

# October 2020

*A Caring Community  
Empowered by God  
to be Disciples of Christ*



## A Message from Our Council President

Dear Cooksville members,

At the September Council meeting, much of the discussion focused on the return to inside worship services and related church activities. Multiple concerns were voiced urging caution, citing the continuing high numbers of covid cases statewide and nationwide. Also noted were general observations that we are becoming a bit lax in our social distancing and other precautions (masks, amount of time spent together, touching, etc). We totally understand! We are all hungry for normalcy and interaction!



But, the pandemic is not over, and the risks remain. For this reason, council has decided NOT to pursue any fundraisers for the time being. SO, our treasury will not have the funds we often add when we have a fall festival, silent auction, or lefse and bake sale. We are asking that you consider making an additional donation this year to ensure that our budget needs are met. You have all been SO mindful of this all year, allowing Tom, our treasurer, to report each month that we are still able to meet our expenses. But, each month he cautions that we are closer to using up our "cushion" of savings. It feels like good stewardship to try to maintain and rebuild that cushion. Some families have said that they will donate an extra amount equal to what they would have donated to our regular Fall special event. Seems like a good idea. Do what you can. Thanks in advance for your extra support.

Sincerely, President Ilene Axford

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*Celebrate All Saints Sunday with us on November 1st*





# CONNECT

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when  
brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

In September of 2016, a handful of Cooksville Lutheran members began a stroll down a 2-year path, when Ilene Axford, Paul Haakenson, Erik Haakenson, Joe Wilder, and Pastor Karla formed the CONNECT group. They surveyed the congregation, fed us, and hosted many activities designed to draw us closer together, to form a stronger connection within our congregation and a stronger connection through prayer to God. We are so thankful for all that they did!

We thought you'd enjoy some memories of one of the activities, when members named their favorite bible stories or scripture passages.  
Can you remember if any of these were YOURS?

## **Feeding of the 5,000    Matthew 14: 13-21** **(miracle of the loaves and fishes)**

-taking care of people's physical needs so that they will be open to spiritual things

## **Do Not Worry    Matthew 6:25**

-let go and let God  
-life is more than physical concerns

## **Ruth and Naomi    Ruth 1**

-leaving the familiar to follow God & serve others



## **Letters to the Churches    Revelations 2-3**

-God promises rewards to the those who faithfully follow Him

*(Continued on page 3)*

**Martha & Mary Luke 10: 38-42**

-serving is good, but listening to the Lord is better

**Come to Me Ye Who are Weary Matthew 11:28**

-taking time to come to Jesus and rest in Him

**Calling of the Disciples Mark 1: 14-20**

-willing to give up your comfortable life to serve

**Building of the Tabernacle Exodus 25:8**

-God will dwell among us

**Peace Be With You Psalm 122: 8**

-a passing of the peace



**Repent and Believe Matthew 3: 1-2**

-a daily task

**Parable of the Sower Matthew 13: 3-9**

-good soil has deep roots, farming community

**The One Lost Sheep Matthew 18: 12 -14 , John 10**

-Jesus taking care of all our needs

The CONNECT team's work has long since been officially completed, but just as we are called to 'Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy' do not forget the care and good works of those among us. Remember them fondly in your prayers, for their diligence, patience, endurance and kindness.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. -1 John 3:1-3



# THANK YOU!

Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;  
the upright shall live in your presence. Psalm 140:13

September 13th was “**God’s Work, Our Hands**” Sunday and in lieu of any one particular project on one day, CLC celebrated our mission to do God’s work by focusing our efforts on increasing our donations to our local food pantries, to help those in need in our communities. Thank you to ALL who gave what you could!

God Bless you!



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~1Thesselonians 5:16-18*

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: Thank you to all who helped plan, performed, and participated :  
: in our memorable “Cowboy” Church last month! :  
: We give thanks to:



Director, Jeanne Julseth  
Song Leaders: Keith Axford, Rhonda Wethal  
Singers: Kevin Brekke, Richard Krake, Erik Haakenson, Keith Axford  
Drummer: Rob Farnsworth  
Prayers: Herb Hanson  
Audio/Visual

Wranglers: Rich Thompson & Curtis Brandt



**Happy Trails to you, till we do it again!!**

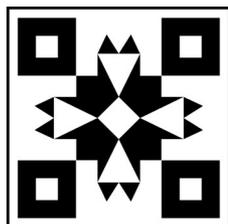
# MINISTRY Groups

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3



In September, Cooksville Lutheran Church donated over 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, and approximately one dozen to A.W.A.R.E, a local charity. Thank you to Betty Hamilton, Sue Parsons, Kelsey Dunn, Ilene Axford, Laura Pehler, Kriss Hamilton and others who helped since October of last year to make these gifts of love and care for those in need. Thank you to all who donated material, sheets, thread and other supplies and monetary gifts to support this long-standing ministry of the church.

The quilters continue their work in spite of the challenges. Anyone interested in helping out can talk to Betty about what they can do from home, or arrange to come to the church to work alone as health concerns continue.



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## Education Ministry

Sunday school and Adult Education classes remain suspended at this time. Please use the bible messages and verses on page 24 if you would like to explore the children's curriculum with your own children, grandchildren or others.

Adults, please make use of your *Celebrate* insert throughout the week: on the back page of each week's *Celebrate*, you can see at the bottom "Preparing for Next Week" which assigns just one new different bible verse for each day, Monday through the next Sunday! You may also choose to spend time in the previous Sunday's Psalm all week long, singing or reading it every day! God Bless you, as you dwell in His holy word!

# Outdoor Worship All Through October

Come and enjoy worshipping outdoors. Bring your own chairs and sit in the shade, or stay in your car.



Let's pray for sunny Sundays!!



*We foresee worshipping outdoors through October, but changes will be made as needed by the Church Council.*

*In the event of adverse weather (rain or snow), worship will be cancelled to live attendance and will be streamed and recorded indoors instead.*



Cancellations will be posted on Facebook as soon as it is official. You may also call any council member to confirm (see page 26 for contacts).

## Our Bible Themes for October

As we continue our outdoor worship services, they remain as shortened versions of our previous format. In the interest of comfort due to the heat and outside conditions in general, we have omitted many of the readings. **But let this not affect your "inside" condition!**



Although we have been highlighting only the Gospel message, please remember that your **Celebrate insert** provides you with the additional readings for each Sunday! We hope you will continue to strengthen your faith and take time with God in His word as often as you can.

**So pick up a Celebrate Insert and see the next page for how the Bible readings assigned for each Sunday in October can apply to our lives.**

**Oct. 4:** In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

**Oct. 11:** In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

**Oct 18:** In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

**Oct. 25:** Jesus' summary of the law echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

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## **Reformation Day: Saturday, October 31, 2020**



By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

# Worship for the Sundays in October

During this pandemic, we stay connected spiritually as a congregation as we **WORSHIP TOGETHER**. But how can we worship together when we can't gather in our sanctuary? There are FOUR ways:

1. **Sunday at 10 a.m. join our Outdoor Worship** at Cooksville Lutheran Church by sitting in the comfort of your car, or sitting on your lawn chair in the shade (at a safe physical distance from other family groups). Wear a mask.
2. **During the week go to the church YouTube channel** and worship along with the Sunday video (usually posted by Wednesday). Worship using the songs from the following pages.
3. No smartphone, no computer, no internet and unable to come to worship? **WORSHIP AT HOME** following the instructions on these two pages.

*“Worship the LORD with gladness,  
come into his presence with singing.”*

*Psalm 100.2*

*Gather a Bible, this newsletter, and light a candle as a sign of God's presence, if you wish.*



**Prelude:** Take several deep breaths. As you inhale pray “Thy kingdom come,” then let your breath out slowly as you pray, “Thy will be done.” (Or use another phrase, such as “Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.”)

**Gathering Hymn:** *see the following pages, sing/read out loud.*

**Prayer of the Day:** *see the following pages, read out loud.*

**Read the Gospel:** *see the following pages, find the passage in your Bible, read it out loud and & consider **what the Spirit might be saying to you today and for this week.***

**Hymn of the Day:** *see the following pages, sing/read out loud.*

**Offering Prayer:**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your  
good creation.



Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** *follow the bulletin and lector or pray for those listed on page 23.*

**Pray 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.

**Sending Hymn:** *see the following pages, sing /read out loud.*

**Blessing:**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and raise us to newness of life, now and forever. **Amen.**



## **Oct. 4 - Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death - Matthew 21:33-46**

**Prayer of the Day:** Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

#### **God the Sculptor of the Mountains**

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:  
you are host at ev'ry table, we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:  
you are present ev'ry moment, we are searching; meet us now.

### **SENDING SONG**

#### **Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**There in God's Garden**



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

# Oct. 11 - Many are called, but few are chosen -Matthew 22:1-14

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## We Are Called



- 1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
- 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

**HYMN OF THE DAY****Now We Join in Celebration**

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

**SENDING  
SONG****Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
 the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
 The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
 the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
 The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
 shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
 Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
 to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

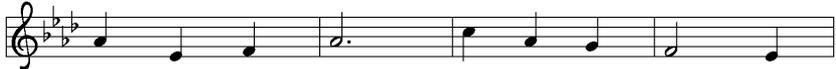
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever - living,  
 the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face—  
 our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
 embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
 unite us as one in this life that we share.  
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
 give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

# Oct. 18-Pay to each his due-Matthew 22:15-22

**Prayer of the Day:** Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test - tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*  
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joice - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## SENDING SONG

## O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.



# Worship Matters

Worship the Lord with gladness; **I** come into his presence with singing. -Psalm 100:2

## Reformation Sunday October 25, 2020

Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He was a monk and a devout Catholic with no intentions of starting a new church. He did, however, want to reform the church, and with that goal in mind, Luther wrote the 95 Theses, which detailed his objections to the selling of indulgences and its effect upon the people.



He posted them on the door of the church because that was a common place for posting public notices. Within weeks, however, word of the theses had spread. Consequently, Luther was viewed by the church as a heretic, threatened with burning at the stake, and excommunicated by Pope Leo in 1520. Many theologians agreed with Luther, however, and the Protestant Reformation began.

Reformation Sunday in the United States is celebrated as a day to honor the root beliefs of Protestant Christianity: that faith in Christ is all that's needed for salvation, and the Bible, not any human leader, is the true authority in matters of faith. As Luther said when questioned about his views, "Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason -- I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other -- my conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

<https://classroom.synonym.com/meaning-reformation-sunday-8419.html>

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: Near the end of his life, Protestant reformer Martin Luther suffered  
 : debilitating headaches. When told about a costly medicine that might  
 : offer some relief, Luther smiled and said:

: **“My best prescription for head and heart is that ‘God so loved  
 : the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever  
 : believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’”**

: That Bible verse became a refrain for Luther on his deathbed. “What  
 : Spartan saying can be compared with this wonderful brevity,” he said  
 : of John 3:16. “It is the Bible itself!” After repeating the words of that  
 : Gospel-in-a-nutshell verse three times in Latin, Luther exclaimed,  
 : “They are the best prescription for headaches and heartaches!”

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# Oct 25-Reformation Sunday-Matthew 22:34-46

**Prayer of the Day:** O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### SENDING SONG

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

# A Mighty Fortress is our God

by Naomi Shep

## BATTLE HYMN OF THE REFORMATION

October is the month known for celebration of the Reformation or to put it another way, the Birthday of the Protestant Church. So – Happy Birthday everyone!

The hymn ‘Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,’ sung every year on the last Sunday of October, commemorates the posting of 95 Theses by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517. You have heard this story many times. Besides being a great reformer, Bible translator, fiery preacher, theologian and professor, Luther was also a gifted hymn writer who believed in the power of sacred music.

*“He revived  
congregational  
singing.”*

He himself wrote approximately 50 hymns from 1523 to 1525. His work to translate the Bible into the language of the people, for them to have scripture in their homes, was augmented by his desire for people to have sacred music in their own language. This enabled those who could not read or afford books to keep God’s word in their hearts through music.

He revived congregational singing.

Luther’s words regarding sacred music include: “...music is a gift and grace of God...it drives out the devil and makes people cheerful...it unites the Church on earth with the Church in heaven...it carries texts that make clear God’s Word... it brings the message of the Gospel to our hearts.” To that end, his hymns were all written with the clear intention of communicating the central message of the Gospel. Although we

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# Sacred Events

## **Bowen Bryce Sime**

*Born January 30, 2020*

*Baptized September 27, 2020*

*Son of Amber and Bruce Sime*



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call 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' a battle hymn, Luther called it 'a hymn of comfort.' At the time he wrote it in 1527, the city of Wittenburg was experiencing an epidemic, Luther was gravely ill, the Turkish army was threatening to invade, he was having continued threats from the Catholic army and opponents of the reformation. This hymn describes the intense battle we have with Satan, but the greater strength, refuge, and victory that comes through Christ.

This hymn has been translated into every language with 80 translations in English alone. It should always be sung in its entirety to complete the story. One of my enduring memories was the closing service of a conference which John and I attended in Limburg Germany. Our group of about 100 missionaries sang this hymn, each in their own language. It was a beautiful sound!

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help  
in trouble, therefore we will not fear....Ps 46: 1, 2a

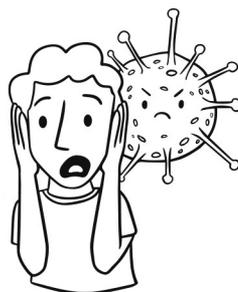


# Caring for our Community

## Just A Reminder...

We have been very fortunate to be able to hold so many Sunday services. It has been important for us to keep connected and express our faith. That being said, when we initially started the services people were doing very well in following the guidelines to reduce the chances of spreading the virus and worshipping safely.

**However, as time has elapsed I have noticed that we are getting more and more lax about the guidelines.**



Household groups are not keeping 6 feet apart, people aren't wearing masks properly, and in socializing after services people are not keeping their distance and not properly wearing masks. This represents a threat to our ability to keep worshipping.

Please remember to wear a mask properly (if you can feel air moving past your eyes when you breath you need a tighter mask) making sure it covers your nose and mouth and leave it there during service and when socializing afterwards.

During services make sure each household sits no closer than 6 feet to another household group. We have plenty of room to stay spread out. Pastor will be reminding us at the beginning of each service. If you have questions feel free to ask me. Following guidelines will be even more critical if we move services indoors. ~Curtis Brandt



# Time for Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

**The Prayer Group has resumed meeting every Wednesday morning at 10 am.** Our group is small, but our hearts have burdens for the needs of others. Anyone is welcome to come and pray, and request specific prayer from our group.

The other prayer group members are Linda Sime, Art and Doris Olsen, Rich Thompson, Nancy Remley. If you have a prayer request, email Kevin Brekke at brekkekev3@aol.com or call him at 608-669-1218.

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:** Evelyn Beyer, Pat Foltz, Sue Parsons, Lillian Hatlen, Kristeen Farberg, Basil Remley, Paul Haakenson, Kristie Graf, Jenn Williamson, Dawson Carlson, Maureen Wilder, Bridger Carrol, Louise Kluge, Jean Lademan, Rev. David Stratton.

**CLC Special Friends:** Joyce Leopold, Anna Hanson, Ruth Erickson, Virginia Sime. **Military:** Andrew Newcomb.



**A Singular Focus:** When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (see Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn't mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not. But when we let ourselves get "worried and distracted by many things," we may lose sight of the one crucial thing: love.

**St. Francis is credited with the following quote: "God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,' God said. 'Just love.'"**

And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, "For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly — by choosing love.

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# Children and Families

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

## *Sunday School Lessons for Children*

**Oct 4: Adam and Eve: Caring about all creation.**

*Memory Verse:* Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." Genesis 2 : 18



**Oct 11: A Rich Man's Questions: What are you willing to give up to help others?**

*Memory Verse:* "But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." Mark 10:31

**Oct 18: James and John: Jesus is with me when life is tough.**

*Memory Verse:* "And whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." Mark 10:44



**Oct 25: Bartimaeus Sees: When we are bold in our faith, unexpected things can happen!**

*Memory Verse:* Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Mark 10:52



# Synod & Churchwide News

There is one body and one Spirit ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin cordially invites  
you to attend the Worship Celebration and Installation  
Service for*

**Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe**

Sunday, the Eleventh of October  
Two thousand twenty  
at 1:00 in the afternoon

We will gather as the body of Christ for  
this Service of Word.

This service will be held via live stream. You can join  
from the Bishop Installation page on the synod's web-  
site: [www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation](http://www.scsw-elca.org/bishopinstallation)

**Children and Adults are invited to  
pray for the bishop-elect** as she be-  
gins her transition to her call as bishop of the  
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA.  
**We invite your Sunday school children, con-  
firmands, high schoolers and adults ...anyone  
interested ...to color a downloadable coloring sheet.**



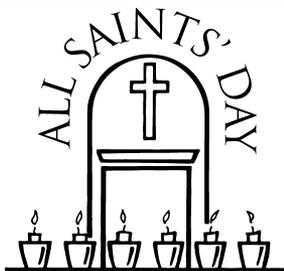
Please pray for the bishop and the synod as you color these  
leaves. Think of us as the veins of the leaf as we offer life to  
each other and to the body of Christ. The various textures  
and patterns represent the varied gifts that God has given  
us as we are sent into the world as disciples of Christ.

(CLC will hand out coloring pages every Sunday in Octo-  
ber, and post a pdf on our website to download at home!)



# October Birthdays

- |    |                     |    |                  |
|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | James Hatlen        | 13 | Earlene Hanson   |
|    | Thomas Hatlen       | 26 | Barbara Young    |
| 4  | John Remley         |    | Marty Johnson    |
| 5  | Mary Remley         | 27 | Natalie Jass     |
| 6  | Lynsey Wollin Casey |    | Nellie Bednarek  |
|    | Jennifer Ehle       |    | Bill Reed        |
|    | Lyric Krake Nunn    | 30 | Basil Remley     |
| 8  | Trina DiPiazza      |    | Denyce La Mantia |
| 10 | Allison Conant      |    |                  |



On Sunday, November 1st, ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, we will worship inside. This year the memorial candles will be lit ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Please submit the names you would like to remember and we will put a candle on the altar in memory of them. We will need your name and the name/s you are remembering (these will be written in the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE). Please send this to the church office (address below) or put on Kelsey's desk. Thank you.

## Cooksville Church Council 2020

Ilene Axford (President) 882-6914  
Tom Severson (Vice Pres.) 873-6552  
Rhonda Wethal (Sec.) 320-7184  
Tom Parsons (Treas.) 295-1697  
Anne Brunsell 732-9196  
Mary Remley 882-6483  
Jennifer Nelson 751-1482  
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Curtis Brandt 873-0757  
Douglas Graf 882-6483

Council meetings are the 3rd  
Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

## Let's Keep in Touch!

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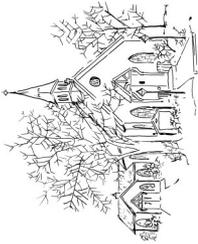
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**Jeanne Julseth, Minister of Music**  
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# Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2	3
<b>4 Pentecost 18</b> 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship  <i>Online video available also.</i>	<b>5</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Mtg	<b>6</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>7</b> 10 am Prayer Time	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Pentecost 19</b> 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship  <i>Online video available also.</i>	<b>12</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Mtg	<b>13</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>14</b> 10 am Prayer Time 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayers by the firepit	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Pentecost 20</b> 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship  <i>Online video available also.</i>	<b>19</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting 7 pm Council	<b>20</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>21</b> 10 am Prayer Time 6:30 pm Holden Rain dae	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Reformation</b> 10:00 am Parking Lot Worship Confirmation of Brady Wethal  <i>Online video available also.</i>	<b>26</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting	<b>27</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>28</b> 10 am Prayer Time	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 



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*Address Correction Requested*

Only one more Fire-Pr  
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER!  
Don't miss it!  
Wed. Oct 14 6:30 pm  
(rain date 10/23)

