

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2011



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

"Building a House Where All Are Welcome"

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a **ONE** congregation,
committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

To learn more about **ONE** see www.one.org

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation.

Our Welcome Statement is on the back of this worship folder.

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am
Church Office – (314) 352-8050; Fax – (314) 352-8051
Gethsemane@swbell.net
www.gethsemanestl.org

Welcome to worship! If you are a first time guest at Gethsemane, please see one of the ushers or greeters for a “Welcome Bag.” We’re delighted you are here!
We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.

**Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

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Messenger news – call the church office or e-mail information to glc-messenger@swbell.net

Prayer List – call the church office at 314-352-8050

Holy Communion -- Setting Four
[Red] = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)*

Reformation Sunday is the anniversary date of the founding of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in 1894. This year marks our 117th anniversary. Celebrating its 95th anniversary in 1989, Gethsemane commissioned a hymn to mark the ongoing grace and blessing of God as members of the communion of saints in the Chippewa-Hampton area of St. Louis: "God You Made This World a Garden." We sing that hymn as one of our Communion Hymns this morning.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*

H. Walcha

WELCOME & COMMUNITY LIFE

Stand

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress"

No. 504[Red]

THE GREETING:

Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen**

Sit

WORD

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

Lector The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 11:00am Choir - *Refuge*

Brahms, arr. by David Allen Fettke

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the 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.

Lector The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

³¹Then Jesus 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.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

No. 651 [Red]

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

ASSISTING MINISTER In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom of God, inspire your church to continue in your word. Where it is in error, purify it. Where it is true, sustain it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All of creation is a gift, O God, worthy of our wonder and deserving of our care. Inspire in us the desire to care for this gift, so that future generations might also revel in the beauty of this world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you are in the midst of our cities and towns, our nations and our communities. Let your justice reign in all these places, so that through them we might catch a glimpse of the coming City of God. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give strength and hope to those who are in bondage to oppression, poverty, or illness. Through your healing touch, free those who are sick, especially Mary, Rich, Roy, Damien, Virgie, Walter, Lillie, Martin, Jean, Lois, Kim, Sharon, John, Lindsay, Wilma, Fred, and all those we

name before you now, either in the silence of our hearts or spoken from our lips..... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation. Renew its faith and mission that, following in the faithful footsteps of our ancestors, we might continue to bear witness to the one who frees us from sin and death for the promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Through your Son you have freed us from sin and death, giving us the hope and promise of eternal life. Comfort with this promise all who mourn and at the last draw us to your holy city. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King*

Ich Glaub an Gott

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

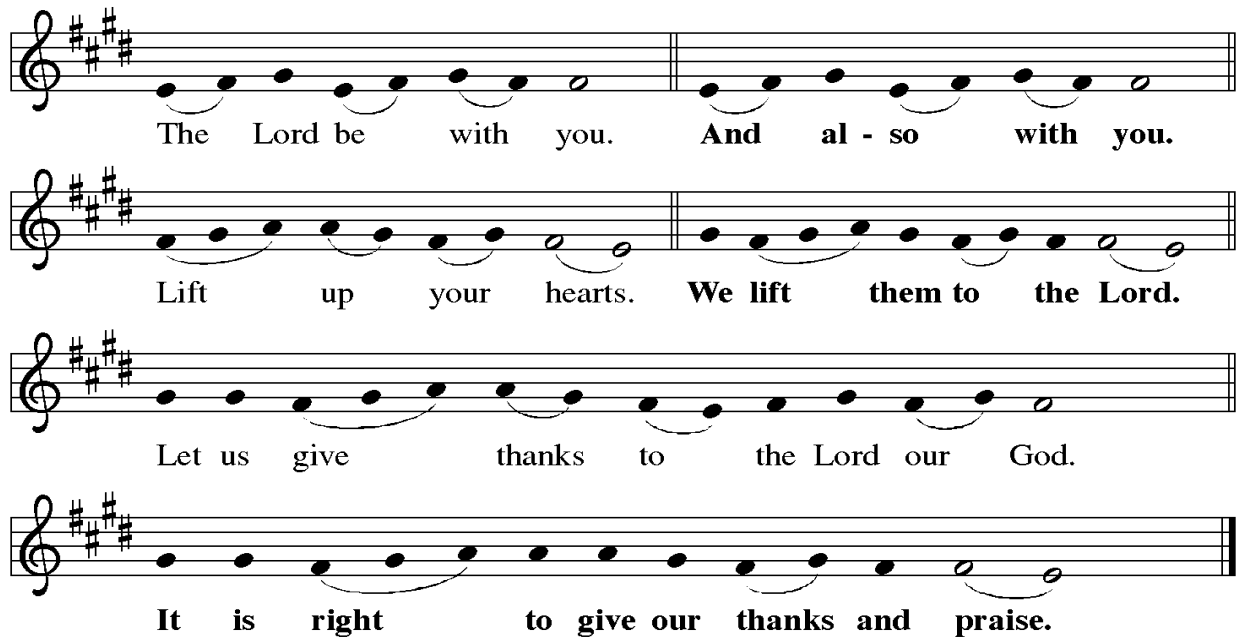
“That Priceless Grace”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

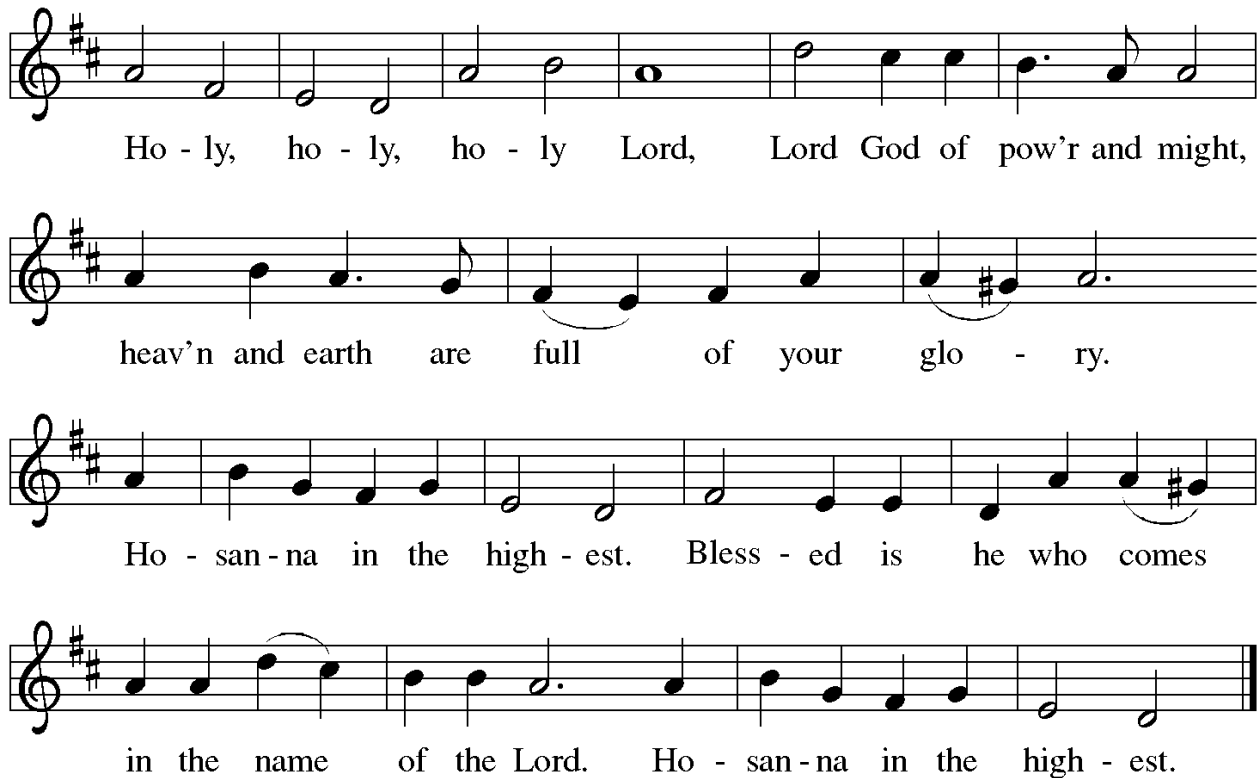
AM Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

C **So let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **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:

Come you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

Sit

COMMUNION

(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

"Lamb of God"

Page 154 [Red]



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

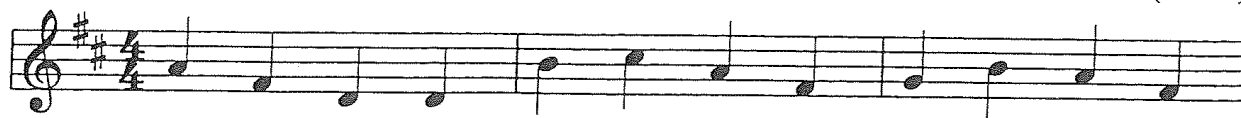


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

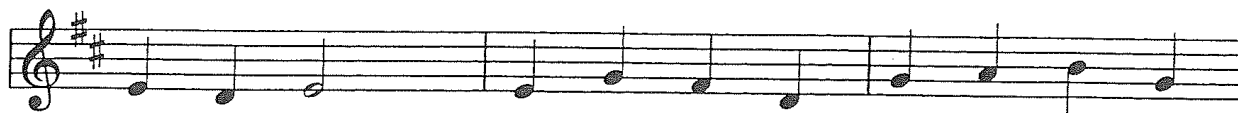
“God, You Made This World a Garden”

Jaroslav J. Vajda (1989)

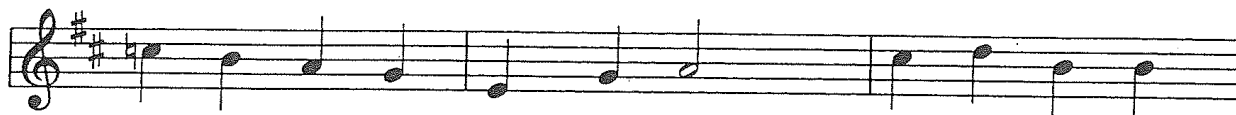
HAMPTON AVENUE
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Kim S. Kolander (1989)



1 God, you made this world a gar - den, ev - 'ry har - vest
2 Take us through that oth - er gar - den, trag - ic dark Geth -
3 Now a u - ni - ver - sal gar - den, seed - ed with your
4 In this cor - ner of your gar - den, plant - ed by a



bear - ing seed. Lov - ing God, to - day as ev - er
sem - a - ne, where our Sav - ior faced our fu - ture,
liv - ing Word, grows with peace and love and beau - ty,
faith - ful few, we have thrived by their en - deav - or;



you an - tic - i - pate our need; you are read - y
set to win our am - nes - ty: Seed of wom - an,
songs of free - dom there are heard; by your mer - cy,
as you blessed them, bless us too. Find us, as you



with your an - swer long be - fore we plead.
Seed of prom - ise from a bar - ren tree.
by your Spir - it, thank - ful hearts are stirred.
walk a - mong us, bear - ing fruit for you.

“The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 654 [Red]

Stand

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

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM Let us pray. God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG:

“Thy Strong Word” verses 1, 3, 5

No. 511[Red]

DISMISSAL:

AM Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Ein' Feste Burg*

arr. Flor Peeters

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**We invite all members, guests and visitors to join us
for coffee and doughnuts between services
in the Walter ECKman Fellowship Hall downstairs!**

This morning, we bless and pray for our 4th-5th graders as they mark another stepping stone in their faith journey and receive their Bibles: Brenna Bartholomew, Connor Boehlje, Aidan Jenson, Conner Lawrence, Benjamin McElwee, Jaden Meyerstrom, Justin Tatum, and Royal Wobbe.

We are re-formed this morning as we welcome new members to the Gethsemane faith community: Jane Goellner, Karen Keller, Richard Lima, John and John Wesley Posey, and Doug Yarwood.

Parish Nurse Update: The Council has voted to hire Ms. Carol Connolly as our new Parish Nurse. Carol's position is part-time beginning Nov. 1st. Watch for more information about welcoming her.

SAXQUEST Sax Museum Tour, Sunday, November 6, 1:30-3:00pm. Recently voted the #1 Museum in the St. Louis area by the Riverfront Times, Saxquest is owned by Gethsemane members Mark and Elke Overton. Sign up for your choice of lunch locations: Ari's at Hampton & Arsenal OR The Mud House at 2101 Cherokee (limited numbers), OR your own choice -- then stop in at Saxquest for a personal tour with Mark.

Thank You From Immanuel Lutheran Church -- Thanks to all who donated gently used coats and winterwear for the October 29 Coat Give-away by Immanuel Lutheran Church. We donated over 35 coats.

Sunday, November 13, 2011, 10:00 am — "Bullying: What's going on and what you need to know" An adult ed class on the current and important topic of bullying of children and teens with Peggy Jones-North Carvell, professional social worker.

BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, November 27, 2011 8am-12noon

Contact Mary Jane Thomsen (314-213-4313) or maryjanethomsen@hotmail.com to make an appointment. Celebrate Thanksgiving, by giving thanks and sharing the gift of life!

End Zone! Touchdown! Fun! Fellowship! Food! Plan to join the FUN on Sunday, November 20th as we Celebrate getting Team Gethsemane into God's End Zone. There will be **one service at 10:00 A.M.** followed by a Celebration Tailgate Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to wear your favorite team shirt from any sport (football – baseball – soccer – basketball – hockey – golf – polo – bowling, etc.) A giant submarine sandwich and beverages will be provided by the Stewardship Committee. To ensure a varied assortment of Tailgate Finger Foods – please plan to bring appetizer that will serve approximately 24 people based upon your zip code:

63109 – Fruits – Veggies/Dips

63119 and 63126 – Meats – wings – meatballs – smokies

63126 and 63139 – Sweet Treats – Desserts

All Other Zip Codes – Chips/Dips – Munchies – or any of the options above

Join us as we Press On To the Goal!

SECOND ANNUAL GETHSEMANE CRAFT BOUTIQUE: Make plans now to attend the second annual Gethsemane ELCA Craft Boutique on December 11, 2011; items will be for sale in between services and an hour after the last service. Tables are \$15 each which includes a tablecloth, custom signage and flyers to distribute to your family and friends. So far, there are commitments for handmade ornaments, special greeting cards, paper cut-outs, jewelry, ethnic items from Plowsharing Crafts, Guatemalan crafts to support Lutheran Campus Ministry, food items and more. There are lots and lots of talented members at Gethsemane so come show your skills while helping the church! To sign up, please call Kathy Lee at 314/352-7737.

JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY: the shelves are almost empty. The following items are in need: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat, Peanut Butter and Jelly.

October 23, 2011: **Attendance** 62 (8:30 service), 62 (11:00 service), 124 total
Giving \$2,154 (\$4,030/week needed)

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
October 30- November 6, 2011**

10/30 Sunday Reformation Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am 10:00am	Worship Services, Presentation of Bibles, Stewardship Theme: Put Yourself In The Game, New Members Received Sunday School Intergenerational Reformation Activities
10/31 Monday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Angel Wings Bell Choir Choir
11/1 Tuesday	6:00pm	Health Cabinet Dinner, welcoming Carol Connolly
11/2 Wednesday	10:00am 6:30pm	Wednesday Women & the Bible Bunch Confirmation
11/3 Thursday	6:45pm	Property Committee
11/6 Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back!!	8:30am & 11:00am 1:30pm-3:00pm	Worship Services Saxquest Tour

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.