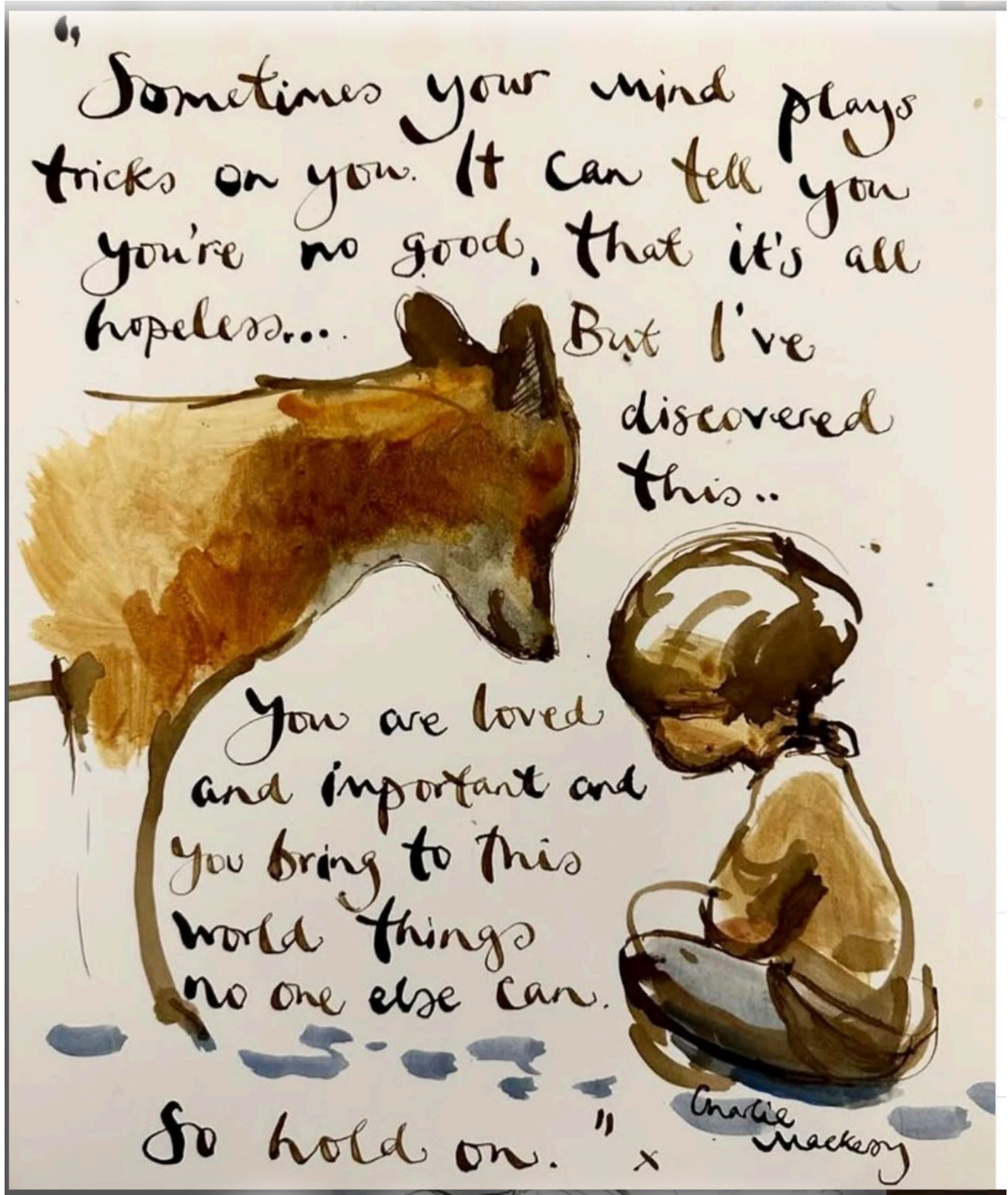


# REFORMATION SUNDAY



October 26, 2025  
10:00am

## **Land Acknowledgment**

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

**Organ & Trumpet**

*Praise to the Lord*

**Wayne Wold**

### **Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

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.**

**Opening Hymn**    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**#504**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

**Prayer of the Day**

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**

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**Children's Message**

**The First Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 31**

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

*Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand while I run this race. (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child while I run this race (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Guide my feet, Oh Lord. Guide my feet. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race (3x) for I don't want to run this race in vain. (2x)

Lord, I don't want to run this race in vain, so guide my feet.

## The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 3

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

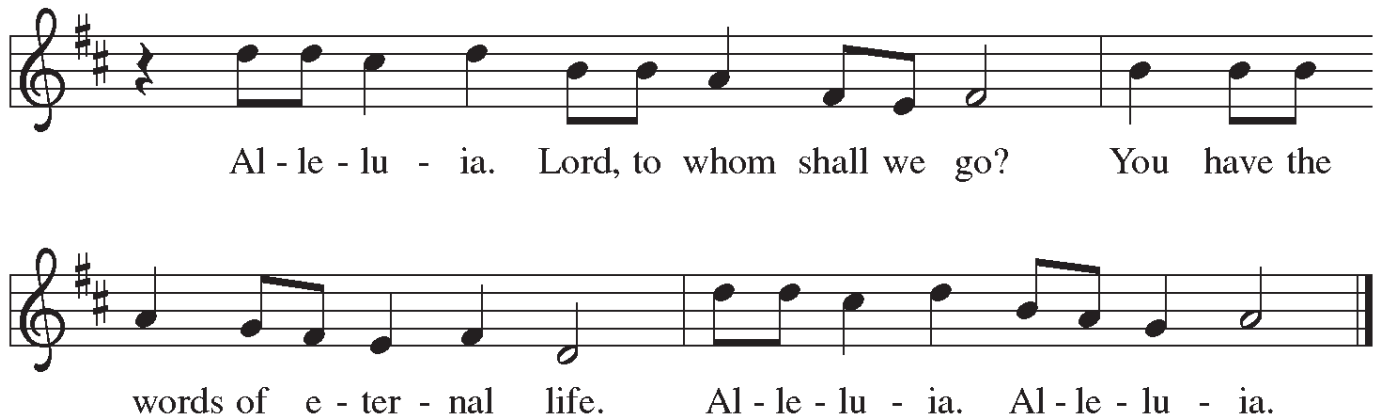
<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation



## The gospel for today comes from John, chapter 8

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> 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’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Hymn of the Day** God Whose Almighty Word

**#673**

**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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

... God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Peace**



# MEAL

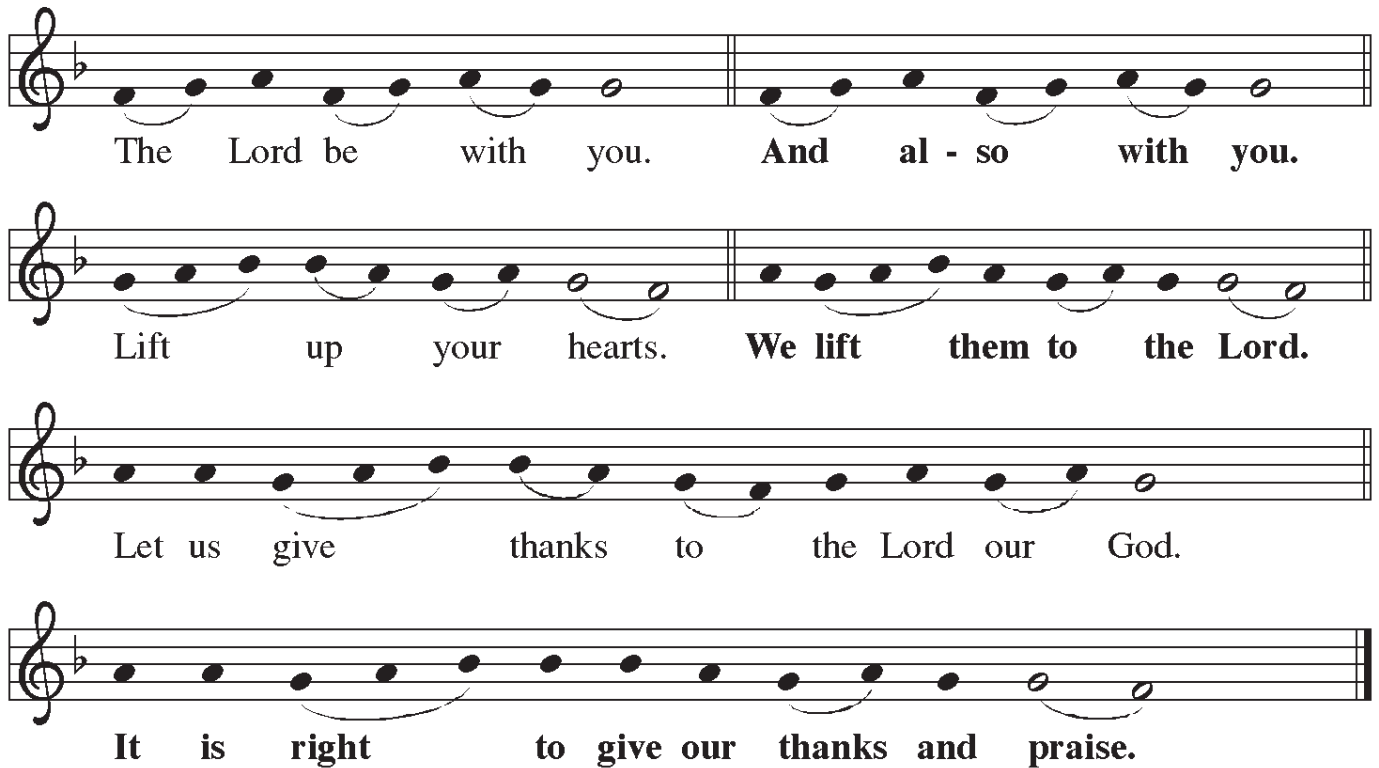
## Offering

### Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving



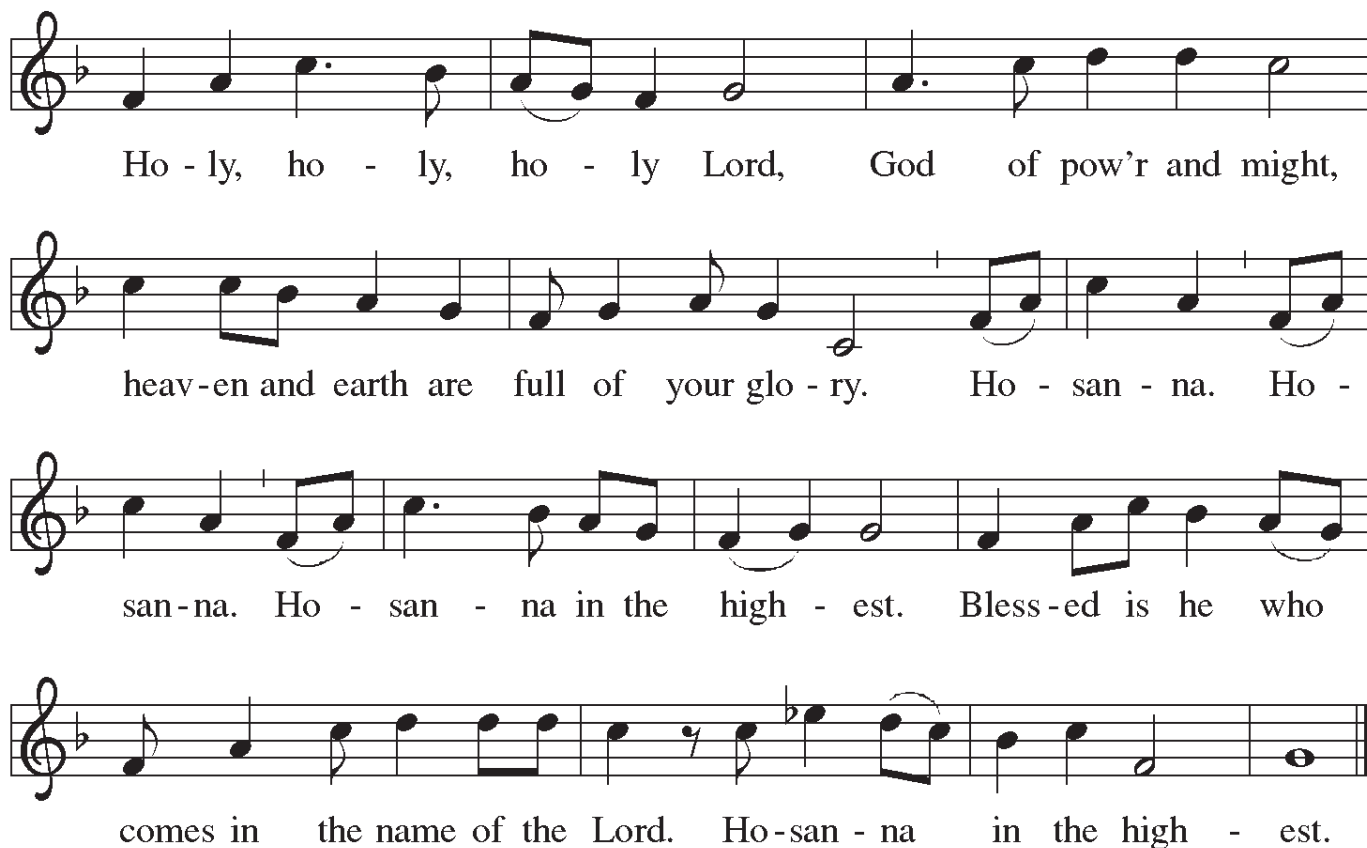
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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.

### Communion

*Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Prayer After Communion

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

**#676**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** You Are Holy

**arr. David Cherwien**





2025-10-26

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Assisting Minister:** Molly Wilson

**Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi

**Reader:** Roger Pomplun

**Trumpet:** Olivia Lafler

## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (26<sup>th</sup>)

*Reformation Sunday*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

### MONDAY

Scouts – 6pm

### TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

### WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Nomination Committee

Meeting – 10am

Text Study – 12 noon

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

### THURSDAY

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

### FRIDAY

*Halloween*

Unique Boutique

Setup – 10am

### SATURDAY

*All Saints' Day*

Unique Boutique – 7am

### SUNDAY (2<sup>nd</sup>)

*All Souls' Sunday*

*Daylight Saving Time Ends*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: UWEC Continuing Education Dept, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association

## ~~Daylight Saving Time~~

Next Sunday, November 2, is the end of Daylight Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday.

## Pastor Phil's Sabbatical

No, Pastor Phil is not going on another sabbatical. He's talking about how he spent his summer and what he learned while he was away.

This talk is part of Grace's Adult Education Event and will take place on November 16th, after the worship service. Please join us if you are interested.

## Blessing Box

Our endless summer is finally coming to an end and before we know it winter and everything that comes with it will be here. Our Blessing Box is open all year and we would like to keep it stocked especially in the cold winter months. Here are some of the items we need:

- cereal
- soap
- crackers
- hats

- packaged soup
- packaged noodles
- toothpaste
- hand warmers
- tuna pouches
- packaged potatoes

- scarves
- socks
- granola bars
- peanut butter
- gloves

As the weather turns colder, we will not be collecting any canned goods or liquid items that may freeze and explode.

You can drop off any donations outside the church office or at the Friendship Door. You are also always welcome to put any donations directly into the Blessing Box at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Reminder

There are extra pledge cards and time & talent sheets available in the narthex if you need to fill one out. Just drop it off in the offering plate. Thank you.





# CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONCERT BAND

## HONORING OUR VETERANS

Sunday, November 9, 2025

DeLong Middle School Auditorium

2:00 PM

*Featuring patriotic selections as well as the music of Glenn Miller, Paul Hindemith,  
Blues Brothers, How to Train Your Dragon and more!*

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**On Nov. 2 we will  
celebrate All Saints.**

**If you have entrusted  
a loved one into God's  
arms since Nov. 1, 2024, you  
may ask that their names  
be included in prayers.  
(sign up sheets in back of  
church or call the office.)**

**For those from previous years you will have an  
opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.**



### Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

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