# Worship Guide for October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday

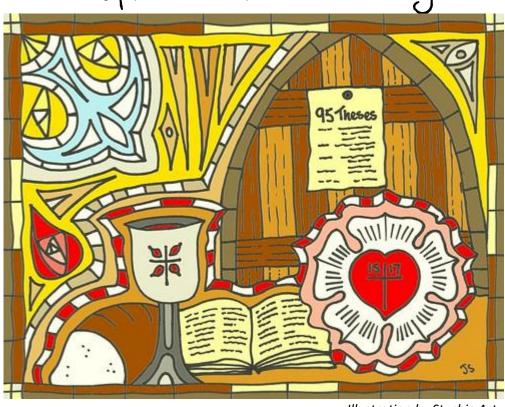


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## **Welcome and Announcements**

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

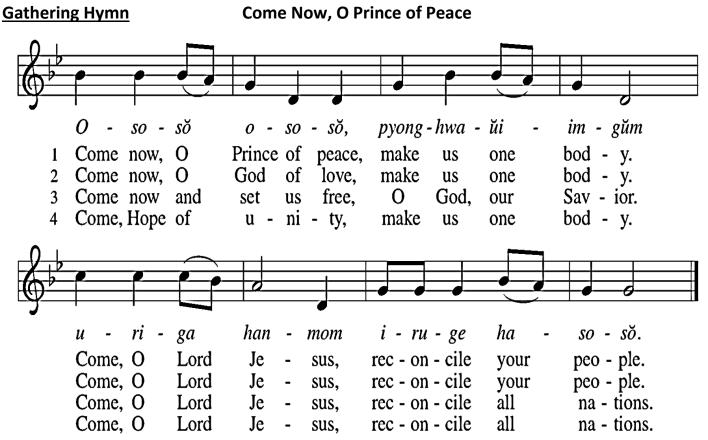
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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, forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins in the presence of God and one another. To you, O God, all hearts are open; to you, all desires are known. We come to you confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and, might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

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#### Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: 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. Amen.

#### **Reading of the Word**

#### 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God. (New Response)

### Psalm: 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.

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## **Children's Message**



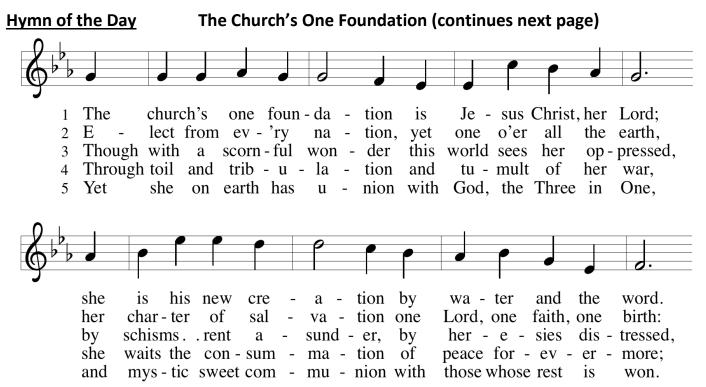
# Gospel: John 8:31-36

<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'?"

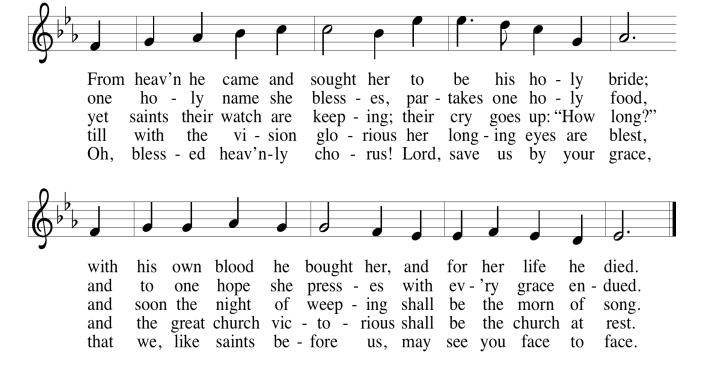
<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### <u>Sermon</u>



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<u>Prayers of the People</u> Hear us, O God, *Your mercy is great.* (New response)

#### **Sharing the Peace**

#### **Tithes and Offerings**



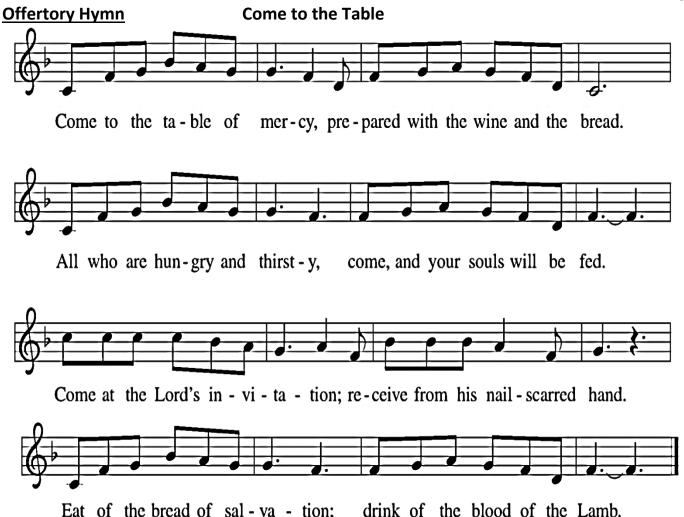
#### **November 2024 Food Shelf Volunteer Shifts**

Friday, November 8, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Monday, November 11, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15 p.m.

For more information on volunteering, contact Karin Snortland at 612.940.7312 or via email at <u>ksnortland5@gmail.com</u>.





#### **Offertory Prayer**

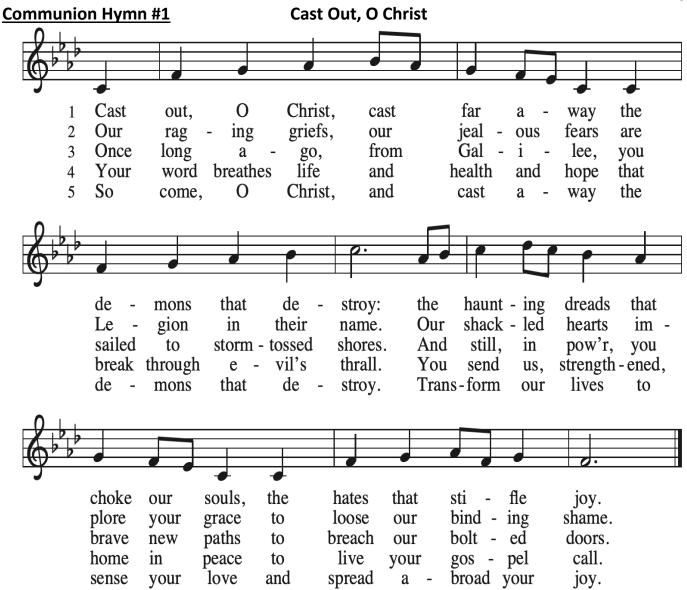
Together we pray: Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field, and orchard. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation for the sake of your Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

Together we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Sharing Christ's Meal**



# **Ministry Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters (we will train you!), and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two!

Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. *Remember: If no one signs up to host coffee fellowship, THERE IS NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.*  $\otimes$ 



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#### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: O God, in our Lord's supper, you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with the words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Benediction**





# New Salem's October Mission Partner Northwoods Habitat for Humanity

Everyone deserves a decent place to live. An ecumenical, Christian ministry determined to

end poverty housing in our community, Northwoods Habitat for Humanity was established in 1990. Since that time, 61 homes have been sold to families who needed nothing more than a hand-up to break the bonds of poverty. Habitat's vision and mission:

- Vision A world where everyone has a decent place to live.
- <u>Mission</u> Building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with God's people in need in Beltrami and Clearwater Counties.

<u>A Foundation of Faith</u>: Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action. Since 1976, Habitat has been built on a foundation of faith and Christian principles. The organization's mission is to build safe, affordable housing with people in the United States and around the world, which comes from a desire to put God's love into action.

Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliated organizations (Habitat for Humanity) will not proselytize, nor will Habitat for Humanity work with entities or individuals who insist on proselytizing as part of their work with Habitat for Humanity. This means that Habitat for Humanity will not offer assistance on the expressed or implied condition that people must (i) adhere to or convert to a particular faith or (ii) listen and respond to messaging designed to induce conversion to a particular faith.

For the month of October, New Salem is lifting up the work of Northwoods Habitat for Humanity. Please prayerfully consider how you might support this valuable community resource. You can bring/send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for Habitat and we will forward your gift to them. Or, you can send gifts directly to Northwoods Habitat for Humanity at P.O. Box 1067, Bemidji, MN 56619.

For more information on Northwoods Habitat for Humanity and how you can get involved with their work, visit their website at www.habitatbemidji.org



# Hurricane Response

### The Situation

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a deadly storm, leaving devastation throughout the southeastern United States. The storm caused shocking, dangerous flooding, especially in western North Carolina and Tennessee, washing away whole towns and roads, leaving millions of people without power, and driving thousands from their homes.

Then Hurricane Milton hit Florida as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, bringing storm surge, heavy rains, winds and tornadoes. Milton is one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the area in decades. At least four people have died, and millions are without electricity. This storm is particularly devastating because many communities are only beginning to recover from Hurricane Helene, which hit the Southeast just two weeks ago.

#### **Our Response**

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, gift cards, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

#### What You Can Do

#### <u>Pray</u>

Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

#### <u>Give</u>

Your gifts will support hurricane disaster-impacted communities and can be made via New Salem Lutheran Church. New Salem will receive your gifts of check or cash to "Hurricane Response" now through Sunday, November 10. Make your check payable to New Salem Lutheran Church <u>and</u> be sure to indicate "Hurricane Response" in the memo line. Should you wish to give cash, place it in an envelope and please also indicate in some manner that it is for "Hurricane Response."

Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at <u>newsalem@paulbunyan.net</u>. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

## Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

## Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Guest Preacher: Tim Lutz Ushers: The Medberry Family Reader/Communion Assistant: Pat Sanford Fellowship Host: Social Media: Nora Illies Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft, Sally Ellingson, Emeritus♥ Pianist: Cheryl Durant Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke

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#### September 2024 Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for Sept: \$15,867Total Expenses for Sept: \$15,498SURPLUS for Sept: \$36910.20.24 General Fund Offering: \$4,271

## Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 10.25.24)

Oct 20 Attendance (in person/online): 77 YouTube Subscribers: 111 YouTube Views (2024 to date): 2,187 Facebook reach (2024 to date): 55,986

Announcements for the Week of October 28, 2024

# Church Office Hours October 28 – November 1

 Mon, 10/28: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Tues, 10/29: 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

 Wed, 10/30: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Thurs, 10/31: Office Closed

 Friday, 11/1: Office Closed; church open starting at 10 a.m. for Craft & Bake Sale prep!

**Pastoral Care Needs:** For pastoral care needs while Pastor Terry is out, please contact the church office, New Salem Council President Rick Bogart (218-239-0901), Council member Calli Ferdig (218-368-2940) or Office Manager Traci Schanke (347-782-5436) and they will contact the appropriate person/people.

**THANK YOU!** To all who participated in yesterday's Trunk or Treat event - a spooktacular time was had by all!

<u>Thrivent Give Thanks Give Back</u>: Again this fall, Thrivent is giving congregations an opportunity to help local Food Shelves. This year, when we collect 300 items, pile them up, take and submit a picture, \$400 is given. The past couple years, we've focused on personal care items, which they always need, but this year we're going to focus on canned fruit which always seems to be in short supply. They often have canned pears, so think about peaches, pineapple, apricots, plums, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges. Watch for sales! When you're picking up groceries each week, pick up a can or two to donate. We'll be collecting until November 15<sup>th</sup> and will take our picture on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

**Fall Craft and Bake Sale is November 2**: Calling all crafters and bakers, this year's Craft and Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. New items are needed for the raffle table. Sign up pages for this event are available on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Offering Reminder:** Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions of New Salem!

This Week at New Salem (October 27-November 2)

Wednesday, 10/30	Book Discussion Choir	3:30 p.m.
	Choir	5 p.m.
Thursday, 10/31	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Friday, 11/1	Craft & Bake Sale Prep/Set Up	10 a.m.
Saturday, 11/2	Craft & Bake Sale	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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