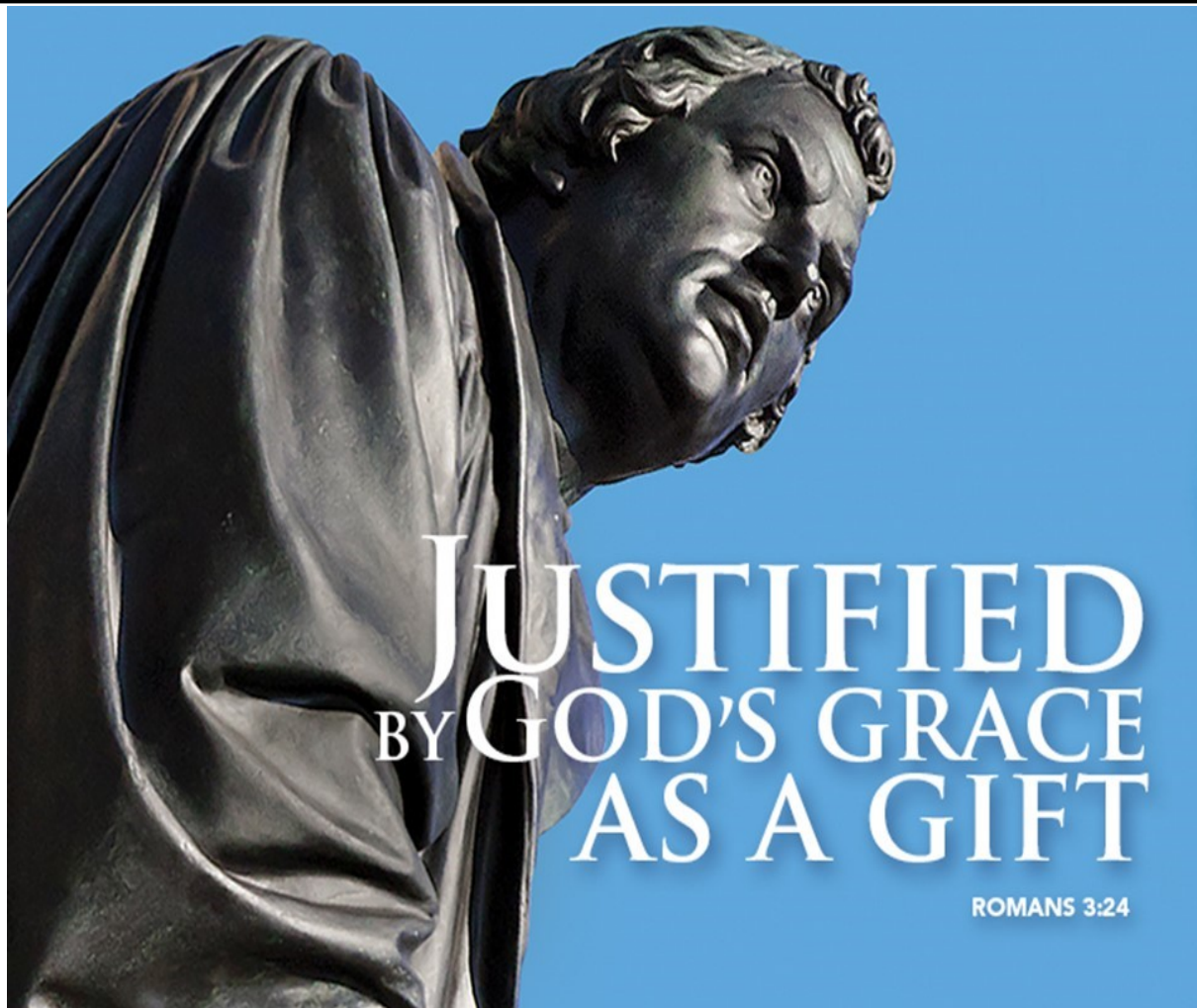


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 2016
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Reformation Sunday:

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ✝ Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

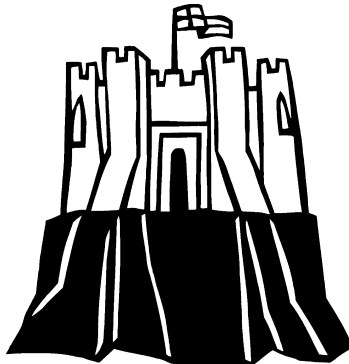
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” (ELW 504)

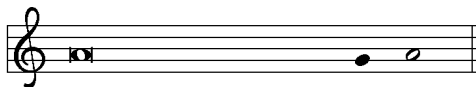
GREETING

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

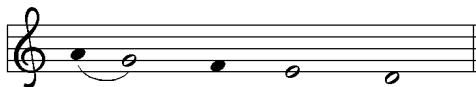
And also with you.



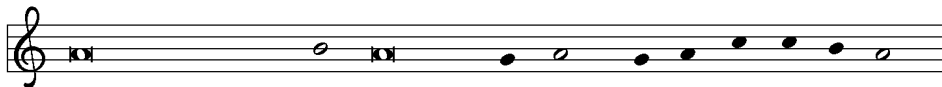
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



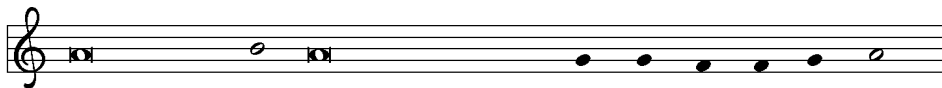
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” (Both Services)

(By Carson Cooman)

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*

*Blessed are those who dwell in thy house,
Ever singing thy praise!*

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

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.

A reading from Jeremiah.

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

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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 up- | on 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 the 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.

A reading from Romans.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

CHILDREN’S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*” (ELW 729)

HOLY BAPTISM OF ZOEY MAE WINE (8AM SERVICE ONLY)

Please follow order of service on ELW page 227

APOSTLES’ CREED (10:30AM SERVICE ONLY)

**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

Set free by the truth of God’s gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s good creation.

A brief silence.

Righteous God, write your law on our hearts. Unite your church. Let your word spread throughout the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Earth-maker, show your power and goodness in the mountains, the depths of the sea, the rivers, and all of your creation. Teach us how to care for our earthly home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Source of hope, you make wars to cease in all the world. Visit places devastated by war and conflict. Break the bow, shatter the spear, and bring your perfect peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our refuge and strength, you are a very present help in trouble. Comfort those who are sick or in pain, the lonely and grieving, those without a home or meaningful work. We pray especially for Pastor Rachel Larson; Rylie Heggie; Shirley Heggie; Linda Anderson; Lindsey Meyer; Eleanore Barrett; Matthew Thissell; Justin Fredin; Peter Munson; and the family of Ryan Petersmann. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, call this assembly to remember the everlasting covenant you have made with us. Shape us to live in the freedom Christ gives us and to welcome others into this way of life.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our stronghold, the saints from every age gather around your throne. Help us to wait with patience and joy until that day when we too see you face to face. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” (ELW 188)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

FIRST COMMUNION INVITATION

We celebrate the young people this Sunday who have just completed Holy Communion Instruction by inviting them to their first communion. The bread served today was baked by their class with the assistance of Andrea Toven and Becky Dill.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

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



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (ELW 471)

“Eat This Bread” (ELW 472)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

We come again to you, O God,
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
you have embraced us and healed us,
making us one in the body of Christ.
Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work,
that we may continue to give you thanks
by embracing others with mercy and healing;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

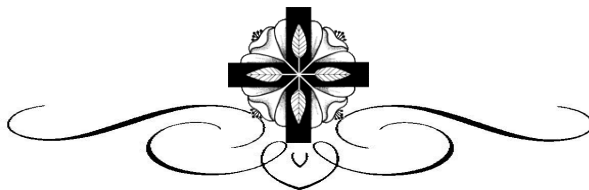
SENDING HYMN: “The Church's One Foundation” (ELW 654)

The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Gospel Message

Imagine how Martin Luther felt when, in his careful study of Romans 3:21-28, he discovered the incredible gift of God's amazing grace in the words of scripture! It may have been such a glad surprise to Luther that it felt like chains falling from his spirit. To finally be able to hear that our salvation does not depend on anything that we do, but strictly on what God has already done, must have been the ultimate in glad surprises for a monk who was taught all his life that his salvation depended on his own works.

What a glad surprise we are reminded of today for our own lives! In a society where competition is a major way of relating to one another, we hear today from the pages of scripture that receiving God's love is not a competition; that our salvation is not dependent on our winning anything; that our rightness in God's sight is not something that we earn—but that indeed, it is all because of God's amazing grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Because God's grace is indeed so amazing, it is often easy for us to miss its import. In practically every other category of life we have to prove ourselves before we receive affirmation. We have to make good grades before we are acknowledged as a good student. We have to be good at our jobs before we are considered to be a good employee. We even have to impress our date or our children in order to be considered a good “catch” or a good parent.

But there is a place where we are acknowledged, blessed, and loved before we do a single thing—and that place is in God's sight. Daily remembrance of the gift of baptism and weekly reception of the gift of Christ's own self in communion continue to surprise and fortify us with God's amazing grace.

Trinity This Week

Sunday, Oct. 30

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| 8:00AM | Worship Service |
| 9:15AM | Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School |
| 10:30AM | Worship Service |
| 11:45AM | Meng Xu's Baby Shower |
| 4:00PM | Girl Scouts Meeting |
| 5:00PM | Campus Ministry Dinner and Discussion |

Wednesday, Nov. 2

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|---------|---------------------------------|
| 10:00AM | Women's Bible Study |
| 5:15PM | Supper |
| 6:00PM | Holden Evening Prayer |
| 6:30PM | WEE! Education Rotation |
| 7:00PM | Confirmation Class |
| 7:00PM | Trinity Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

BIRTHDAYS! David Montgomery (11/03) and Laura Ricklefs (11/05).

PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS Our shut-in members would love to hear from you, so please feel free to send them a letter or stop in for a visit. They are: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, and Daniel Travsky.

BABY SHOWER FOR MENG! All Trinity Members are invited to a baby shower for our wonderful organist, Meng Xu, today, October 30th, at 11:45am (right after late service). We will see you there!

TURKEY TROT The 17th Annual Turkey Trot & Gobble Wobble will be Saturday, Nov. 5th, starting at 9am at the COMEA Homeless Shelter in Cheyenne. This Thrivent event helps raise awareness and funds for Cheyenne's homeless shelter. For more information, visit comearace.org.

Texts for Next Week:

First Reading—Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm—Psalm 149

Second Reading—Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel Reading—Luke 6:20-31

Be sure to turn in your Feedback and Contact Forms in the North Lobby Box!

Welcome Zoey!!!

*Trinity formally welcomes **Zoey Mae Wine**, who joined the flock of believers today through the beautiful waters of Holy Baptism.*

Her parents, William and Kelsey Wine, and godparents, Mark and Colleen Chytka, can now rejoice knowing that Zoey is a child of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

First Holy Communion!!!

Today we celebrate the first Holy Communion with several of our young members. These members just completed Holy Communion Instruction, and it is a pleasure to have them dine at the Lord's Table with us!

The young members taking their first Holy Communion are:

Taitem Zenor, Tenleigh Zenor, Isaiah Wright, Paysen Witte, Ashtyn Witte, Lily Conyers, Caroline Bredehoft, and Ben Bredehoft.

Fall Festival Dinner!

Our annual Thanksgiving Potluck will take place on **November 6** beginning at **noon** in the Rohr Fellowship Hall. This is also All Saints Sunday, so we are calling it our Fall Festival Dinner!

Once again we are asking members of our congregation to provide turkeys and all the trimmings! A sign up list is posted in the Gruver room to aid in what you may wish to contribute. Drinks, plus plate settings will be provided.

Any and all that wish to help set up, or clean up are encouraged to contact Kris Oolman at 399-8801. We will need help more on the actual day itself, such as carving turkeys, making gravy, cleaning up, etc. Helpers should be in the kitchen by 10:45 to start getting organized.

THANK YOU and WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! Empty boxes are available at church, or you can bring donations to fill others' boxes. You are also welcome to pack a regular shoe box, or a similar sized box, and we encourage you to do so. Boxes are due by November 20th, which will be here fast! Please see Jennie Lawrence or Ed Hiller for more details.

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—October 30, 2016

Preacher: Ms. Andrea Toven
Lector: 8:00AM Mark Rehwaldt
10:30AM Eric Nye
Acolyte: 8:00AM Madie Jablin
10:30AM Silja Alexander
Ushers: 8:00AM Wayne Sutherland
Judi Weatherwax
10:30AM Ray & Molly
Bredehoft
Greeters: 8:00AM Tracy Bennett
Betty Carstens
10:30AM Shirley Heggie
Georgia Mitchell
Nursery: 8:00AM Marygrace Buckner
10:30AM Kelcey Anderson

NEXT WEEK—November 6, 2016

Preacher: TBD
Lector: 8:00AM Judi Weatherwax
10:30AM Debbe Conyers
Acolyte: 8:00AM Carl Buckner
10:30AM Kent Henry
Ushers: 8:00AM Laura Buckner
Betty Carstens
10:30AM Jan & Klaus
Hanson
Greeters: 8:00AM The Jablin
Family
10:30AM Ed & Lois
Hiller
Nursery: 8:00AM Kate Jablin
10:30AM Marygrace Buckner

Stewards: Kris Oolman & Mark Lyford

Altar Guild: Jan & Klaus Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Janet Talbott

Flowers: *Flowers are provided by Andrea Toven in celebration of her baptismal anniversary!*

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