# **REFORMATION SUNDAY**



Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State Hwy 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, Wisconsin 54560 715-542-3701

October 26, 2025

# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

A Member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

### **Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)**

Website: www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

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### Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

#### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. Thank you for joining us.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus and seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

#### **Recorded Services:**

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at <a href="https://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a> and look for the Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155, PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560

Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

#### Readings for November 2, 2025 All Saint's Sunday:

First Reading Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

**Psalm** 149

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 11-23

Holy Gospel Luke 6: 20-31

### **Holy Hospitality**

In the gospel today, Zacchaeus joyfully welcomes Jesus into his home, where Jesus prompts a changed heart and mind in his host and proclaims salvation. All this reveals an undercurrent of hospitality and welcome that propels much of the narrative of the Bible. As in other instances of practiced hospitality, something important changes. Salvation is revealed in Zacchaeus's changed heart and mind, and perhaps even in the changed perception of the crowds who witness Jesus accompanying Zacchaeus to his home. And the salvation that is visited upon Zacchaeus's home will reach out into his neighborhood and community through his generosity and compassionate living. In our worship today, we welcome the risen Christ to join us, and we invoke the name of God as we gather. God welcomes us around the communion table and through this holy hospitality feeds us with Christ, so that transformative salvation may follow us home and wherever we go.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 AM:**

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Community Room after church service. Fellowship brunch is held every second Sunday, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

#### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church school is every Wednesday from 3:45-5 p.m. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

#### SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN:

The partially filled boxes are available in the Narthex or Chapel area for you to pick up and complete filling. If you choose, there are also empty boxes available in the same area.

#### THANKSGIVING MEAL:

We're getting an early start on planning this year!

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 27, 2025. As always, we are working with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church to present this dinner. We'll let you know how planning goes and may ask for volunteers to peel potatoes this year! Sign up sheets for helping with the dinner will be put out the first part of November.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

#### STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

#### STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

- 1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
- 2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

#### **QUILTING**

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help.

#### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

All Saints Sunday is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please let Sharon Brooker know if there is someone you would like mentioned/included in this service. "We name aloud those who have entered the church triumphant during this past year."

#### **CALL COMMITTEE**

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen (715) 892-3513

Karen Carter (715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733

Ginger Eade (608) 317-9563 Shawn McCormick (715) 605-2552 Joanne Pierce (414) 477-5804

Charlie Rice – Chairman (715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

# LÔÔ KING FOR HELP

We continue a search for financial positions here at Shepherd.

If you are interested in volunteering for a position as Head Counter, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact Jean at 715-891-3344 for more information.

- Head Counter would be responsible for supervising the counting team and preparing records for the Financial Secretary.
- Financial Secretary would be responsible for using QuickBooks to record individual donations included in the weekly deposits.
- Treasurer would need to be comfortable with QuickBooks and accounting.

All position applicants need to be able to pass a background check and sign a confidentiality contract.

### **CONTACT INFO**

In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344 Email: **treasurer@sotlsayner.com** or **jamaines2012@gmail.com** Please contact Jean with questions

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 6:00 pm
Wednesday from Noon - 4 pm
Thursday from Noon – 4 pm

#### Attendance on October 19, 2025: 40

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are in honor of Mary and Bob Johnson's 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Mary and Bob.

#### CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP

All in the congregation are invited to be a part of a congregational workshop on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is part of the NALC call process, and it will be led by Pastor Tom Reiff. A light lunch will be served.

#### FALL DECORATIONS ON ALTAR

Thank you to Judy Bernhardt for the beautiful fall decorations on the altar. She did a wonderful job!

#### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please keep in mind that the Pastor's Discretionary Fund collections will be starting soon. This program has helped many individuals and families in the past and plans are to continue for this year. Please contact Council President Mike Pockat with questions.

#### BIBLE STUDY FEATURING "THE CHOSEN" VIDEOS

Bible study featuring "The Chosen" has started back up on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am – please note the time change.

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259



#### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K., Mary and Kamala.

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

#### Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Ericka, Shelle, Sharon G., and Ron

#### **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan and David.

### Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

### Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Sharon Geist on the loss of her father Harold

Family of Mike Brink, son of Carolynn Brink

Family of Steve Carlberg, husband of Deb Carlberg

Family of Phyllis Andersen, wife of Lloyd Andersen

Family of Sally Vredenburgh, sister of Bob Hermanson

### **Special Prayers**

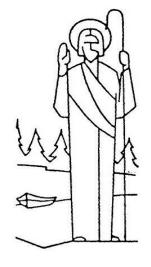
Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we begin our search for a new Shepherd.

Please or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at <u>plclerk@gmail.com</u> or text her at 715-892-7049 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.

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"Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 2025"

### **Greeting & Announcements**



#### Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

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

Amen.

### **Confession And Forgiveness**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently and fervently asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

### Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

### **Gathering Song**

# "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW 504

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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### 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.

### **Opening Dialogue**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.

Alleluia!

By the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel

# **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty God,

Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

### First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

<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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **Second Reading** Romans 3:19-28

<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 being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from 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 faith in 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

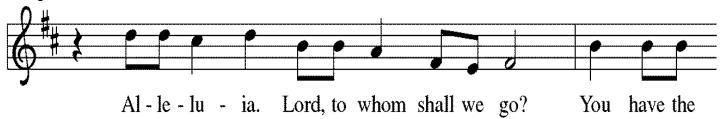
<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)

### **Gospel Acclamation**





The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

### Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

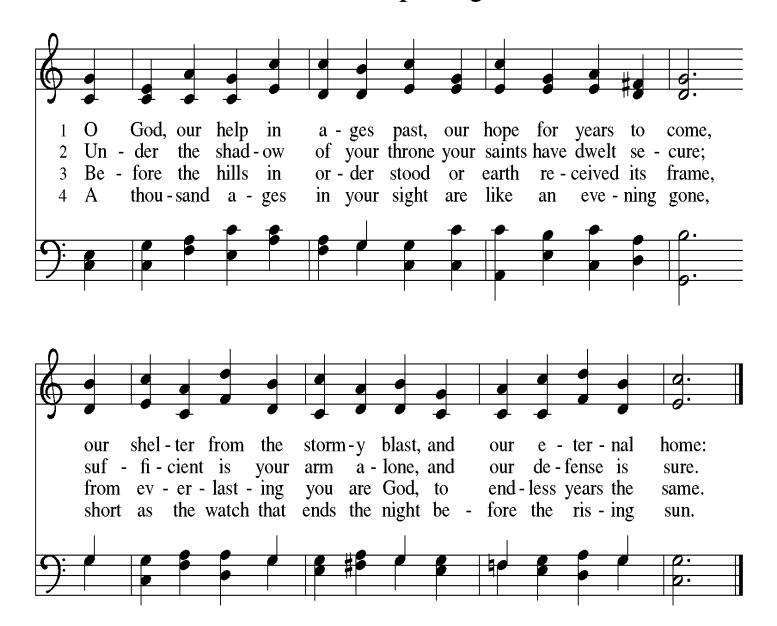
#### Sermon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

(Please Stand as you comfortable)

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years 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, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

Of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

### **Prayers of the Church**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace as you are comfortable and then be seated)

# Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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#### **Presentation Of Gifts**

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

### **Offertory Prayer**

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **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.

(Service of Distribution)

As we gather before these <u>consecrated</u> elements of bread and wine for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. As we prepare to receive this bread of life and this cup of blessing, we pray that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

I invite you to join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave us.

### **Lords 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.

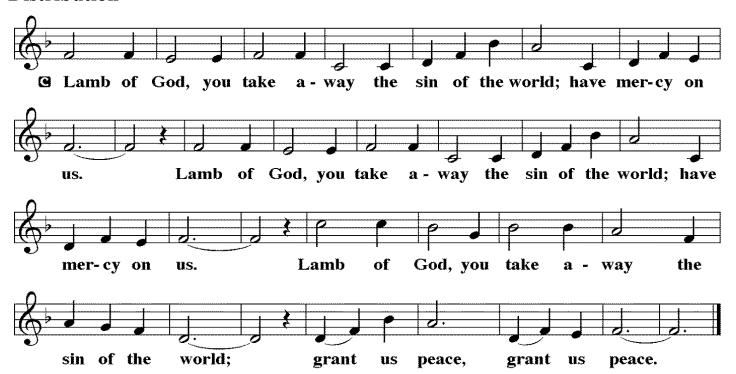
Amen.

#### **Invitation**

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.

**Everyone** is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

#### **Distribution**



### **Communion Hymns**

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW 817

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

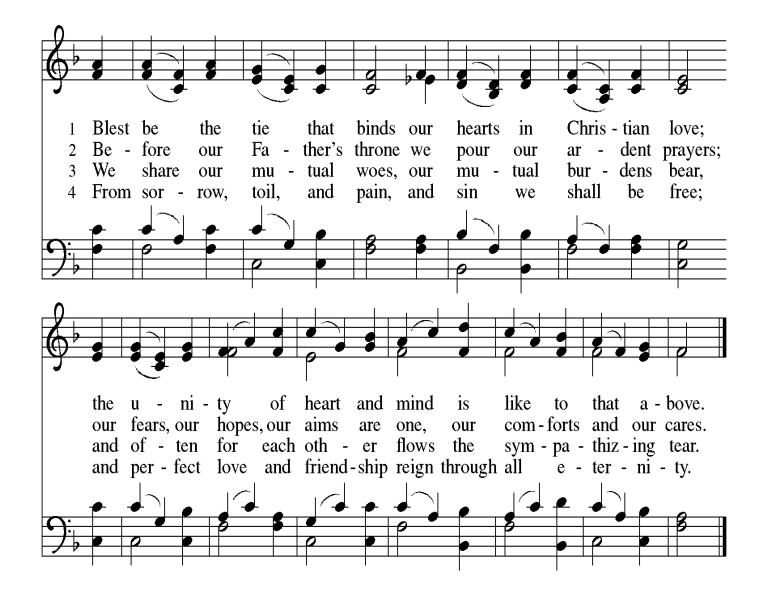


all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

### **Communion Blessing**

(*Please stand as you are comfortable*)

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

### Amen

### **Prayer**

We give you thanks,

Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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

## **Blessing/Benediction**

Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all, now and forever.

Amen

### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

### Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

#### Calendar for Week of October 27 to November 2, 2025

Tuesday	October 28, 2025	Bible Study "The Chosen"	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	October 29, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	October 30, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 2, 2025	Worship – All Saint's Sunday	9:00 a.m.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Music copied and used under our One License Arrangement\*\*

### **Next Council Meeting:**

Today, October 26th at 10:30 a.m.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Congregational Workshop – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 2 pm Thanksgiving Dinner – November 27th

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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