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October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday

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.

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

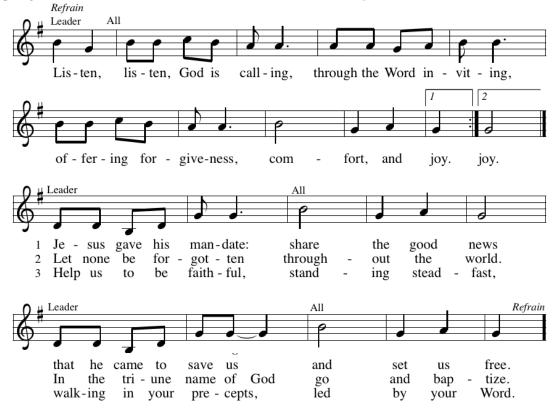
(Stand if you are able)

- 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.

Gathering Hymn: ELW 513 Listen, God Is Calling



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922 Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



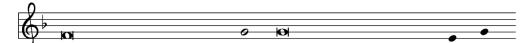
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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





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



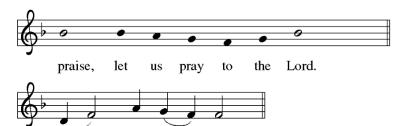
God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord,



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

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.

L: A reading from the 31st chapter of 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

- L: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- L: 3though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- L: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- C: ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- L: ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- C: ⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- L: 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.
- C: 10"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- L: 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.

L: A reading from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

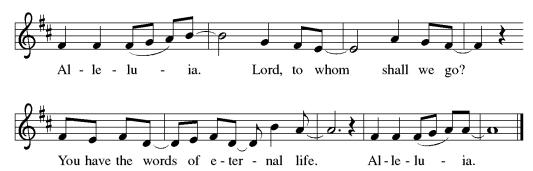
^[19]This makes it clear, doesn't it, that whatever is written in these Scriptures is not what God says about others but to us to whom these Scriptures were addressed in the first place! And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else? ^[20] Our involvement with God's revelation doesn't put us right with God. What it does is force us to face our complicity in everyone else's sin.

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. [22] The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. [23] Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, [24] God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ. [25] God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. [26] This is not only clear, but it's now—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.

^[27] So where does that leave our proud Jewish insider claims and counterclaims? Canceled? Yes, canceled. What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what we do; we respond to what God does. ^[28] We've finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting him set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade..

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The 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.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

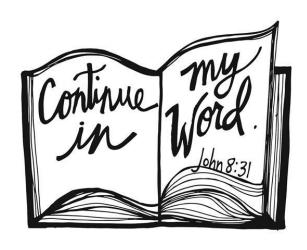
P: ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will 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.".

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)



Hymn of the Day: ELW 654

The Church's One Foundation



- 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 her char-ter of sal - va - tion one by schisms. rent a - sund - er, by she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with

wa - ter and the word. Lord, one faith, one birth: her - e - sies dis - tressed, peace for - ev - er - more; those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride: ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, one keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" yet saints their watch are glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest. till vi - sion 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 and one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. the great church vic - to - rious shall be and the church at rest. that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face face.

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

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

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

A brief silence.

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.

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.

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. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

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,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: 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

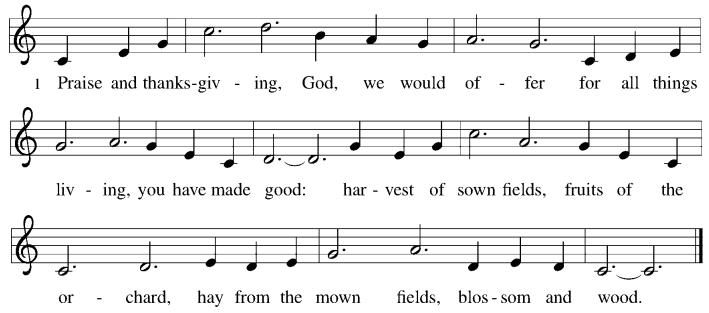
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise and Thanksgiving



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt. Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Offering 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

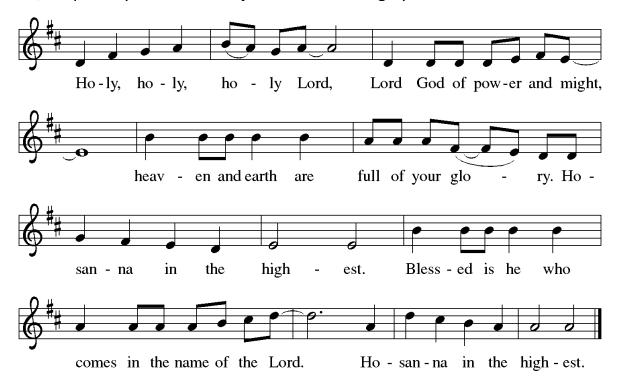
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

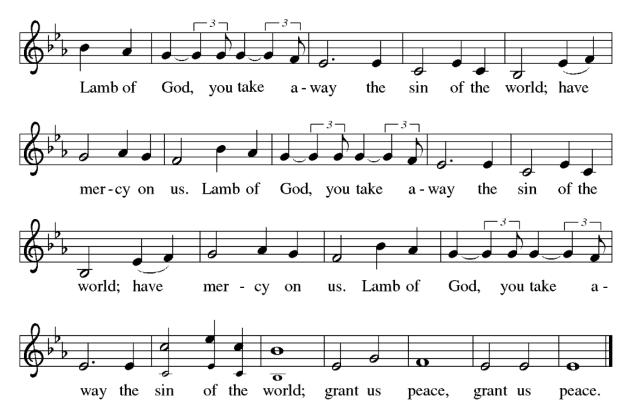
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

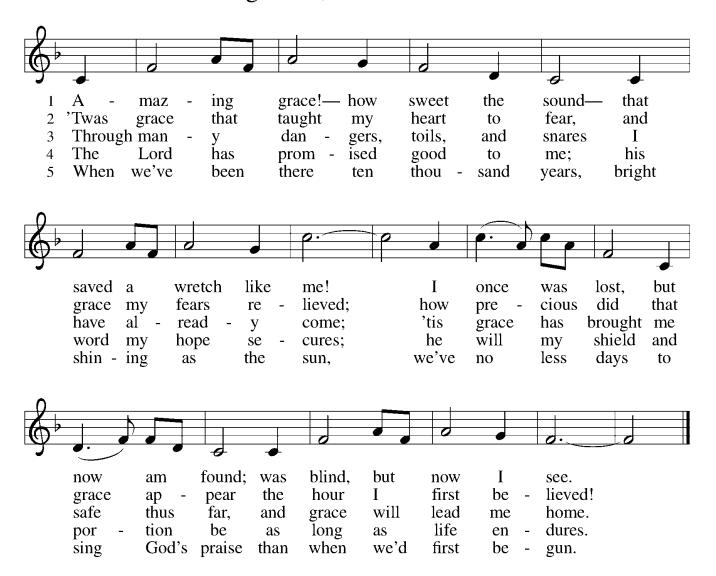
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayer after Communion

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

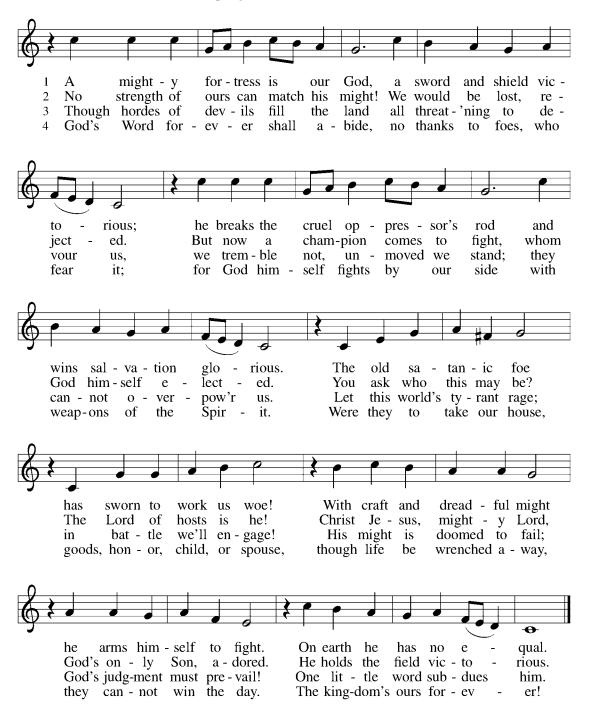
BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for October will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief to help those affected by floods and fires.

		ANNO	<u>UNCEMENTS</u>		
October	BIRTHDAYS	ANN	IIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS	
27	Kris Simmons				
28	Colton Wagner				
30	Benjamin J. Naska				
31	Nicole Crouse				
		THIS WE	EK'S ACTIVITIES		
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES						
Sunday, October 27	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School in Library				
Reformation Sunday	10:00 AM	Communion Worship				
	5:00 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation Class @ St. Luke's Ferndale				
Wednesday, October 30	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours				
Thursday, October 31	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours				
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's				
Friday, November 1	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God				
Saturday November 2	11:00AM	Celebration of Life Rev. Dr. William Scholl				
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES						
Sunday, November 3	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.				
All Saints Sunday	10:00 AM	Communion Worship				
Daylight Savings Time Ends	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Confirmation Benefit Spaghetti Dinner				
		@Trinity Lutheran Pleasant Valley				
Monday, November 4		Happy Birthday Pastor Jim!				
Wednesday, November 6	10:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours				
Thursday, November 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours				
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's				
	7:00 PM	PALM Strategic Groups Meeting @ Trinity				
Friday, November 8	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God				
Sunday, November 10	9:15 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library.				
25 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship				
	5:00PM-7:00 PM	Confirmation Class @ Trinity Pleasant Valley				
Tuesday, November 12	1:00 PM	Christian Education Meeting @ Church				
	7:00PM	Office				
		Monthly Council Meeting				
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours				
Thursday, November 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours				
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim				
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's				
Friday, November 15	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God				



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny

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For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Lynn Bailey; Norma Fox; Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Kenneth Hager; Melody Jordan; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

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Acolyte	Colton Wagner
Lector	Pat Zion
Head / Communion Usher	Ben and Josephine Williams
Council Communion / Counting Team	Dave Sauter and Cathy Mueller
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
Custodian	Dianna Streletz