

Reformation Sunday



Welcome Home:
Where You Are Free
to Be Yourself

John 8:31-36

October 27, 2024

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress ~ arr. Ann Krentz Organ

Gail Hrobuchak

Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang

The Peace

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.



Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

Greeting

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

C. And also with you.



A. 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.

C. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

Chanted Responsively



¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

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

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

⁷The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold 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.

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

¹¹The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O God.

John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of

Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

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

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.



Children's Ministry

Pastor Wolfgang

Sermon

Bishop Tim Smith

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

Holy Baptism / Confirmation / Affirmation of Baptism

The congregation is seated.

We rejoice today in the baptism of Callen Garard Rusk and receive into active membership his mother, Malari Rusk, and big sister Sawyer Marie Rusk. Two of our young people, Antonio "Tony" Smith and Ella McKenzie Fairchilds, will be confirmed and thus become adult member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: We present Callen Garard Rusk to receive the sacrament of baptism, and we present Malari Rusk and Sawyer Marie Rusk to be received into membership.

Pastor: Malari, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Callen, baptized into Christ? Do you desire to affirm your own baptism and that of your child, Sawyer?

Malari: I do.

Pastor: As you bring Callen to receive the gift of baptism and Sawyer to be received into membership, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Malari, do you promise to help Callen and Sawyer to grow in the Christian faith and life?

Malari: I do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Malari, Callen and Sawyer in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Linda Hash: I present Antonio Smith and Ella Fairchilds, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism and to be confirmed as adult members of this congregation.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in

baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The congregation stands.

Bishop: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers who are affirming baptism today: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support those who are baptized today, and those making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Pastor: Callen Garard Rusk, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Bishop: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Callen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Bishop: Callen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Bishop: Callen, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven. **Amen.**

The confirmands kneel at the altar. Family members and sponsors are invited to stand behind them and participate in the laying on of hands.

Bishop: Stir up in Antonio / Ella the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Bishop: Let us welcome the newly baptized, those confirmed today, and our new members making public affirmation of baptism.

Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence

A. Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

A. Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

Other Prayers

A. Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C. Amen.

Temple Talk

Terry Barnes

Anthem

Luther's Morning Prayer

~Carl Schalk

Choir

Let the Vineyards...



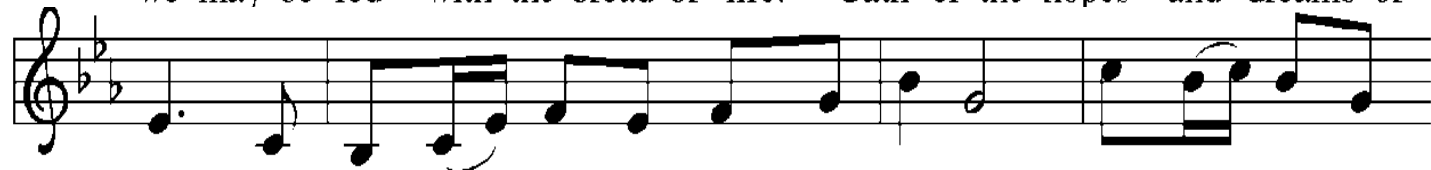
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



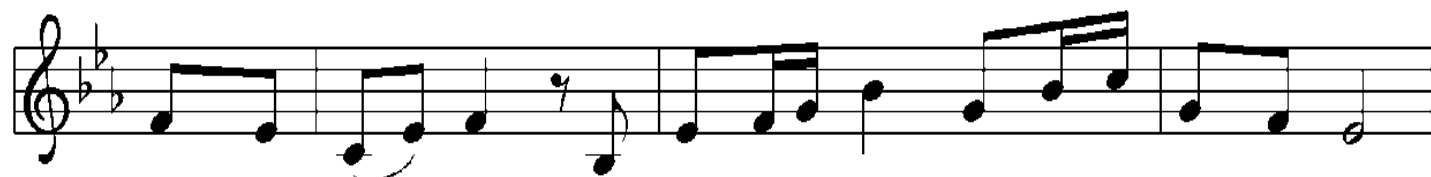
bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



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

Offertory Prayer

- A. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

- P. The Lord be with you.
C. **And also with you.**

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

- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Lift Up
Your
Hearts*

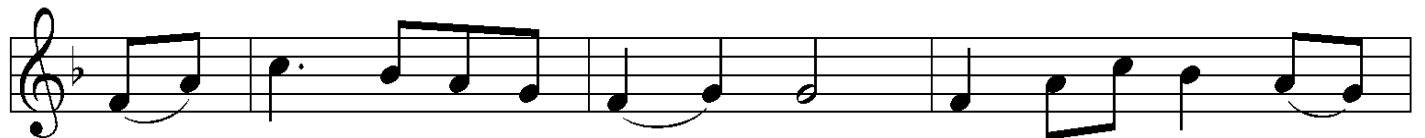
The Sanctus



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.



Words of Institution

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

The Lord's Prayer

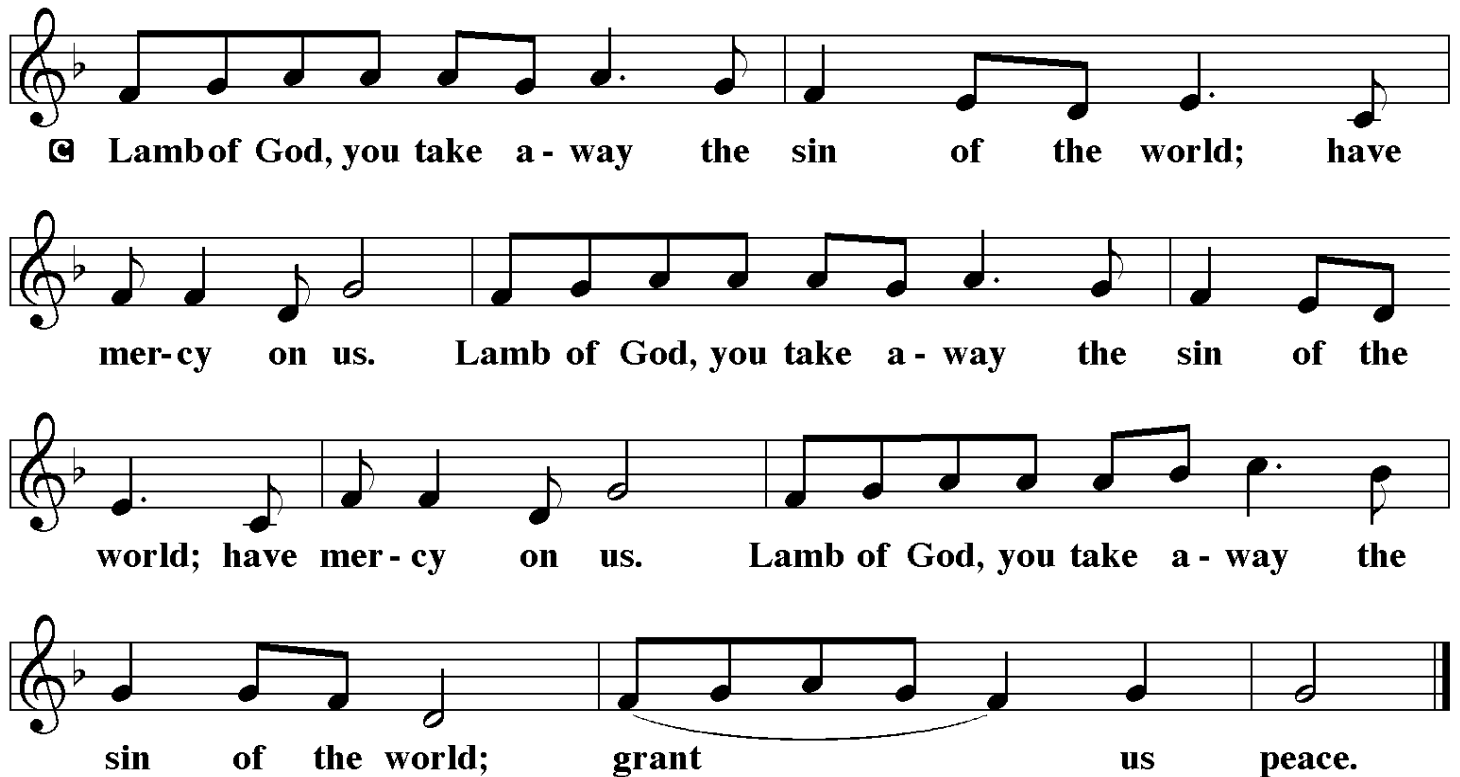
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.
All are welcome, no exceptions.

C. Alleluia!

Jesus, 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 Hymns

That Priceless Grace
Blessed Assurance

ELW 591
ELW 638

Post Communion Blessing

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

C. Amen

Post Communion Cantic



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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

A. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing

P. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C. Amen.

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Listen, God is Calling* ~arr. John Behnke Gail Hrobuchak

Servers for Sunday, October 27th

Assisting Minister/Reader Shannon Thomsen
 Reader Harry Albert
 Altar Guild Sylvia Lambert
 Greeters/Counters Terry Barnes / Shannon Thomsen
 Acolyte Antonio Smith



Please consider spending time giving glory to God on a Sunday morning by filling one of the various worship assistant positions. Sign-up sheets on the BB in the hallway



Flowers this week are given in appreciation for **Pastor Wolfgang.**

Candles this month are given by Gail Hrobuchak in memory of Dorothea Goodling and Dorothy Hrobuchak.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.

- Family of Chan Kook Rha, MD
- Family of Thomas Isaacs
- Donna Hanna
- Jerry Hart
- Connie Fortmeyer
- Tom Harrison
- Phil Garoutte



- David Van Benschoten
- Ian Lambert
- Kim
- Bob DeVito
- Mike Ritts
- Patti Flynn
- Marianne Ternig
- Denny Garner

Pray for the hurricane victims

STAY IN THE LOOP

MEMBER NEWS

The annual Raleigh CROP Walk takes place this afternoon. Starting at First Baptist Church Raleigh in the Salisbury Street Parking Lot (1776 Hillsborough Street), participants will walk either one or three miles (your choice). Tom and Alecia Harrison will walk the one-mile course; they can meet you between 2:30 and 3 pm at First Baptist.

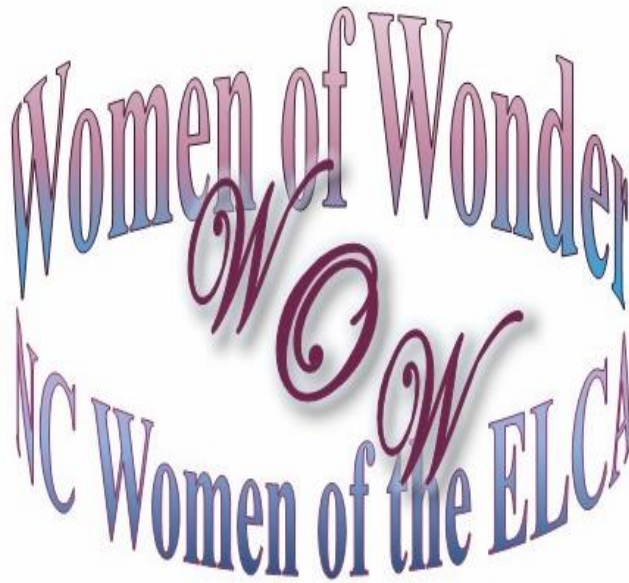


Trick-or-Treat the Trails, the Town of Garner's annual Halloween celebration, is this Thursday, October 31, 3-6 pm in White Deer Park. The LOL Outreach Team is looking for volunteers to help give out candy; meet us at 2:30 pm in the church parking lot AND WEAR YOUR **YELLOW T-SHIRT!**



LOOKING AHEAD: Next Sunday is All Saints Day when we give thanks to God for those who have died during this past year and those who began their faith journey in baptism. PLEASE SUBMIT ANY NAMES OF PERSONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIFT UP IN PRAYER TO LAURA IN THE OFFICE OR ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE LIST ON THE BULLETIN BOARD NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30.

You Are Invited to the NC Women of the ELCA
2024 FALL CONFERENCE GATHERING
“WOW – Women of Wonder”



WHAT: 2024 Triangle Conference Fall Gathering where we will gather for food and fellowship, collect offerings, experience a thought-provoking Bible Study, and hold a Candlelight Service of Remembrance for the Christine Bohr-Anderson Seminary Scholarship. **BIBLE STUDY:** “WOW – Women of Wonder” Wonder is a Spiritual Emotion that invites us to be surprised by God’s mystery, to let God be big, to enjoy moments when God fills us and this world with beauty, even when the world around us looks anything but beautiful. Wonder leaves us feeling more connected rather than alone in this world. As Women of the Word and Women of Wonder, we’ll explore the stories of three New Testament Women of the Bible – Phoebe, Anna and Joanna – and discuss how their stories relate to our world today.

WHEN: Saturday, November 2, 2024

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2723 Clark Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607

COST: \$5.00 for continental breakfast (lunch not included), checks made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, memo: WELCA Triangle Conference Fall Gathering

REGISTER: Kathy Pearson, c/o Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2723 Clark Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607 (Questions about registration? Contact Kathy at klpearson573@gmail.com.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, October 30, 2024

OFFERINGS: Regular Offering to **Feeding the Carolinas** <https://feedingthecarolinas.org> an organization dedicated to ending food insecurity in the Carolinas.

2024 Pennies Offering to **Sleep In Heavenly Peace** <https://shpbeds.org>. Their mission is simple – “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!”



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