office



10" - \$30.00 8.5" - \$20.00 6" - \$10.00

ALTAR FLOWERS:

THANK YOU to all who have sponsored flowers for our altar in 2023. All 2023 dates are now sponsored. We are now taking sponsors for the **2024** year. Please call the **church office** at 217-546-7646 and sponsor your Sunday now! Cost \$35.00.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

You're a great Pastor!

Your hard work and sacrifice are appreciated!

THANK YOU, PASTOR MARY, FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CONGREGATION.
YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED TODAY AND EVERYDAY!!



If you would like a visit from **Pastor Mary** or you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her **cell phone** at **920.671.4338**.

WEAR RED FOR
Reformation





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HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

OCTOBER 29
NEEDED -
40 BOXES OF CEREAL