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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



October 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday



Thought for the Day before Worship

O Perfect Light, inspire us to rest confidently in your healing promise given us through the life of Jesus and through the lives of his disciples. Thus, dispose of us to cherish your word and accept your invitation to follow your Son so that our every thought and deed may be blessed to bring closer the time of your reign. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude *"If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee"* (Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 34

I will praise the Lord at all times; praise for God is always on my lips.

My whole being praises the Lord. The poor will hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me, and let us praise God's name together.

I asked the Lord for help, and God answered me, saving me from all that I feared.

The angel of the Lord camps around those who fear God, and God saves them.

Examine and see how good the Lord is. Happy is the person who trusts God.

Let us Worship our God revealed to us.

*Hymn #507

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Ein' Feste Burg)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Reforming God, you offer us the grace of beginning each day anew with a heart, soul, mind, and spirit freshly born into the universe. Help us to stop dragging the burdens of past mistakes and past glories behind us, so that we may be free to become faithful sisters and brothers of the One who defined himself only by your image in him. Grant us the grace to be a re-formed people, not once only, but day after day until your peace is accomplished here on earth as it is in the eternal places.

O God of hope, how often we have lived as if there were no hope to be found.

- We neglect to see Christ in the other person; we do not look for the brightness of Christ’s love in the shadows.
- We have forgotten how to share hope with those in need.

Forgive us our short-sightedness, and give us the vision to see you at work in the world around us. And when we see others who are hurting, enable us to find ways of bringing your hope to others.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God promises us that in the midst of our brokenness and our failures, there are signs of wholeness, hope, and resurrection. When we are disillusioned with others and ourselves, God still accepts us as we are and continually moves toward us with forgiveness and comfort. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greatest)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Steve Twehues

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, October 27:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- Monday, October 28:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 29:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, October 31:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, November 2:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, November 3:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3rd.
Remember to change your clocks back one Hour.

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

For gifts of hope, O God, we give you thanks. Enable us to see – in the places we live and work and go to school – the desperate and obvious needs of some, and the silent, hardly noticeable needs of others. Then strengthen our hearts to respond to what we discover. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude *“A Mighty Fortress”* (Diane Bish)

Welcome to this house of prayer and Worship!
We pray that your experience of Worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!
Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers at the pulpit are provided by the church.
If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of
the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are November 3rd, 10th & 17th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back;
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path where they shall not stumble,
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Anthem *“I Sing Because I’m Happy”* (arr. Rollo Dilworth)

I Sing Because I'm Happy, I Sing Because I'm Free
His Eye Is On the Sparrow and I Know He Watches Me.

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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Sermon “Held Accountable” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

**I believe it is a matter of faith
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.
I believe it is a matter of faith
to equally recognize and love all members of God's human family
whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status,
physical or mental capacity.
I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred,
and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation
is to condemn a portion of God.
I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin
and to make disciples; people willing to live Christ's discipline of
love and justice for all.
I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it,
even to die for it, as Jesus died.
I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death,
the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

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.



Psalm 143:1

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hear Our Prayer, O Lord'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clef). The score is in a traditional hymn style, with a simple melody and harmonic accompaniment.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,

in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

WORDS: Psalm 143:1
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER
Irr.

We have been issued the invitation and the means to be generous, whether in material things or in the capacity to care. All of us have received, and all of us have something to give. Our offerings are a symbol of our intent to please God and to realize in and through the church the community God intends.

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
For you alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**