



*If you abide  
in my word,  
you are truly  
my disciples.*

John 8:31

**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 27, 2024**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**311 2B Judges Rd. Wilmington, NC. 28405**

## Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

## Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

## Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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# Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

LBW Holy Communion Setting One

\*indicates to please stand

**Bold**-Congregation responses

PRELUDE. EIN'FESTE BURG

*Martin Luther, Arr: Lloyd Larson*

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I 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**

**Amen**

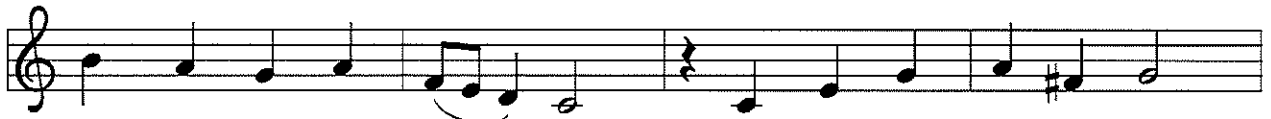
\*ENTRANCE HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



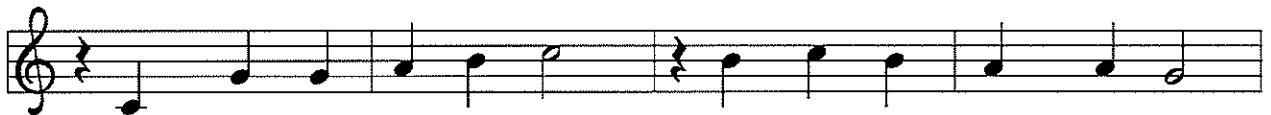
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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!

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**\*GREETING**

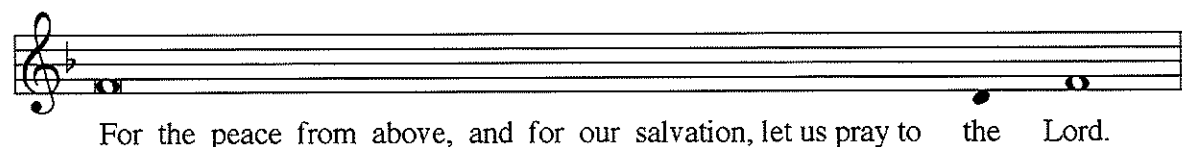
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



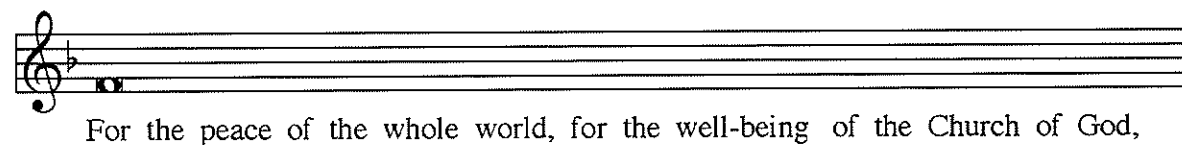
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



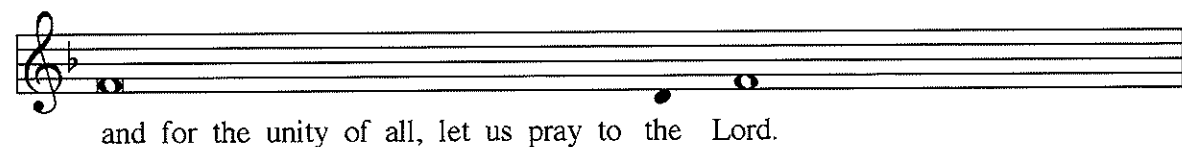
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



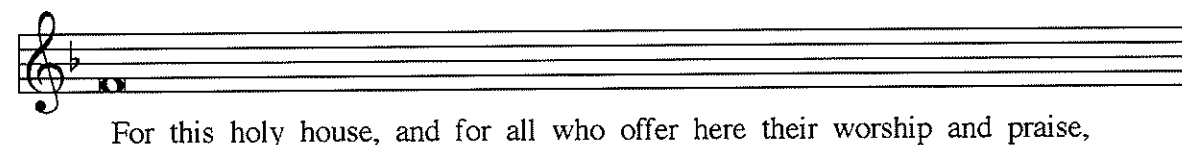
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



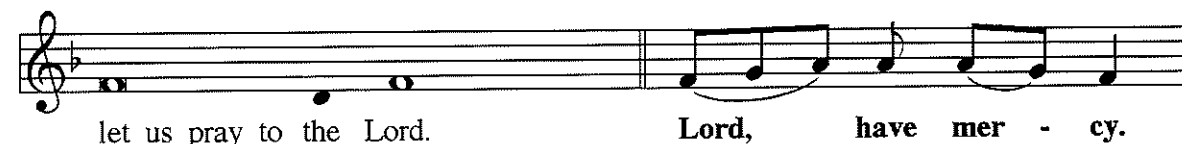
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



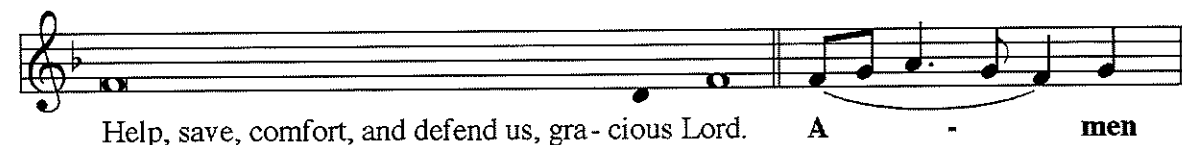
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE (cont)



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



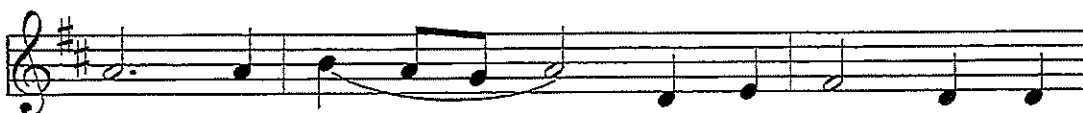
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

Sovereign God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to reform the church of Christ. Keep it in the true faith, restore, correct, and inspire its teachings, and embolden it to bear witness to the life-giving message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:**

The First Lesson is from the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation .

<sup>6</sup>I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





PSALM: 46



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strong - hold.

- <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 be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Refrain:*
- <sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- <sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- <sup>8</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Refrain:*
- <sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- <sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>11</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>12</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Refrain:*

## SECOND LESSON:

The Second Lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Romans .

<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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### \*CELTIC ALLELUIA

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse:

1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to

1. be your dis - ci - ples, to bring all the world

1. to the joy \_\_\_\_\_ of your king - dom. \_\_\_\_\_  
to Refrain

**\*GOSPEL:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

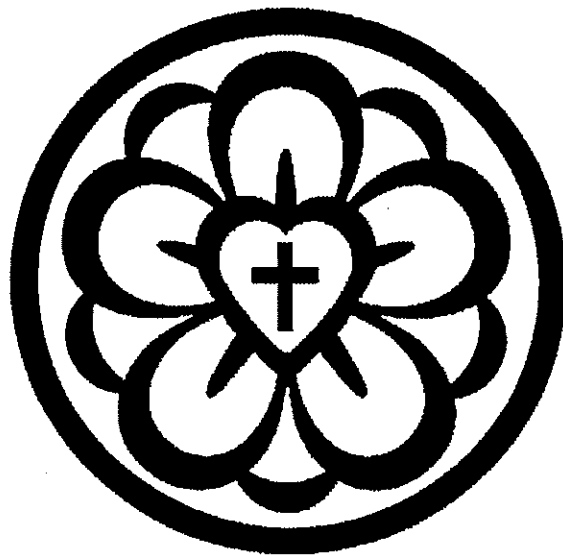
<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pr. Paul



HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

**\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

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

*(We greet each other with the Peace of Christ)*

**OFFERTORY "We Are the Church"      *Faith Lutheran Choir***  
*Words by Nancy Price and Don Besig*  
*Music by Don Besig*

**\*LET THE VINEYARD**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



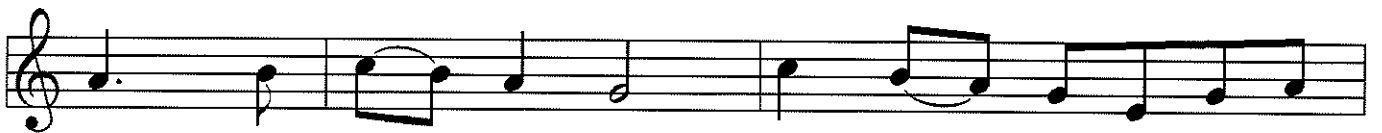
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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

## \*THE 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 him thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

### \*SANCTUS



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.

### \*THANKSGIVING


**\*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.

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



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.




# COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION HYMN One Bread, One Body




One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;



one cup of bless - ing which we bless,



and we, though man-y through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



- |   |            |     |        |            |              |        |        |
|---|------------|-----|--------|------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or  | Jew,   | ser - vant | or           | free,  |        |
| 2 | Man - y    | the | gifts, | man - y    | the          | works, |        |
| 3 | Grain      | for | the    | fields,    | scat - tered | and    | grown, |



*Refrain*

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one	in	the	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

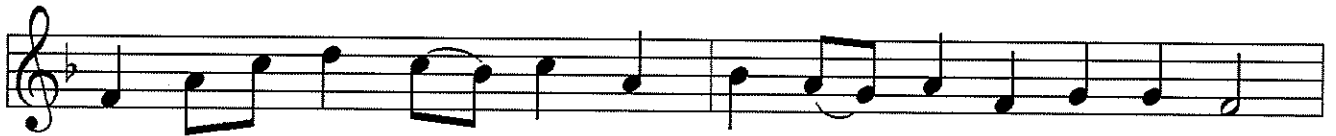
\*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

**Amen**

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen**

*Blessings*

**\*SENDING HYMN      Go To The World**



1. Go to the world!      Go in - to all the earth.      Go
2. Go to the world!      Go in - to ev - ery place.
3. Go to the world!      Go strug - gle, bless and pray;      the
4. Go to the world!      Go as the ones I send,      for



preach the cross where Christ's re - news life's worth,      bap -  
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.      As  
 I am with you 'til the age shall end,      when



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth. }  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. } Al -  
 ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way. }  
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!" }



le - lu - ia.      Al - le - lu - ia.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH**

#### **This Week: 10/27**

Reader: Zan Bramley

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Barb Kuhn

Usher: Ken Schiess

Assisting Minister: Gina Schiess

#### **Next Week: 11/3**

Reader: Zan Bramley

Communion: Missy Rossin

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: Gary Ebeltoft

**Reminder:** Many chances to serve in November and December.

**Given to the Glory of God last week:** \$460