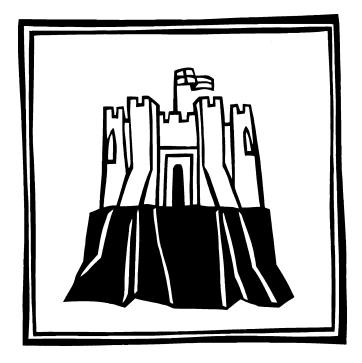
Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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God's work. Our hands.

To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

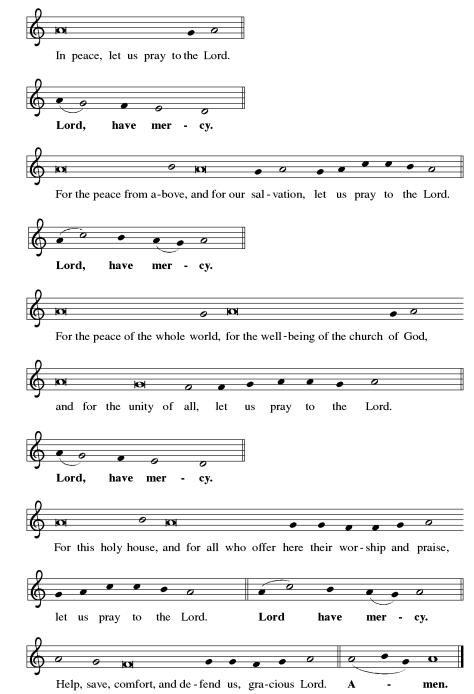
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

GATHERING SONG The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other. 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.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Jeremiah.

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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. *The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹ 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-¹ 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 ¹ break of day. ⁶The nations rage, and the ¹ kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R ⁷The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob⁺ is our stronghold. ⁸Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-1 on the earth; ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ 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 ¹ hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Romans.

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

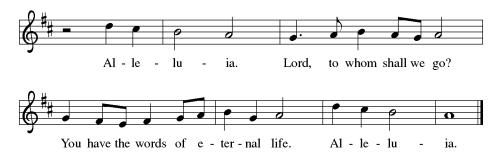
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of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

The reading may be concluded: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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."

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

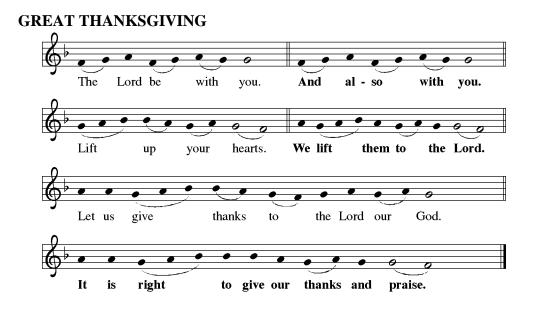


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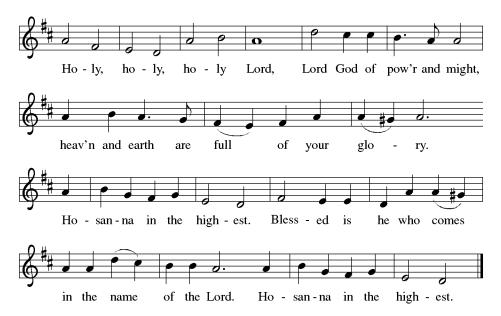
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OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

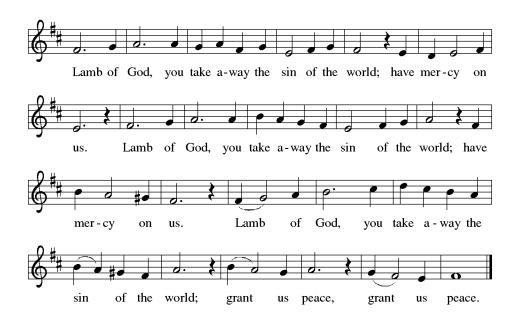
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond* Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (alternate translation) (ELW 505)

DISMISSAL The worship has ended, let the service begin. Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS October 27, 2024

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Mr & Mrs Terry Urbon in honor of grandson Emerick's birthday.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Mr & Mrs Terry Urbon in honor of grandson Emerick's birthday.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2024** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

The office will be closed the week of October 27th due to vacation.

The following children will be receiving their Bibles today: McKenzie Bowman, Evelyn Klotz, Anthony LeBlanc Jr, Ryver Markley, Ariana Miller, and Lexi Riley.

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	Reformation Sunday Worship
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
-	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	All Saints Sunday Worship
•	12:30PM	Confirmation (SJ)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! October 27 to November 2

10/27 Michael Bowman	10/31 Evelyn Klotz
10/29 Robert Janco	10/31 George Wilk
10/30 Joan Flickinger	11/01 Patricia Hudson
10/31 Richard Kirkendall	11/02 Jamie Albert

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Five churches, Zion Stone West Penn, St Peter's West Penn, St John's Mahoning, Dinkey Memorial Ashfield and Ben Salem UCC Andreas are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday November 23, 2024. This will be a drive-thru pickup at Ben Salem UCC 1965 Church Hill Rd. Lehighton, PA. 18235 from 2 to 5pm that day. You must pre-register to receive your free meal by calling Nancy Meiser at 570-205-9267, Monday thru Friday from 9am to 4 pm. There are a limited number of meals available. Deadline to register is Sunday, November 10, 2024.

<u>Anniversary Celebration</u>: In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, please speak with Pr. Tony for more information.

Fermenting our Faith: Join us on November 13, 2024, 7:00PM at St John's Mahoning to explore our faith in a relaxed setting. We will be ordering pizza and St John's will be providing drinks.

<u>Giant Gift Cards</u>: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Sunday School: Welcome back to a new year of Sunday School which began on September 15, 2024; every Sunday at 10:15. Children ages 3 and up are welcome.

<u>Fundraising</u>: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested. Dinkey is also selling Zook's frozen meat pies; chicken & sausage are \$7, beef is \$8; pick up every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30 in the social hall.

<u>Fundraising</u>: Pick up for your apple dumplings will be on Wednesday, October 30^{th} from 3:00 - 6:00 PM.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling pumpkin rolls for \$9.00 and filling for \$9.00 a quart and \$35 a pan. Order by November 10, 2024; pick up on Monday, November 25, 2024 from 2:00-5:00PM or Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 4:00-6:00PM. Order sheets in the back of church.

Donut Sale: Pick up for your donuts from St John's is on November 6, 2024 from 9:00-10:00AM.

<u>Seeker Session</u>: New members class will be on October 27, 2024 at St John's from 5:00 - 7:00 for anyone wishing to become a member of either church.

<u>Noah</u>: There will be a bus trip on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 to Sight and Sound to see Noah. The cost is \$141 per person which covers, the bus, driver gratuity, ticket to Noah and Yoder's Buffet. If you are interested, please contact Deb Sheckler (484)866-3710.

<u>**Congregational Meeting</u>**: There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 9:45AM for approval of the 2025 budget and election of council members. Please plan to attend.</u>

<u>Altar Guild</u>: We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or prdinklc@ptd.net).

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers</u> :	The Congregation		
Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto		
Music Director:	Bridgette Gorman		
Greeters:	Wetzel		
Acolytes:	Addisyn Kirkendall		
	Mason Spitzer		
Lector:	Karen Wetzel		
Communion Assistants:	Carol Steber		
	Kurt Steigerwalt		
Worship Participants for November 3, 2024:			
Greeters:	Bierman		
Acolytes:	Alexis Keller		
	Rylee Keller		
Lector:	Rich DeLuca		
Communion Assistants:	Karen Wetzel		
	Rich DeLuca		

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