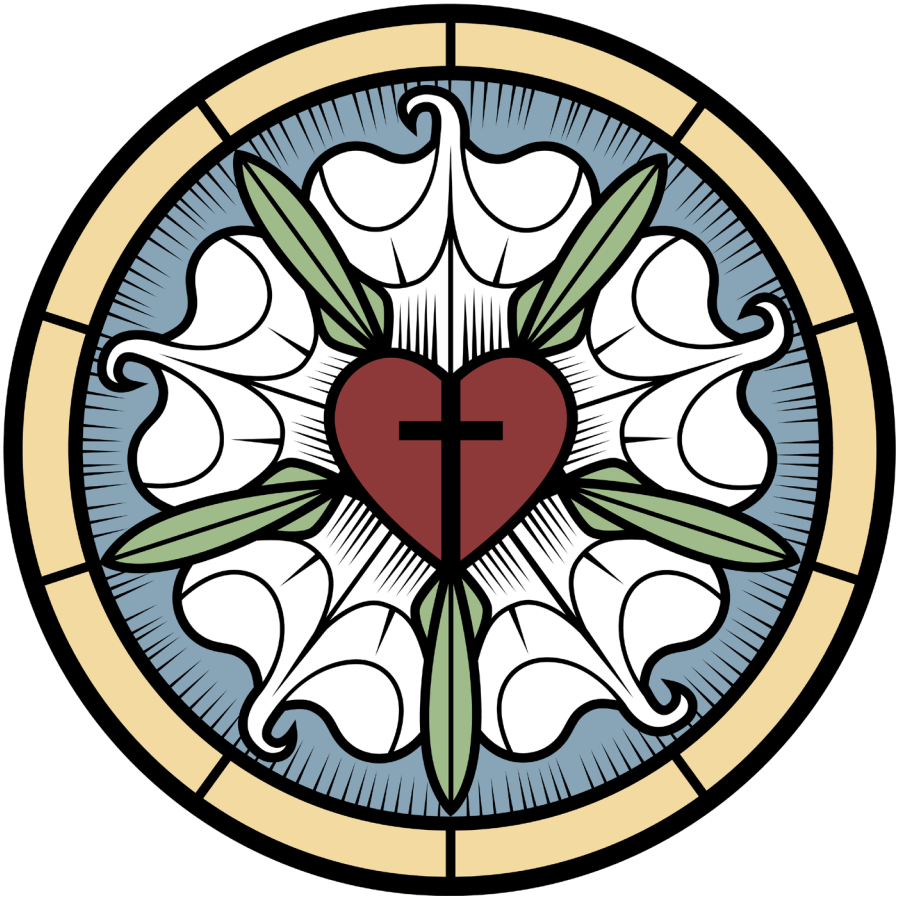


Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Today's Focus:

THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO STAY STEADFAST

Jesus told his followers, "You will be hated by everyone because of me" (Matthew 10:22). So, the time between Christ's first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example: Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do just that, both political and religious leaders wanted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes our unfailing reliance on the Word of God. We give unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith.

Stewardship from God's Word: Matthew 10:16-23

Christ does not guarantee his followers an easy time as we carry out our mission for him. If we are serious about being his witnesses as the Spirit gives opportunity, we may indeed face opposition and persecution. This may even occur over how we make use of the Lord's resources. As children of the Reformation, let us remain firm in our beliefs and not allow such opposition to sway us from putting God first in our lives and from using his blessings for the spread of his kingdom.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Welcome!

The Church's One Foundation *CW 855*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

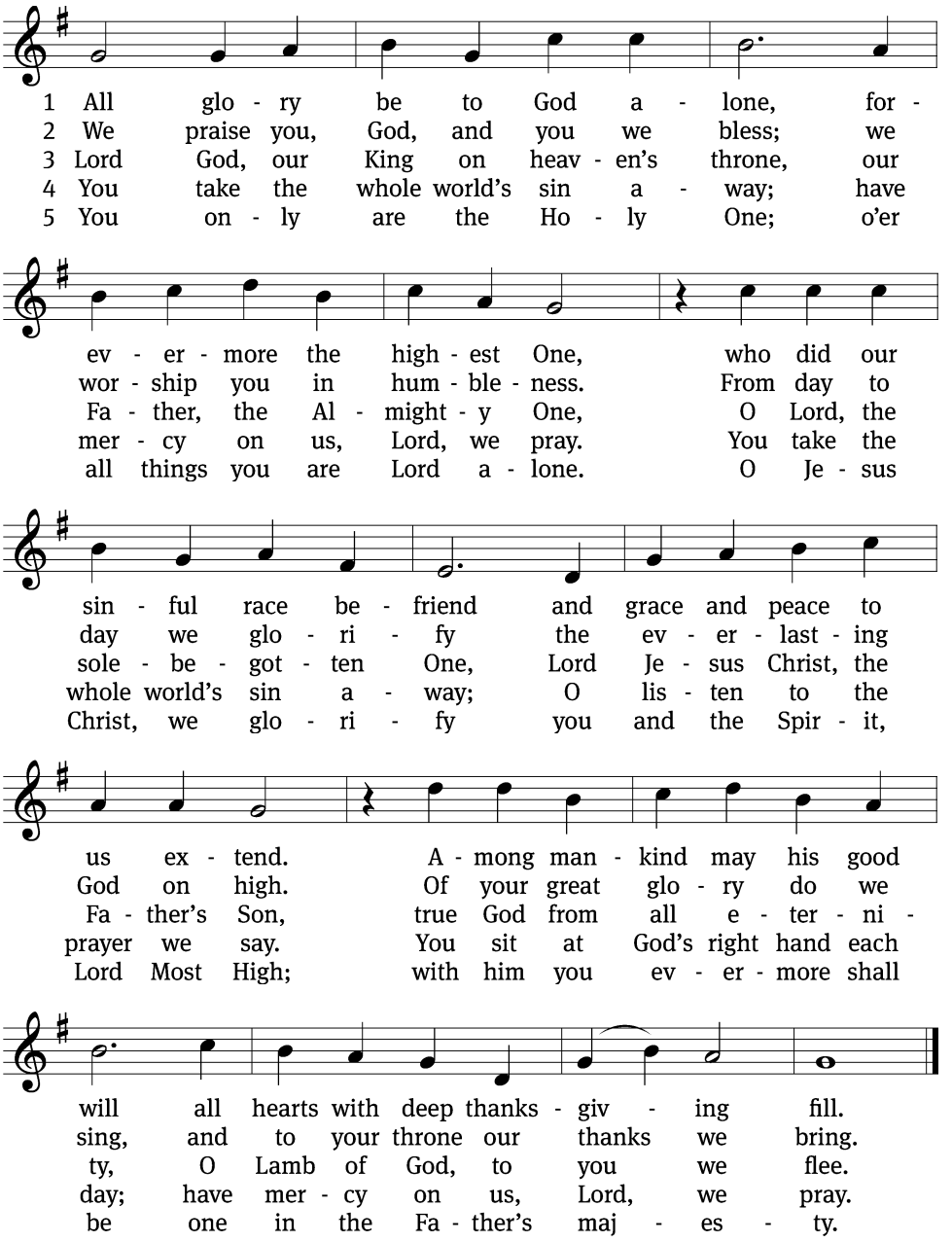
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

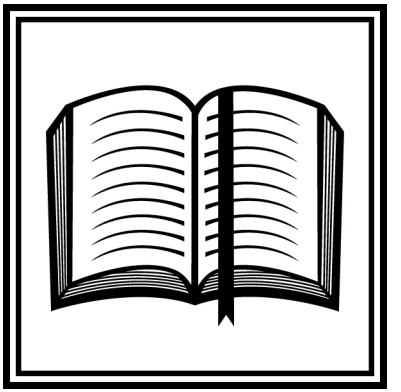
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All Glory Be to God Alone

Gloria in Excelsis





The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel demonstrated steadfast faith and prayed to the Lord.

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to
his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day
he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done
before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God
for help. 12 So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did
you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to
any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the
lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes
and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the
lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually,
rescue you!"

17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it
with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation
might not be changed. 18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night
without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could
not sleep.

19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. 20 When
he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of
the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you
from the lions?"

21 Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut
the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his
sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

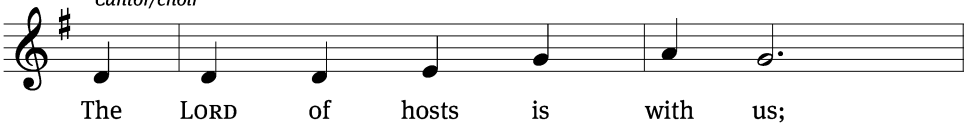
23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when
Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted
in his God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

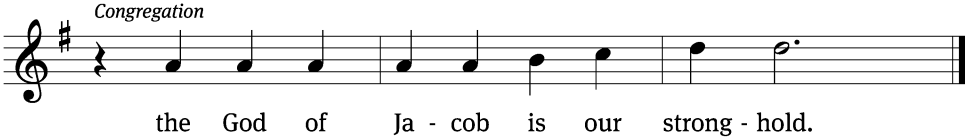
46B God Is Our Refuge and Strength

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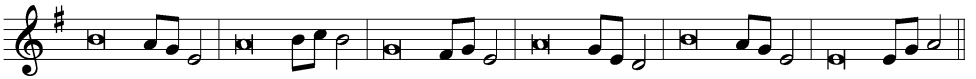
Refrain *Cantor/choir*



Congregation



Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
Nations are in uproar, / kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the / earth melts. *Refrain*

Come and see what the / LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought / on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the ends / of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the / shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth." *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus.

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law,
so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law;
rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

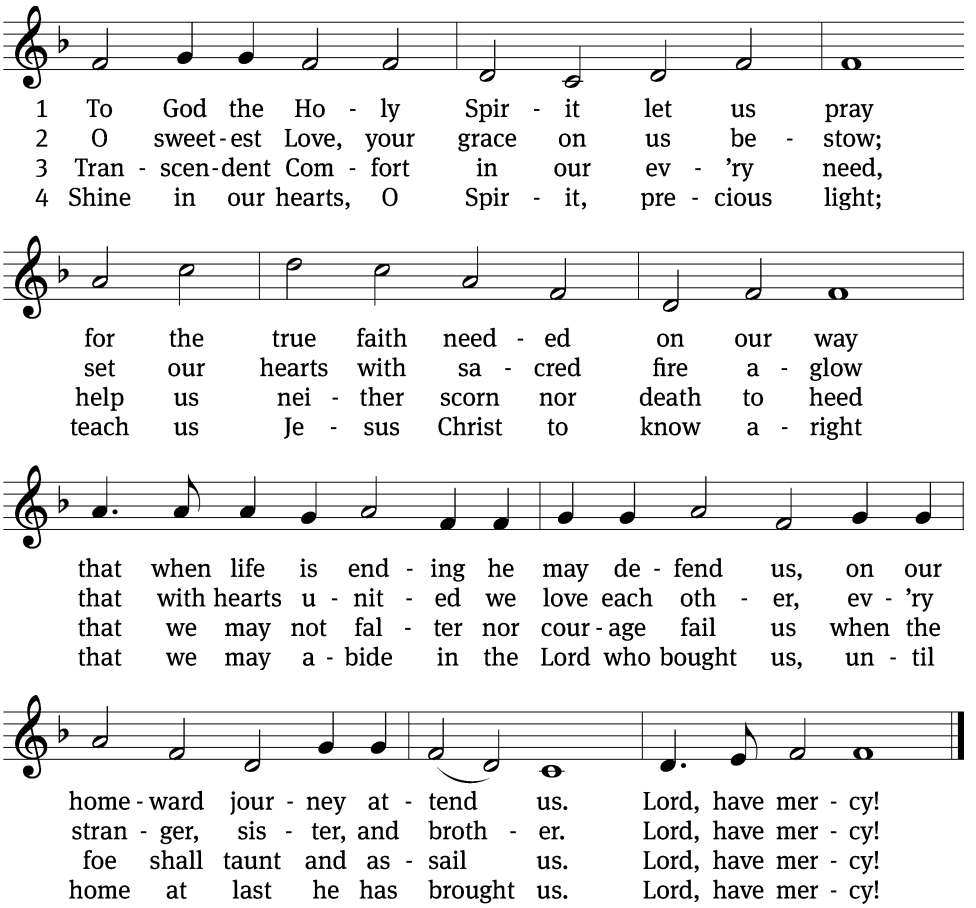
21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to
which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in
Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for
all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his
grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a
sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.
He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left
the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his
righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those
who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that
requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a
person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Gradual Hymn



Stand

Gospel

Matthew 10:16–23

The Lord keeps us steadfast and faithful through times of persecution.

16"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as
snakes and as innocent as doves. 17Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the
local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. 18On my account you will be
brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. 19But
when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time
you will be given what to say, 20for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your
Father speaking through you.
21"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel
against their parents and have them put to death. 22You will be hated by everyone
because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23When you are
persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going
through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863

Sermon

Matthew 10:16–23

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolves?
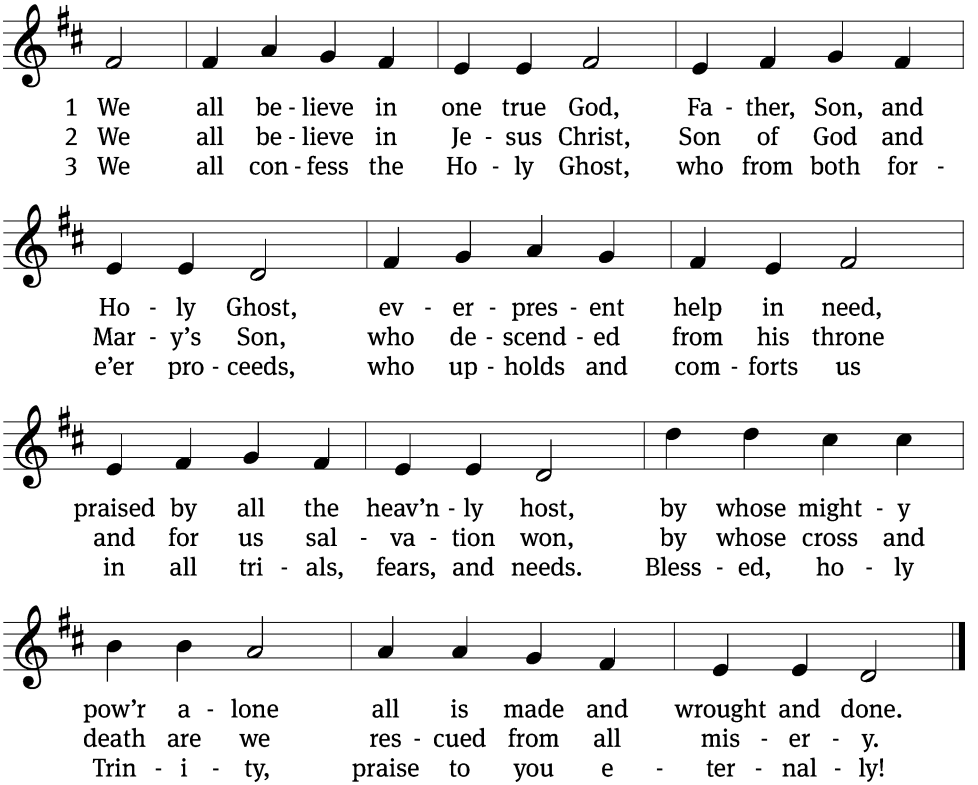
Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.

At the 10:30 service, the children of Our Savior Lutheran School will sing, "We All Believe in One True God."

Stand

We All Believe in One True God

CW 940



Prayer of the Church

I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.
Your kingdom come.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.
Give us today our daily bread.

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.
Lead us not into temptation.

And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.
But deliver us from evil.

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person: The offering is collected during each service.

Give with the App: Download the *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

Give Online Oursaviorgrafton.org/give.

During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.
Or use the following QR code to log attendance online:

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

CW 866

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage *CW 640*

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (10/25)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Annual Fall Voters Meeting
Tuesday (10/27)	10:30 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Life With Our Savior
Wednesday (10/28)	4:00 p.m.	Catechism Class
	6:00 p.m.	Campus Ministry
Thursday (10/29)	7:00 p.m.	Worship and Communion
Sunday (11/1)	8:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship and Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Thursday October 22nd	**Early October 25th**	**Late October 25th**
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 3E	Team 3L
Altar Asst			
Tech Team		Allie Lederer	Estelle Wagie
Altar Guild	Jen & Lizzie Heil Jen & Brooke Johnson Jessica Russell	Jen & Lizzie Heil Jen & Brooke Johnson Jessica Russell	Jen & Lizzie Heil Jen & Brooke Johnson Jessica Russell

	Thursday October 29th	*Early November 1st*	*Late November 1st*
Ushers	Team Whitford	Team 4E	Team 4L
Altar Asst	Doug Schnell	Russ Miller Ben Raddatz	George Edwards Doug Zabel
Tech Team		Jonah Bloedel	James Pautz
Altar Guild	Jen & Lizzie Heil Jen & Brooke Johnson Jessica Russell	Dianne Robertson Hilary Vatter	Dianne Robertson Hilary Vatter

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