



Reformation Sunday, 27 Oct. 2024

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the Holy Spirit is re-forming the Body of Christ in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We remember and celebrate the faithful witness of Martin Luther today. The good news of God's grace that Luther proclaimed is still true for us: Jesus Christ sets us free every day to live and do the life-transforming work of the Gospel. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS *Worship and prayer announcements, followed by a time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.*

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #504, A MIGHTY FORTRESS (ON NEXT PAGE)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

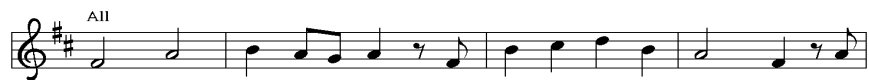
GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GLORIA/GLORY TO GOD ELW 148



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered. We join in our hearts.* Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading.

Word

THE FIRST LESSON is from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ *Silence* +

PSALM 46 is read responsively by whole verse.

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING is from Romans, the 3rd chapter. (Romans 3:19-28)

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174, CELTIC ALLELUIA



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John, the 8th chapter **Glory to you O Lord!**

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.” **The Gospel of our Lord.** Praise to you, O Christ! (John 8:31-36)

The Alleluia repeats. Please join Pastor in silent prayer as we prepare for:

TEACHING THE WORD / SERMON

Silence for Reflection...

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #661 I LOVE TO TELL



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.

I ask you to confess your faith, in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us join our hearts in confidence and hope, praying to God our fortress and our hope.

A brief silence. We pray for the world, our community, and our church.

*Each petition concludes with: ...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** We are bidden to prayer for the needs of our hearts with the invitation: ‘...people of God, for what else shall we pray? The prayers may change due to current events and requests received.*

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Bring peace to all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY / WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response
to God's gifts and mercies. In-House the offering is collected.*

*If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given
online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.*

The Table is prepared.



OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. *Silence for reflection*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We join in prayer and meditation as the Table is prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God, holy, almighty and merciful,

... Pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer. We join the prayer in our hearts. The prayer concludes:

With the whole people of God, we give thanks
praying with trust and hope for the coming of the Kingdom
in the words our Savior taught us:

**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.**

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the children of God. Come to the table of the Lord,
for all is ready. **We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

All who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine are invited to commune. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation that you wish.

The musicians will be communed first. Then the congregation comes forward by the center aisle, the organ side first, and then the pulpit side. Receive the Host (bread) from Pastor, with the words, 'The body of Christ, given for you.' The assistant offers the chalice of wine for intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine) with the words:

'The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Please return to your pew by the side aisle. Anyone, child or adult, who does not wish to take communion is invited to come forward, hands folded, to receive a blessing, or remain seated and commune by prayer.'

The hymn during communion is ELW #493 Taste and See, Refrain. We sing the communion hymn until all have communed and Pastor has cleared the Table.



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *a brief silence* We give you thanks, almighty God

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

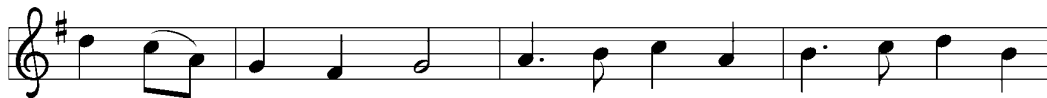
SENDING HYMN ELW #618 GUIDE ME EVER



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE OCTOBER WEB SITE is sponsored by Susan Bechtold in Memory of Loved Ones.

THE OCTOBER BULLETINS are sponsored by Susan Bechtold in Memory of Henry and Randy Bechtold.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS –The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember George Dager (H,R). Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

THANKS TO ALL who helped with another successful Book/Bake/Soup/Rummage Sale!

USED SHOE DRIVE: Look for the collection box under the coat rack for Soles4Souls. Please bring any shoes, any condition, even singles. Shoes will be collected until October 31st. Soles4Souls turns shoes into opportunities for education and employment around the world.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 3rd. If you have a friend or loved one who died in the past year that you would like remembered in the prayers that day, please add their name to the sheet on the table by the sanctuary doors.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd. You're invited to bring a nibbly side dish or dessert that was a favorite of a beloved family member, or that calls a loved one to memory, or simply one that is your 'comfort food'.

REMINDER: Thank you for all the pledges to the boiler fund. Please don't forget to send in your pledges, as you are able, as we strive to repay the "borrowed funds".

TODAY is our 5th Sunday offering. In order to help prevent a budget deficit from occurring, members are encouraged to give an extra offering, if you are able.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS for the children/families supported by Tabor Services will again be collected instead of gifts for specific children. Gift cards for any place and amount of your choice would be appreciated. Gift cards may be placed in an envelope and put in the offering plate, placed in Kim Szymanowski's mailbox or dropped off at the church office. Gift cards are needed no later than December 1st. Thank you!

The Week of October 27th at a Glance

Sun. 10/27 Reformation Sunday
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period

Wed. 10/30 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
Happy Anniversary, Craig & Gerry Trauger!

Thur. 10/31 8:30AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Bible Study

Fri. 11/01 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Sat. 11/02 Parish Hall Reserved

Sun. 11/03 All Saints' Sunday
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School
10:30AM Fellowship Period