

# REFORMATION DAY

October 27, 2024 (Observed) – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the LORD are pure words, . . . You, O LORD, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

## HYMN “O God Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB* 733

- 1        O God, our help in ages past,  
          Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
          And our eternal home:
  - 2        Under the shadow of Thy throne  
          Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
          And our defense is sure.
  - 3        Before the hills in order stood  
          Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
          To endless years the same.
  - 4        A thousand ages in Thy sight  
          Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
          Before the rising sun.
  - 5        Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
          Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
          Dies at the op’ning day.
  - 6        O God, our help in ages past,  
          Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
          And our eternal home!
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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1–2*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting!**

Pastor: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

**People: We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

Pastor: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our gracious God invites us to confess our sins and to receive His gracious forgiveness. With true repentance, let us come before Him, confident that He will hear us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**People: Almighty God, we acknowledge our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean, and throughout our lives we have transgressed Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.**

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness to those who repentantly come before Him. 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **INTROIT** *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

**People: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**People: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

Pastor: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen**

## **REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 1***

Pastor: One of the most famous documents of the Reformation Era is the set of the Ninety-Five Theses posted on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. In this set of ninety-five statements that Dr. Luther wished to have debated was a challenge to accepted practices in the church of his time that Luther felt were at odds with the biblical witness and therefore were not true. His introduction to the set of statements he had written is highlighted by two words: “love” and “truth.” We now hear what Luther wrote as the introduction to his now famous Ninety-Five Theses.

“Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be debated at Wittenberg, under presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and the Lecturer on Ordinary on the same at that place. For that reason, he requests that those who cannot be present and debate orally with us may do so by letter.”

The challenges to Luther that resulted from his posting of the Ninety-Five Theses remained a constant factor throughout his life. A few years before his death, he wrote the words to the stirring hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.” Both the text and the tune are attributed to the great reformer.

## **HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” St. 1: *LSB* 655**

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.  
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**FIRST READING** *Jeremiah 31:7–9* Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB* 657**

1 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.

2       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.

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

4       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!

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**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 7:23–28* The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 8:31–36* (Jesus proclaims that “the truth will set you free.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**People: Glory be to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them,

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB* 644

1       The Church’s one foundation  
      Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
      By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
      To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
      And for her life He died.

2       Elect from ev’ry nation,  
      Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
      One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
      Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
      With ev’ry grace endued.

3       Though with a scornful wonder  
      The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
      By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
      Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
      Shall be the morn of song.

4       Through toil and tribulation  
      And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
      Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
      Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
      Shall be the Church at rest.

5       Yet she on earth has union  
      With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
      With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav’nly chorus!  
      Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
      May see You face to face.  
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## **SERMON “Through Him”**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 2***

Pastor: A major focus of Luther’s Ninety-Five Theses was his concerns about the marketing of indulgences or letters of pardon for sins committed that were sold by traveling salesmen sent out by the church to raise funds for cathedral construction and other church projects. This money-raising strategy turned the forgiveness God gives freely through Jesus Christ into a commodity that could be purchased for the right price. Indulgences were readily available to wealthy people but not to the masses of common people—the kind of people that Luther knew well and preached to week by week. In Theses 36 and 37, he rightly asserts that God’s forgiveness is equally available to all who repent.

“Every truly repentant Christian has plenary [full] remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a part in all the benefits of Christ and the church, given him by God, even without letters of pardon.”

Luther’s love for the truth and his desire to bring it to light led to dark times for those who saw the light of the Gospel in the writings of the great reformer. In the second stanza of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,” Luther prays that God would defend and protect the church and its people. His prayer in his day is our prayer today as well.

#### **HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” St. 2: *LSB 655***

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,

For You are Lord of lords alone;

Defend Your holy Church that we

May sing Your praise eternally.

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### **OFFERING**

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

#### **PREFACE 2 *Timothy 4:22***

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## SANCTUS *LSB p. 208*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for having called us as Your people who are kept by Your abiding care in this, our contentious world. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we join at Your Table, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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  $\times$  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, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

### PAX DOMINI

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

**People: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI *LSB p. 210*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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*You are invited to receive the Lord’s Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

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1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Chorus:* I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desp’rate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb.  
And I’m welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

3. Just as I am I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Chorus twice*

*Ending:* Praise God, just as I am. Just as I am.

### **BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Lord’s body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **REFORMATION SEQUENCE *Part 3***

Pastor: In the final two of the Ninety-Five Theses, Martin Luther gave an indication that he was well aware of the pathway that Christians would be taking as they followed the truth of the Gospel. No matter how contentious and challenging the world might be in a given era, the gracious guidance of Christ would be sufficient to lead His faithful flock to the joys of everlasting glory. Hear now Theses 94 and 95.

“Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace (Acts 14:22).”

In Thesis 62, Luther shared the heart of his message in a most straightforward way, as he writes, “The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.” The closing stanza of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” is a prayer for peace and unity to the Holy Spirit. With the psalmist we say to our loving Lord, “I will praise You with an upright heart. . . . I will keep Your statutes” (119:7a, 8a). Together we sing the last stanza of Luther’s hymn of trust and faith.

**HYMN** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” St. 3: *LSB* 655

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.      Text: Public domain

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Grace Alone” -Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

1. Ev'ry promise we can make  
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith  
Ev'ry difference we will make  
Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry mountain we will climb  
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine  
Ev'ry blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

*Chorus:* Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our Cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone

2. Ev'ry soul we long to reach  
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach  
Ev'rywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry loving word we say  
Ev'ry tear we wipe away  
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”* The Law of God is good — it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The fall Congregational Meeting will be held today, October 27 after the worship service, followed by the harvest potluck. Feel free to drop off your dish in the kitchen before the service. We can keep it warm or cold.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2025 is right around the corner. We will soon be putting out the offering envelopes for 2025. If you have received offering envelopes in the past but do not use them because you give online, please let Maria know by November 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

**ADVENT MEALS:** Traditionally we have had meals after 11:30 a.m. Advent services. We need help if we want to continue doing this. If you are willing to make a meal, set up and serve, and/or clean up for one or more lunches please let me know. Usually there are around 20-30 for lunch. The meals would be simple such as soup or a casserole, raw veggies, and dessert. The dates are Dec. 4, 11, and 18th. Please contact Pam N. There is also a possibility of serving supper before the evening service. If you are interested in helping with that, contact Marilyn P. If there is no interest in helping, we will not have the meals. Thanks for your consideration.

**FALL & CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE:** Emmaus will be having a Fall and Christmas decoration sale running from 11/3 to 11/24. This will be free-will donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. This sale will be located on the back tables in the Social Hall. If you are interested in contributing items, please contact either Chris G or Jean G. Thank you!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** There is still time to turn in your time/talent/interest survey. Can't find your copy? Good news! We have extras in the narthex. We appreciate everyone who has already turned in a survey.

**GRACE'S GIFT:** Please join us for a special screening, fellowship event, and meal for “Grace’s Gift” on November 10. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 5:00, the documentary will be played from 5:00 to 6:15, with Q/A afterwards. To help us prepare for the event, please RSVP with Jeena. Following is a blurb for what the movie is about: “Grace's Gift” is the story of how I met a stranger and how she helped me create hope and a future through her love, care, and community in the years of her life that many people write off. I came to America to find a land of promise and had instead found brokenness and pain, but through the power of this friendship found a way to reweave my story and continue to live out my Grandma Lenore's legacy by sharing the joy far beyond her years here on earth

**LOOKING FOR A DELEGATE:** CA’s annual fall Delegates Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29 at CA beginning at 7:00 p.m. Association Congregations are invited to send up to 2 congregational member delegates. Please talk with Pastor or Pam if you are interested in attending or being a representative. The meeting will include an update on the “state of CA” and will gather information from delegates to help in the next iteration of their strategic planning.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Working the System” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s Law--a “system” that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us. (Genesis 33:8)

**LWML MITES: We will have our Mite collection on Sunday, October 27.** Where do your LWML Mites go? “Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics — U.S.,” a \$100,000 mission grant, will allow Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) to reach an estimated five to six million Hispanics living in the United States. They will hear God’s message of salvation through various Spanish resources, strengthening and encouraging them to faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-22](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-22).

**SAVE YOUR COATS AND THE DATE!** The SPOC will be hosting its annual winter coat drive/giveaway this year on November 9, beginning at 10 a.m. Coat donations are needed! Coat collection has begun and info on volunteer opportunities on both Friday 11/8 and Saturday 11/9 is coming soon! This event will be in cooperation with SPOC partners, especially Concordia University, St. Paul and the annual Beautiful Feet conference. Coats and other items can be put in the large collection box in the Thomas entry at Jehovah Lutheran Church on weekdays. Coats may also be brought to Emmaus by November 3 and we will get them over to Jehovah.

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:** Concordia Academy’s open house on November 4, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, gives prospective students and families a great chance to see how CA honors God through excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and more! Meet teachers and students, take a tour, learn about programs, and see what makes CA special. Please RSVP at [www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse).

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** The Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair returns on November 9 with almost 100 crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!

**CA’S FALL PLAY, *Peter and the Starcatcher*,** is coming November 15-17. This Tony-winning play upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up (a.k.a. Peter Pan). Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/peter](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/peter) for info and tickets.

**THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting and Potluck

Wed: 1:30 p.m. Bible Study (SH)

TBA Confirmation Class

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn P

MUSIC LEADER: Pam U

SOUND TECH: Eric R

VIDEO TECH: Matt G

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Donn W

USHERS: Todd and Nicole P

COUNTERS: Peggy K, Nancy W

LECTOR: Hannah G

GREETER: Linda K

ACOLYTES: Espen D, Marit D