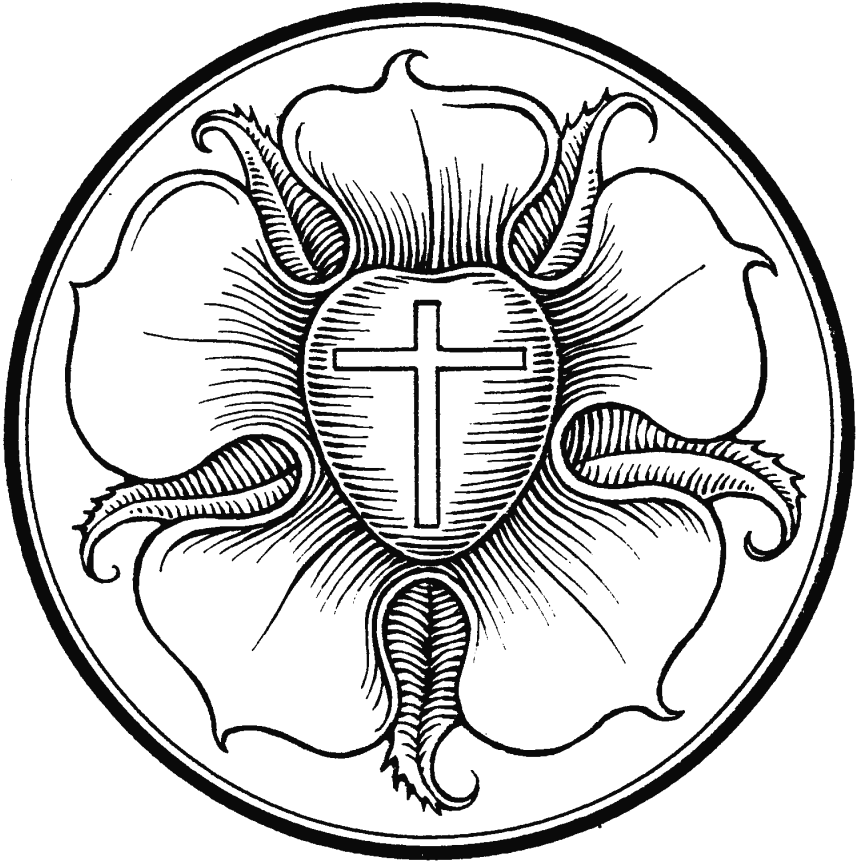


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About the Cover: The seal of Martin Luther

“First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color [red]. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17).

The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed.

Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.”

From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain

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“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent,’ he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

The First of Dr. Martin Luther’s 95 Theses, which he nailed to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, thus sparking the Reformation.

Introit (sung by choir)

Psalm 46:1, 2, 7

*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our Refuge.*

*Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed:
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea,
God is our Refuge and Strength:
a very present Help in trouble.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

*The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our Refuge.*

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis *pages 186–189*

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
(“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”)
is the motto of the Reformation, from 1 Peter 1:25.

Gradual (sung by choir)

Psalms 48:1a, 12-14a

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness!

*Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof: mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces:*

that ye may tell it to the generation following: Alleluia! Alleluia!

For this God is our God forever and ever:

He will be our Guide, even unto death. Alleluia!

Epistle

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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

REFORMATION REFLECTION

It was the book of Romans, and this passage in particular, that caused Luther’s breakthrough in understanding the Gospel as a pure gift of God’s righteousness to us on account of Christ, and not our own works. He wrote, “This passage from Paul became to me the very gate of Paradise.”

Stand

Alleluia

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse (choir)

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock:

for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The Alleluia is repeated by all.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹²[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

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1 & 2 – All

5 – Women

8 – Women

3 – Choir

6 – Choir

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7 – Men

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Stand

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Sit

Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

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4 – Choir

2 – Choir

5 – Men

3 – Women

6 – All

Postlude



About Today's Music

As you might expect on this day of commemorating the Reformation, many of today's hymns come to us from the Reformer himself, a man especially gifted by God in his time to proclaim the truth of God's Word in word and song. Our **Processional Hymn**, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, is Dr. Luther's best-known hymn, an iconic paraphrase of Psalm 46. The tune of *A Mighty Fortress* ("Ein Feste Burg") also serves as the basis for the chant tones heard in today's **Gradual**; see if you can make it out.



D. MARTINUS LUTHERUS.
a Luca Cranachio pictus. A. 1526. Altenburg

The **Hymn of the Day** for Reformation Sunday, *Salvation unto Us Has Come*, was penned by Luther's contemporary and fellow reformer Paul Speratus and included in the very first Lutheran Hymnal, the so-called *Achtliederbuch* ["Eight-Hymn Book"] of 1524.

During the **Distribution** of the Lord's Supper, we will sing the *This Is the Feast*, whose text comes from Revelation 5 and 19. While it appears as a hymn of praise in Setting 1 of the Divine Service, it is really more fitting as a Communion hymn. Next, *Built on the Rock* is hymn written by the Swedish Lutheran pastor Nicolai Grundtvig. Then we will sing with the choir a setting (arr. Jeremy Bankson, ©2017) of Luther's *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*, originally intended as "a children's hymn, to be sung against the two arch-enemies of Christ and His holy Church, the Pope and the Turk [i.e., the works-righteousness teachings of the Pope and the hostile forces of the Ottoman Empire]." The final two **Distribution Hymns** are *If God Had Not Been on Our Side*, Luther's hymn paraphrase of Psalm 124 (and our October Hymn of the Month), and *O Lord, We Praise Thee*, a 15th-century post-Communion hymn to which Luther added stanzas 2 and 3.

Finally, our **Closing Hymn**, offered today in a festive setting for multiple instruments by John Behnke (©1969), is the well-known hymn by the LCMS theologian and professor Martin Franzmann (1907–76): *Thy Strong Word*. The hymn serves both as a reminder of the power of God's holy Word, which "bespeaks us righteous" (st. 3) and as a rousing doxology to our almighty and all-merciful triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Reformation ~ *The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace*

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

10/29/2023

11/05/2023

Reformation Day (Observed)

All Saints' Day

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Corbin Richey	Cantor Eckardt
Head Elder	Kevin Lange	Alex Hagen
Asst. Elder	Erik Stortzum	Mike Colvis
Altar Guild	Connie Smith & Barbara Degler	Tara Stortzum & Connie Elder
Acolytes	Oliva Rieck & Jordyn Cole	Maddie Hagen & Harrison Wetzel
Ushers	Bryce Becker & Abby Herzberg	Collin Richey & Corbin Richey
Crucifer	William Smith	Christian Bowen
Special Music	Adult Choir	Adult Choir & Youth Choir

Attendance Last Week: 200

Education Hour: 20 (Sunday School)

Budgeted: \$143,075 **Received:** \$145,154

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Norma Schussler, Marge Anderson, Kay Pointon, Shirley & Bill Donnell, Bob Koelling, Sharon Price, Helen Smock, and Sherri Arnholt

Those Shut In: Art Zuhone , Rich & Clara Woelber, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doehring, Doris Dallas, & Martha Spencer

Friends of our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Terri Fry, John Bell, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Raelle Jackson, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Mike Sullivan, Renee Dosien, Connie McNeilus, and Tammy Weber

Church Announcements

Trunk or Treat will be hosted in the parking lot of the new school building, TONIGHT from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Bring the kids out for a fun evening!

St. John's Ladies Aid Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 2nd 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to take donations until October 31st. You may pull in the U-Drive from 10:00 to 1:00 Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st and we will help you unload. PLEASE NO DONATIONS AFTER THURSDAY OCTOBER 31st! On Friday, November 1st, the Ladies will be doing their final touches and baking for our bake sale. We would appreciate items for our bake sale as well. To follow Health Department Guidelines, please no fudge, cream cheese, or cream pies. Susan Vadakin would like all bake sale items in the kitchen by Friday, November 1st so she can get them marked for Saturday morning. Thank you!

Raffle tickets and pecans: Raffle tickets for the wooden train set are \$5 each. Pecans are on sale for \$12 a page. Both are able to be purchased from the Ladies Aid before or after church on Sunday.

Voter's Meeting – November 17th after Education Hour!

Nominations for Congregational Offices are now OPEN! If you are interested in running for office or know someone who might make a good officer, please send the name and position to churchoffice@stjohns-mattoon.org. If you have questions, please contact Kenny Crossman at crossmanlawoffice@gmail.com.

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: We will be collecting items and packing shoeboxes to be sent all over the world to children in less fortunate countries. Our goal is to pack and send **250** shoeboxes!

All donated items should be in **nice, brand new condition**.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated! **It costs \$10 to ship one shoebox!** Below is a list of items we still really need! All items are due by Nov. 15th! Thank you!

markers- 8 pack or bigger

crayons- 8 pack or bigger

kid size scissors

big pink erasers

hairbrushes

size 5 to 14 kids shirts

size 5 to 14 kids underwear

You are invited to the Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 11 at 1:00 in the new high school building. Veterans, please come and let us honor you for your service. We would especially love for you to participate in the March of the Armed Forces which will process in from the Commons area, just in front of the gym entrance. Come inside the building and have a seat in the blue chairs at the tables. Kindergarten through 10th grade students will be presenting a program, and everyone is welcome to attend. A reception for our guests will follow in the Commons area at the entrance to the new gym. Hope to see you there!

Our SJL boys baseball team is selling 2025 St. Louis Cardinals calendars. They are \$20 each. Find your favorite baseball player or contact Mr. Becker via email: brycebecker@stjls-mattoon.com to get your copy reserved. Orders need to be in by Nov. 15th. Have checks made out to the St. John Athletic Fund.

Advent Meals – If you or your committee would like to sign up for a midweek Advent meal, please contact Heather in the church office. The following dates are remaining: December 11th and December 18th.

SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!



Want to join the choir for the Christmas season? November 6, is the time to join! That's when we'll begin rehearsing for our annual Lessons & Carols service and Christmas Eve. Let Cantor Eckardt know, so he can have music ready for you!

SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS

Wed, Nov. 6, 6–7:30 PM

Wed, Nov. 13, 6–7:30 PM

Tues, Nov. 19, 6–7:30 PM

Tues, Nov. 26, 6–7:30 PM

Tues, Dec. 3, 6–7:30 PM

Sun, Dec. 8, 4–6 PM

Tues, Dec. 10, 6–7:30 PM

SING DATES

Sun, Nov. 19, 9:00 AM

25th Sunday after Trinity

Wed, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Tues, Dec. 24, 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Divine Service

Also: Join us Sunday, Dec 15, 4–6 PM to go caroling to our shut-ins, followed by Cantor's Christmas Party.

Stewardship Thought: Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created ...”

Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist, and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution, then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best, to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands, but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Schedule for October 27 – November 5

Sun	9:00 am Divine Service (Reformation Day - Observed) 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 3:00 – 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 8:30 am – Prayer time in Sanctuary 3:30 – 5:15 pm pm BBB Practice – Church Gym 5:30 pm School Board Meeting
Tue	6:30 am Men’s Bible Study – Honey Bee Café 3:30–4:15 pm Youth Choir 5:00 – 6:30 pm GBB Practice in Church Gym
Wed	<i>Ladies Aid – Fellowship Hall – Bazaar Set up</i> 9:43 am Chapel (Grades 1-10) 3:30 – 5:30 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	<i>Ladies Aid – Fellowship Hall – Bazaar Set up</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men’s Study in Windsor
Fri	<i>Ladies Aid – Fellowship Hall – Bazaar Set up</i> 5:00 – 6:30 pm GBB Practice – Church Gym
Sat	8:00 am – 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Bazaar
Sun	9:00 am Divine Service (All Saints’ Day) 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum – Gym

OCTOBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
2 Their fu-rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, The foes with all their pow'r and
have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing
not de - vour us; Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us; For we, His
pit With life and limb en - tombed us. Like men o'er
net, They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The threat of men both
whom dark wa - ters roll Their wrath would have en -
bro - ken— we are free! Our help is ev - er,



far and near Who rise in might a - gainst us.
gulfed our soul And, like a flood, o'er - whelmed us.
Lord, in Thee, Who mad - est earth and heav - en.

This is one of Martin Luther's psalm hymns, a paraphrase of Psalm 124.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “Gospel Procession”?

You may sometimes see the Gospel reading take place in a different part of the church. On special Sundays, the Bible is carried into the center of the congregation where the pastor reads the Gospel to the people. There may also be some festive music or singing. After the reading, while the Bible is being carried back to its place, there may be more music and singing. This ceremony is called the Gospel Procession.

Why do we have a Gospel Procession?

Jesus is the living Word. He set us free from the burden of sin through His life, death and resurrection. A Gospel Procession reminds us that this wonderful news is to be carried into the whole world. Jesus came for all people and He offers eternal life to all who believe by the power of the Holy Spirit! Wow! A Gospel Procession is a wonderful thing!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, remind your children of the meaning of the Gospel Procession. When it is taking place, point out the reverent way the pastor, crucifer, and/or assistants move. Reverence and humility are shown to the One who is truly among us declaring the Good News of forgiveness of sins by His Word! Read John 1:1–3, 14 and discuss it with your children. How is Jesus described in this reading?



