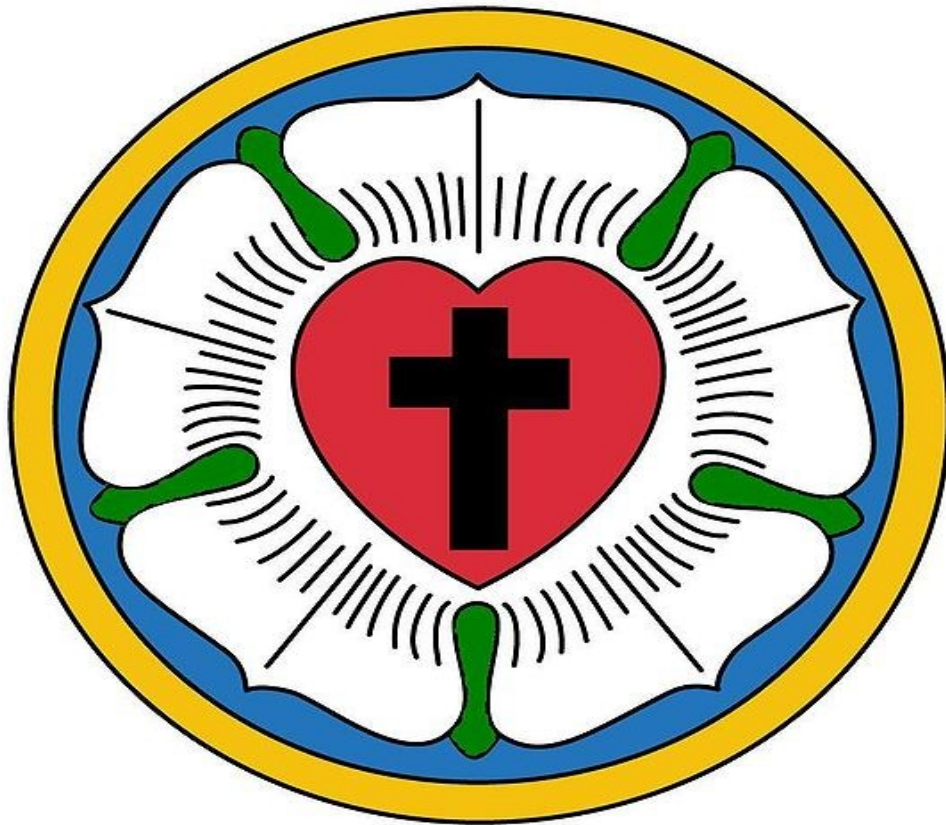


# Reformation Sunday



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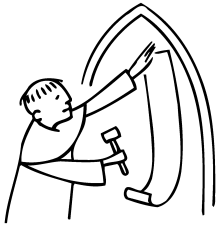
## **Reformation Sunday**

**October 27, 2024**

*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*

*Worship Mondays: 7:00 pm*

*Bible Study Wednesday at 6.30pm*



## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Lutheran Book of Worship

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*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.*

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### PRELUDE

*You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "I was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Pastor Hartman

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.  
Please sign our guest book by the front doors.*

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people. Turn us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**OPENING HYMN** 170 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne.**

**Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, All music but its own.**

**Awake my soul and sing, of him who died for thee.**

**And hail him as thy matchless king, Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born.  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won, which now his brow adorn.  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem.  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love, Behold his hands and side.  
Rich wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky, can fully bear that sight.  
But downward bend their burning eyes, at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.  
And rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high.  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways.  
From pole to pole that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet.  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time.  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me.  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail, throughout eternity.**

#### **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 mercy.**

**A:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**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 mercy**

**A:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**A:** Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

#### **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(unison)*

**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**

## **FIRST LESSON** 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 (Jeremiah 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in God who forgets.*

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

## **Psalm 46** (by verse with Assistant/**Congregation**)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations are in an uproar, 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 refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought 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 shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## **SECOND LESSON** 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.*

Now 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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Martin Luther and Noah Ryder*

P: The Holy Gospel for this Reformation Sunday is according to John the 8th chapter beginning with the 31st verse.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**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.*

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**PUPPET MINISTRY**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 518 "*Beautiful Savior*"

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love thee, truly I serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.**

**Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high.**

**Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer. Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Glory and honor, Praise adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** *Richard and Cherry Raber*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being  
with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he  
became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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, **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, **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, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Especially we pray for members of our Epiphany family, **Sarah, Karen, Barb, George, Sara, Sandi, Ayden.** Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **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, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death can not win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with us all.

**C:** And also with you.

*You are invited to greet one another with words of peace.*

## OFFERING



***Please place offerings in basket on baptismal font.***

Please remember offerings can be mailed to:  
6606 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne IN 46835  
or sent through our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.**

## 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.**

*P: It is indeed right and salutary ... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## COMMUNION



***Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!***  
*Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.*

*We will come up by sections to receive communion  
and return to our seats going around the back side of the altar.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC - *As the Grains of Wheat*

Dia Herb

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength you and keep you in his grace

**C: Amen**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us Pray, Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **CLOSING HYMN 229 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious.  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might, he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threat'ning to devour us.  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand.  
They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage. In battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail. God's judgement must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.  
For God himself fights by our side, with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse?  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever.**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard L. Hartman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dia Herb
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Amanda Pickett
<b>Choir Director</b>	Jim Davis
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Kim Robinson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Melissa Hartman
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Cathy Rumfield
<b>Puppets</b>	Mike Rumfield & Rebecca Hartman
<b>Tech Support</b>	Kristen Davis



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** Devin and Renee Meunier's 40th wedding anniversary TODAY!

**October Outreach** - Shepherd's House, help for veterans

1. Bath Towels
2. Twin Sheet sets, pillows and blankets
3. Flip flops or shower shoes (Size 11, 12,13)
4. Gym shorts (Medium, Large, X Large)
5. Lounge/Sweatpants (Med. Large, X Large)
6. Boxer briefs (Med. Large, X Large)
7. Colored T Shirts (Med. Large, X Large) \*donating some Thrivent shirts



**Ongoing Military Support** - Sending Care Packages - Granola Bars, Jerky, Gum, Mints, Life Savers, Power Bars, Chap stick, individual drink mixes, individual servings of coffee, and Emergen-C.

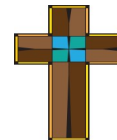
*We have shipped 12 boxes so far this year! Big Thank you to Jack and Sandi Swanson for packaging and shipping for us!*

**Bible Study** - Wednesdays Pastor will be leading a Bible Study at 6:30 pm with dinner before at 6:00 pm. They will all be individual sessions but you may get some homework or readings for the next week. Please sign up so we know how many will be attending for handouts and food.

**Sign up to up up and take down Crosses for All Saints Day**

Putting them up Saturday November 2nd at 2:00 pm

Taking them down Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 pm



**November Outreach St. James Lutheran Church in New Haven**

St. James runs a food bank in New Have and noticed that their clients often do not have warm clothing for cold weather for children and adults. We will be collecting coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens. These items can be new or gently used. Make sure they are clean and we will place a bin to collect them in the narthex. You can purchase or make the items.



## Financial Update

September	Deposits	Bills Paid	Balance
9/1/2024	2,034.51	522.32	1,512.19
9/8/2024	2,765.51	5,776.51	(3,011.00)
9/15/2024	1,314.51	1,705.10	(390.59)
9/22/2024	2,099.51	4,461.82	(2,362.31)
9/29/2024	2,373.47	866.97	1,506.50
<b>September Totals</b>	<b>10,587.51</b>	<b>13,332.72</b>	<b>(2,745.21)</b>
<b>October</b>			
10/6/2024	3,596.51	4,971.12	(1,374.61)
10/13/2024	4,039.51	2,027.20	2,012.31

**Welcome  
all friends and family  
to our Celebration of Life.**

**We are Celebrating  
Our members today  
Who are 85+ years young.**

*Vera Burton*

*George and Sara Davis*

*Bob and Ruby Havers*

*Allan Longroy*

*Hank Schroeder*

*Kay Evans*

*Barb Werling*

*Dave Black*

## Epiphany's Calendar of Events

<b>TODAY 10-27</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:00 am & 10:15 am <b>Worship</b> <b>Celebration Potluck after 10:15 Service</b> <i>12:30-3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 am - 3:00 am NHC 7:00 pm Worship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 Meal 6:30 Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am - 3:00 pm NHC
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>Time Changes - Fall Back 1 Hour tonight</i> 11:00 am Zo Baptist/undercroft 2:00 pm Set Crosses Up 6:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
<b>SUNDAY 11-3</b>	<b>All Saints' Day</b> 8:00 am & 10:15 am <b>Worship</b> 12:00-3:30 pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship 2:00 pm Take Crosses Down



Krista Rumfield - TODAY!  
Cathy Rumfield - October 28th!

Devine & Renee Meunier  
TODAY - 40 years!

Mark & Rhonda Everhart  
November 2nd - 33 years!