



***Reformation Sunday***  
*7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship*  
*October 27, 2024*

*Living Lord Lutheran Church*  
*11107 Palmbrush Trail*  
*Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202*  
*941-753-9365*

*Ed Holloway, Interim Pastor*  
*Thomas Pizzi, Minister of Music*

***Our Mission Statement***  
*Make disciples, Serve selflessly, and Live faithfully*



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**     *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*     Thomas Dorsey/Keveren

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**P** In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

**C 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.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

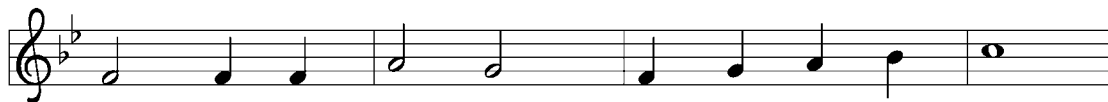
## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

## GREETING

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**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** Let us pray.

**C** **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.**

**7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON PG. 5**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Reader A reading from Jeremiah.

<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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Reader A reading from 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 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

P The holy gospel according to John.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Come Fly

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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to  
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -  
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of  
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they  
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,  
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,  
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.  
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;  
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.  
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.  
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546  
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## CREED

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P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

**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.**

**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.**

## 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* Josh, Theo, Chris and Marty; for Angie, Lori, Diane and Barbara; for Debbie, Barb and Merle; for the Call committee, the family of Russ North and Gisele and for those on our long-term prayer list; and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.**

## **PEACE**

**ELW p. 206**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**MEAL** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

**(11:00 ONLY)**

*Ständchen* (Serenade)

Franz Schubert

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## OFFERING PRAYER

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**P** Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**7:45 CONTINUES WITH THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ON PG. 12**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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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.**

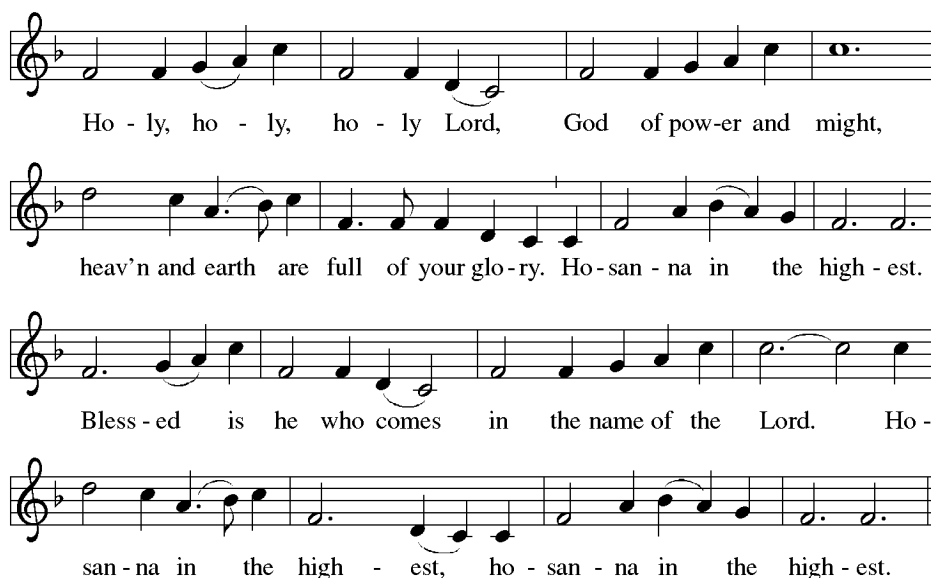
## PREFACE

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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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**ELW p. 207**

**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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

**ELW p. 208**

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**C** Amen.

**7:45 CONTINUES WITH POST COMMUNION BLESSING ON PG. 14**

# COMMUNION SONG

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# MEAL SONG 1

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## When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924  
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## There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

**C** Amen

**SENDING** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**SENDING OF COMMUNION**

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**P** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**ELW p. 209**

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG**

(7:45 - 1,4)

**ELW 623**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

**DISMISSAL**

**ELW p. 209**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Everlasting God*

Brown/Riley





*The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Coffman. For grand daughter, Kendra Rechcygl.*

*The Eternal Candle for the month of October is given by Denny and Lisa Pyeatt.*

*The Altar Guild Karen Hansing and Kathy Murgatroyd*

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**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *All who have faith in the words, “given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin” is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.*

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – [www.livinglordfl.org](http://www.livinglordfl.org). Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

**Financial Support** Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church or online giving with banking or credit card payments at [www.livinglordfl.org](http://www.livinglordfl.org) (Give Tab).

**Attendance Pads** Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a “C” in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark (✓) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

### **Covid-19 Guidelines Update:**

The Worship Team’s current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

*Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: **Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator.** Contact the office if interested.*

**SCRIP** after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Building Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Faith Formation for teens - every Sunday from 10:05 to 10:55. Confirmation class is still being determined.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. Bible study of the Old testament and Epistle lessons read in Sunday worship is an opportunity to dig deeper into the message with other adults. Bring your cookie, coffee, questions and insights as we explore with friends the readings' connections to our lives today.

<b>GENERAL OFFERING #4010</b>		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>
September 30, 2024 \$243,062.23	September 30, 2024 \$278,009.28	September 30, 2023 \$275,822.29

**PUB THEOLOGY** All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Share views about how God interacts in our everyday lives? At the Beef O' Brady's, Lakewood Ranch Blvd, 6:30pm. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. For more information contact Doug Holst at (813) 447-9917.

**JAZZ CONCERT** It is our pleasure to announce that on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4PM, "The Orion Trio" will present a Fall Jazz Event. It includes Thomas Pizzi on piano, Rich Mac Donald on drum and Joe Porter on bass. Along with Scotty Wright, vocal, Valerie Gillespie, sax/vocals and John DePaola, trumpet. Mark your calendars now. Invite family and friends and neighbors to be entertained. Donation is \$15.00 per person.

**Hurricane Helene & Milton** hit the coast of Florida as severe hurricanes, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service. Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete. Give through your congregation **or** make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write “Where needed most” or “Hurricane Response” on your check’s memo line.

**DON'T BE A VICTIM...BE SAFE** You won't want to miss this one! Come one come all. Sat, Nov 2, 2024 from 10 to 12 noon ACTIVE SHOOTER Seminar with Manatee County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tom Kaczmarek. Sign up today.

**A New Season Calls YOU for Faith Talks!**  
**Let's get together on**  
**Mondays at 10:00-11:30 AM in Activities Hall**

Beginning in October, we will resume thought-provoking discussions from current news and talk about some related Bible readings. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Each week's topic will be different.

**What is included in this 90-minute adult forum experience?**

- 1. In the News.** Printed lessons will present a quick summary of a news topic and cite the sources for more detail. (*Selected by The Wired Word editorial team.*)
- 2. The Big Questions.** We will be challenged with 3-6 critical questions raised by the topic being discussed. We often expand based on our own ideas and experiences.
- 3. Scripture Confronts the News.** From Old and New Testament, we will read 5-6 verses to enlighten today's issue. What does God want us to know? How is the Holy Spirit guiding our responses? Can we connect living today to the message?
- 4. Participation.** Members explore the ideas presented, contribute their own experiences, raise questions, and consider how to apply faith today. We expect diverse opinions, expressed in love and friendship. We encourage self-expression.
- 5. Closing prayer.** We address God and focus on ways He has guided us today.

The Wired Word offers us two the topics, based on recent news events. One of these weekly topics will be covered in our 90 minutes together. All printed lesson materials are provided every week at the Monday class to all attending. Unlike previous church courses, there is NO video component for this class. We will read aloud and use our Bibles. We will learn through active thinkers, personal experiences, and conversational insights. (<https://www.thewiredword.com>)

**Abundant life means adapting to changes in society. Be informed with us!**

Just 90 minutes on Mondays offers a chance to practice and grow by expressing ourselves in matters of Christian daily life.  
We are free to speak our concerns and seek answers,  
because we trust our relationships among friends!  
Sometimes we even change our minds about the subject!

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