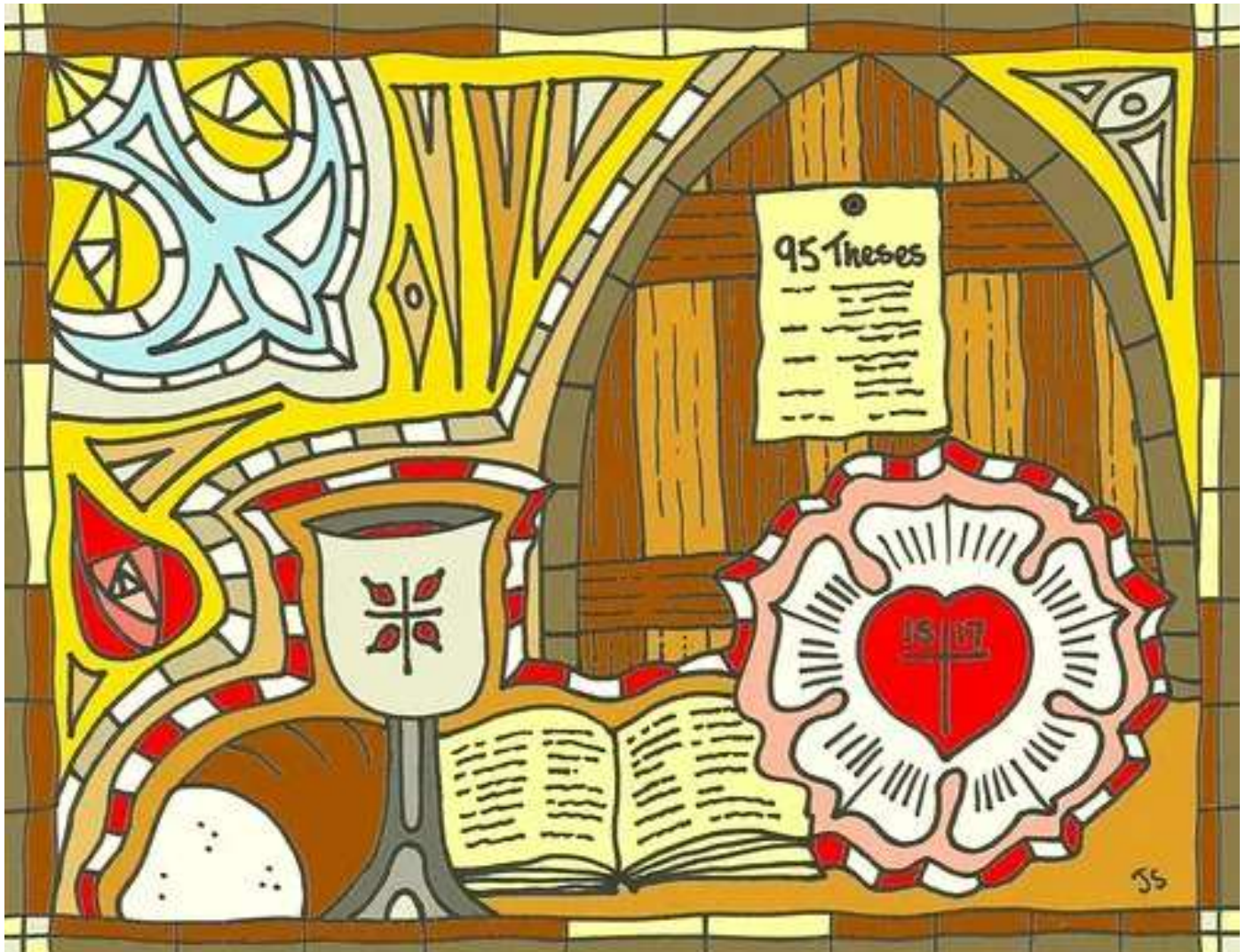


Reformation Sunday

October 25th, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton ~ St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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Holy Communion, Setting 12

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Offertory (Prelude) on Old 100th* attr. Louis Bourgeois, Arr. Michael Joseph

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

HYMN# 654

GREETING:

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

MISSION MOMENT

Cayce Morice, council update

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 1

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law [|] of the Lord,**
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that [|]
do not wither;

everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so [|] with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way [|] of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter:

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On

these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS

Colleen Rentchler

Michael Rentchler

Nathan Unsicker

Benjamin Walentik

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

HYMN# 729

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people,
one with us in the body of Christ,
who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

PRESENTATION

SPONSORS: I present (Colleen, Michael, Nathan, Benjamin), who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Benjamin, Nathan, Michael, and Colleen,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have
called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your
Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

The congregation may stand as they are comfortable and may join in the responses.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 into hell.
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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CONGREGATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you
in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these young people
and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water
and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin,
and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in **Colleen** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Stir up in **Michael** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Stir up in **Nathan** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Stir up in **Benjamin** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

AM: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord:
Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

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

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Be the Change*

Music by Laura Farnell

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

P: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Lamb of God*

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 is Here!
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

HYMN# 526
HYMN# 533

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

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C: **Amen**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.*

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C: **Amen.**
P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

HYMN# 505

DISMISSAL

AM: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress*

by Martin Luther, Arr. Charles W. Ore

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the
Tepe-McFarlane Family celebrating the 10th wedding anniversary
of Ed and Jill Ehret.



WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
GREETER	Richard Lima
USHERS	Nancy Luebke, Rob Schainker
ASSISTING MINISTER	Angela Fulton
LECTOR	Elizabeth Penny
CANTOR	Robyn Wolfsberger
INSTRUMENTALIST	Mike Schmidt (trumpet)
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Lindsay Schuessler
ACOLYTE	Finn Wolfsberger
DONUT DRIVER	Wolfsberger
FELLOWSHIP HOST	<i>Needed</i>
ALTAR GUILD	Leah Morrell
CAMERA	Gretchen Jenson
WINE SPONSOR	Olson-Fulton

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Damien Gustafson: healing at home

Kate Hartz: courage and trust

Barb Johnson: continued healing and increased mobility

Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Mary Scanlan: recovering after stroke

Joan Williams: successful recovery from shoulder surgery

Comfort and peace to **Jean Chouquette** and family as they mourn the death of Jean's sister, Gayle Wolf

Comfort and peace to **Ken Bauer** and family as they mourn the death of Ken's brother, Norman Bauer

Request for:	On Behalf of:
Lisa McL (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Arlis (comfort and hope); Barbara (bravery)	<i>Jenson Family</i>
Tina – grieving on loss of mother. Continued health of parents. Farmers of the world. Country on upcoming midterm elections	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Thanksgiving for the safety of the Gorvie family after an accident on the way back from Texas last week.	<i>Gethsemane Staff</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Venezuela, Colombia, Nepal and Tibet; all impacted by disasters; Pat Fulton (strength); Ginny Olson (strength); Jojo (healing, energy); Sonya and Sean (healing and strength); those who do not feel safe in their communities; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Peter (nephew) prayers for decrease in swelling and regaining feeling after a spinal cord injury while on honeymoon	<i>Carleen Reinhart</i>
Rose Gant (Dawn's mother) healing and recovery after a fall	<i>The Schuessler Family</i>
Toby (patience and faith while jailed), Ronnie (employment), Dale (food, employment), Russel and Tanya (food, health, housing)	<i>Social Action</i>

LIVING YOUR FAITH

GIVE

The **October Big Ask** is **toilet paper and multipurpose cleaner**, to support both Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's ministries.

The **Little Free Pantry** needs **Pasta sauce**, preferably in cans or plastic jars. Place donations for Big Ask items in the cabinets near the shopping cart. Items placed **IN** the cart go to our Free Food Pantry. We are also looking for someone who could either regularly purchase some items from Aldi or receive a delivery at their home and bring it to Gethsemane.

It's time for **Isaiah 58's Buy-A-Bird Holiday Fundraiser!** Gethsemane has committed to providing 175 2lb boxes/bags of granulated sugar. The deadline is soon – November 7. **Please bring sugar to Gethsemane next week and sweeten someone's Thanksgiving!**

Wanted for Winter Blessing Bags – **bottled water!** Please put donated water by the blessing bag shelf near the parking lot entrance. We are hoping to collect 100-200 bottles.

ACT

Did you know Gethsemane has a **Member Care team**? If you or a church member you know is in need of support from the GLC's Member Care team please contact the church office or Betsy Bartholomew, or check the box on the weekly attendance insert.

Plan to arrive at 9 am next Sunday, **November 1**, when we will work together to assemble at least **100 blessing bags** with winter items (hats, gloves, water, snacks, etc.) before Worship.

Fellowship Hosts Wanted! Please sign up in the kitchen to help “host fellowship,” which just entails some light clean-up afterwards (9:45 – 10 am). We've made clean-up even easier during our trial one service time this fall, by using paper cups instead of washing mugs.

Share your voice! Send November newsletter items to Gretchen by October 29.

JOIN

The **October Women's Lunch** is tomorrow Monday, Oct 26, 11:30 am at **Favazza's** on the Hill. Contact Kathleen Moe to RSVP

Today, Oct. 25 is **Reformation Sunday** and **Confirmation** for a few Gethsemane youth. A reception in honor of the confirmands will take place AFTER worship, outside. You can continue the Reformation celebration at Unity Lutheran Church (8454 Glen Echo Dr.) at 3 pm.

The Member Care Team/Fellowship Team will meet **today, Oct 25th after worship**. They will discuss the needs of GLC members and plans for fellowship events—like an upcoming breakfast. All are welcome to attend.

Celebrate Halloween at Gethsemane with a **Halloween Organ Concert** featuring Amy and her Organ students – Yeats and Joyce Wolfsberger and Evan Gorvie, plus the Gethsemane Choir on **Friday, Oct 30 at 6:30 pm**. Spooky Songs, Harrowing Hymns and Screaming Pipes! Snacks and Organ Tours follow the concert!

On All Saints Day, next Sunday, November 1st, we will remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Everyone is encouraged to bring photos or small artifacts to worship next Sunday that honor loved ones who have died. These items will be displayed as part of the All Saints Sunday altar.

Gretchen and Eve are organizing **Thanksgiving meals** for our home-bound members and others in need. Watch for a sign-up to provide a side dish and/or help deliver meals. If you would like a meal delivered to you or know someone who would, please contact Eve or Gretchen to be put on the list! Our neighbors at St. Lucy parish have coordinated this in the past and are not able to this year.

Ponies and sheep and baby Jesus, Oh My! Our Live Nativity is only a few weeks away on **December 5, 4-5 pm**. Save the date!

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
October 25 – November 1, 2026

10/25 Sunday Reformation Wear Red!	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am After Worship	Fellowship, Donuts & Coffee, Sunday School and Faith Village ONE Worship Service with Confirmation: In-Person and on YouTube Reception (featuring cake!) honoring confirmands Member Care Meeting
10/26 Monday	11:30 am 6-7 pm 6:00 pm	GLC Women's Luncheon at Favazza's on the Hill (RSVP to Kathleen Moe) Handbell Choir Rehearsal NorthHampton Neighbors Meeting
10/27 Tuesday	10:00 am 6:30 – 8 pm	Bible Study Choir Rehearsal (no rehearsal on Wed.)
10/28 Wednesday	1–3 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
10/29 Thursday	6:30 pm	Dress Rehearsal for Halloween Concert (if needed)
10/30 Friday	6:30 pm	Halloween Organ Concert featuring Amy's organ students and other musicians
11/01 Sunday All Saints Day <i>Bring a photo or memento of a lost loved one to display</i>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fellowship, Donuts & Coffee, blessing bag assembly Sunday School and Faith Village ONE Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Youth Gathering Planning Meeting and Dinner

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Mondays	6 - 7 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 – 8 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Tues, Nov 3	All day	General Election Day
Sun, Nov 8	10:00 am	New Member Welcome during worship
Mon, Nov 16	11:30 am	Gethsemane Women's Luncheon
Tues, Nov 17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Thurs, Nov 26	All day	Thanksgiving Day
Sat, Dec 5	4-5 pm	Live Nativity!

Women's Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

Special Thanks

to **Susan Sommerfeld** for designing and stitching the beautiful ornaments presented to our confirmands. These one-of-a-kind handcrafted pieces are a meaningful reminder of this important milestone and will be cherished for years to come. We also thank **Mike Schmidt**, who has faithfully provided the handcrafted blacksmith fish given to our confirmands for many years. This treasured gift has become a lasting tradition and a meaningful reminder of their Confirmation day. We are grateful to everyone whose time, talents, and support help make Confirmation such a joyful celebration and a success.





HALLOWEEN CONCERT

SPOOKY SONGS, HARROWING HYMNS, AND SCREAMING PIPES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

FREE!

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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, intersex 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 gay, lesbian, straight, 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 unhoused...

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

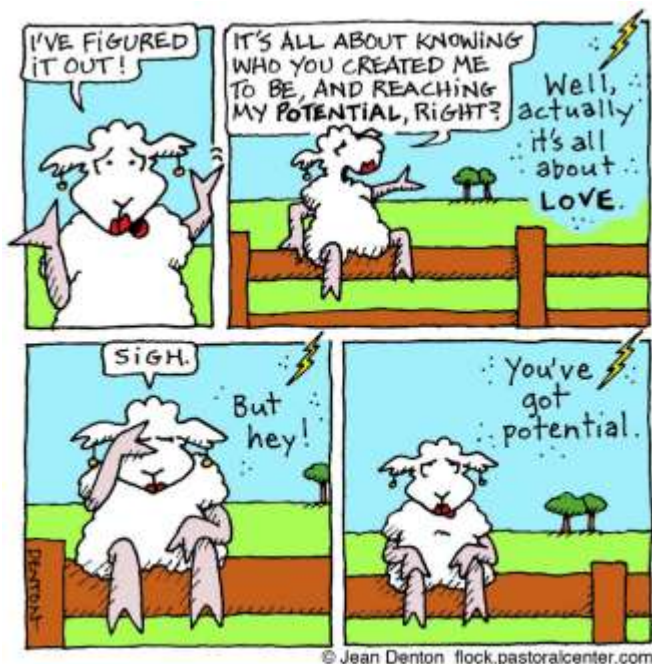
People of differing educational backgrounds...

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.

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