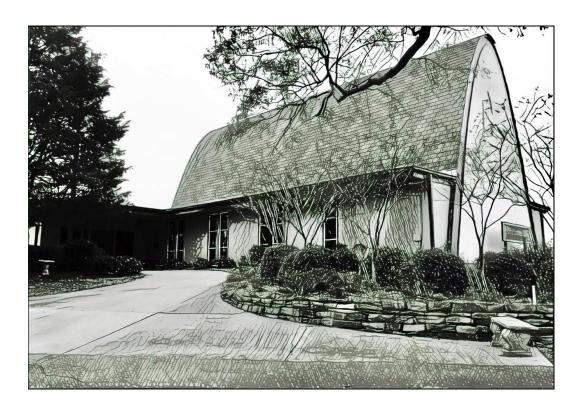
## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





Rev. George Fields, Pastor Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess

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## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + October 22, 2023 +

## "Beside Me, there is no God."



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.

Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

#### **WELCOME:**

"So let us always reflect the image of God in these ways: I do not swell up with the arrogance of pride; nor do I droop with the blush of anger; nor do I succumb to the passion of avarice; nor do I surrender myself to the ravishes of gluttony; nor do I infect myself with the duplicity of hypocrisy; nor do I contaminate myself with the filth of rioting; nor do I grow flippant with the pretension of conceit; nor do I grow enamored of the burden of heavy drinking; nor do I alienate by the dissension of mutual admiration; nor do I infect others with the biting of detraction; nor do I grow conceited with the vanity of gossip. Rather, instead, I will reflect the image of God in that I feed on love; grow certain in faith and hope; strengthen myself on the virtue of patience; grow tranquil by humility; grow beautiful by chastity; am sober by abstention; am made happy by tranquility; and am ready for death by the practicing of hospitality. It is with such inscriptions that God imprints his coins with an impression made neither by hammer nor by chisel but has formed them with his primary divine intention. For Caesar required his image on every coin, but God has chosen man, whom he created, to reflect his glory."

-Homily 42, The Incomplete Work on Matthew

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17: 1 Corinthians 11:26

## **DIVINE SERVICE III**

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

**OPENING HYMN** 

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### **PSALM: CANTATE DOMINO**

Psalm 96:1-9; Ant. Psalm 96:9



Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;\* tremble before him, | all the earth!

Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;\* sing to the LORD, | all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;\* tell of his salvation from | day to day.

Declare his glory among the | nations,\* his marvelous works among all the | peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;\* he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,\* but the LORD made the | heavens.

Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;\* strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples,\* ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\* bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

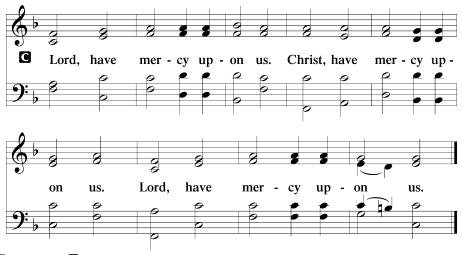
Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;\* tremble before him, | all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;\* tremble before him. | all the earth!

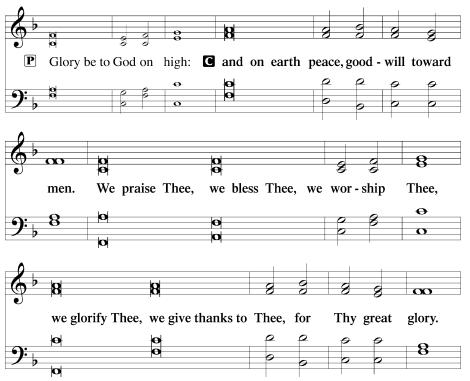
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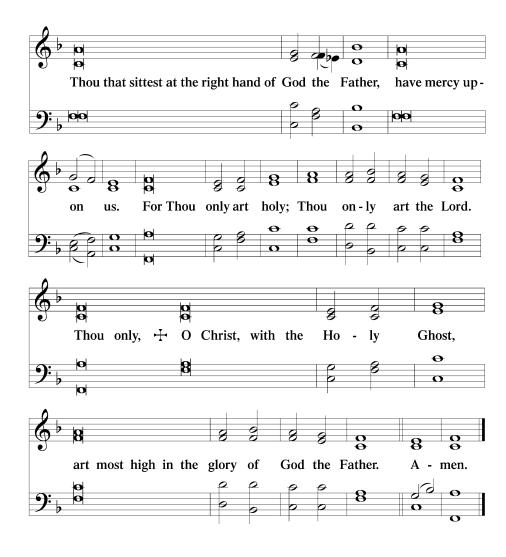


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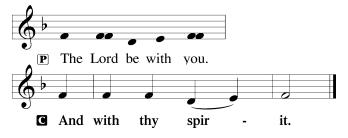
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

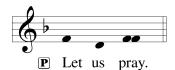






#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** Psalm 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning you\* to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

#### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

#### ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy 

→ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk.

And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

#### **OFFICE HYMN**

#### O God of God, O Light of Light

(Tune #834)

- O God of God, O Light of Light,
  O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
  To you in heaven's glory bright
  The song of praise forever rings.
  To Him who sits upon the throne,
  The Lamb once slain but raised again,
  Be all the glory He has won,
  All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' wingèd word, Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord; Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!" Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.

- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
  - These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
  - Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken. Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
  - We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
  And shout His name, His mercies tell!
  Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
  And all on earth, your anthem swell!
  All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
  Forever let the song ascend!
  Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
  All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

**SERMON** 

Man, the Image, and the Glory

Please stand

#### NICENE CREED

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I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)
       the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)
       maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)
       and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)
   And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)
       the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)
       begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)
       God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)
       very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made, (Jn 1:2)
       being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)
       by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)
       who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4: Rom 3:23)
       came down from heaven (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)
       and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)
       and was made man; (Jn 1:14)
       and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, (Mk 15:25: Jn 19:16-18)
       He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)
       And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)
       and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
       and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)
       And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)
       to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)
       whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)
   And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)
       the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)
       who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)
       who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)
       who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)
       And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)
       I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)
       and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49: 1 Thess 4:13-18)
       and the life + of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)
    Amen. (Ps 106:48)
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Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, **People: Lord, have mercy.** 

For comfort, health, and recovery: Hunter Burkhalter, Marie Ferderer & Tahlia, Carmen Hunn, Todd Jardee, Robert Kelly, Anita Martin, Casey Paton, Gary Stoeckmann, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Rosina Fields, Nathan Higgs;

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, Will Nelson;

For military servants and their families: Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;

For foreign missionaries: especially Rev. Vance & Linda Becker;

This week's prayer family: The Gallarno Family and their loved ones.

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#### **OFFERING**

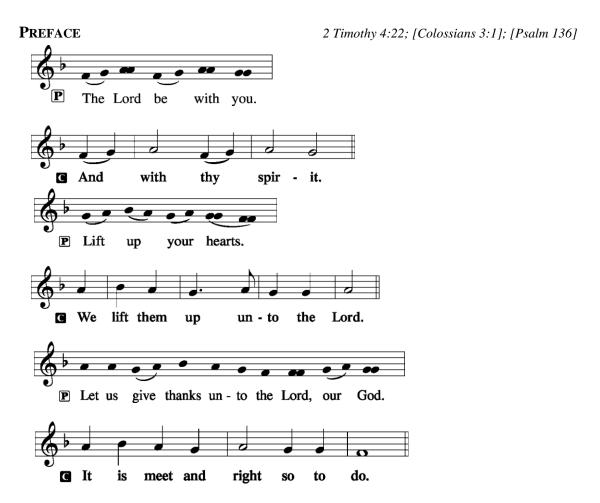
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**OFFERTORY** Psalm 51:10-12

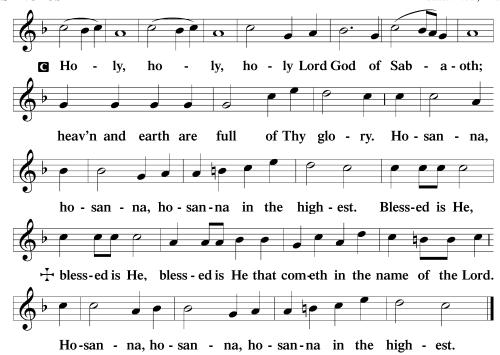
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### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

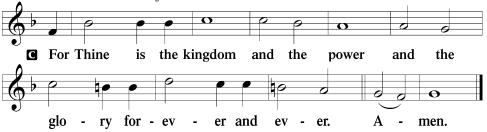
Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver 

→ us from evil.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks,

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

**P** The peace 

→ of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.





Please be seated

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

On My Heart Imprint Your Image	#422
Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing	#847
Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng	#825

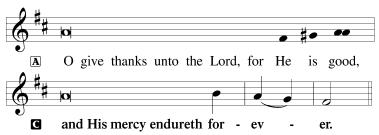
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NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



#### **THANKSGIVING**



#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

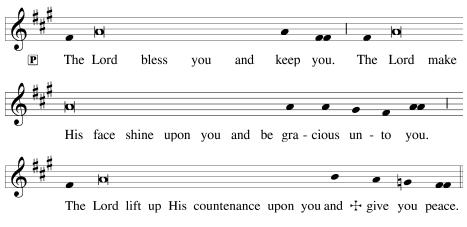
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers* 6:24–26





#### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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**Today's Worship Servants:** 

Celebrant: Rev. George FieldsElder: Keith MartinAcolyte: Nathan HansfordOrganist: Sr. Sara FieldsInterpreter: Denee SmithAltar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett

**Special Voters Meeting:** Join us directly following Divine Service **next Sunday, October 29**, for a special voters meeting in which we consider a government grant to update church security. Thank you for attending to this important task!

**Communio Next Sunday:** Join us once more as we conclude our trek through the 'various and sundry' topics of Christian life. We will meet next Sunday at the Miller home for delicious dinner and delightful discussion – see you there!

**Holy Days on the Horizon... again!** Reformation and All Saints Day are swiftly approaching! Break out your red tie/dress and Luther Roses for October 29<sup>th</sup>, on which we will be observing the Feast of the Reformation, complete with the LSB setting of Luther's *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass) as our liturgy for the Divine Service. A week later, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will observe the Feast of All Saints, remembering those who have gone before us in the Faith and await us in the joy to come.

**Remembering our Loved Ones:** During the celebration of the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we shall remember our loved ones who have died. The list from last year is posted in the Church Narthex (entryway). Please add names of those baptized Saints who have *died in the faith* during the *past year* whom you would like to have remembered in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Readings for next Sunday, October 29th, the Feast of the Reformation (observed): Introit Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

#### This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 23 – October 29

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. LifeLight

**Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky

**Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service – The Feast of the Reformation

5:00 p.m. Communio



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