

# St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, October 25, 2020

10:15 A.M.

## Reformation Sunday

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**Welcome to St. Luke's.** Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

**Members** are here to help you if you need assistance.

**What you can expect:**

We will practice social distancing - chairs are spaced 6 ft. apart

Worship will be a Service of the Word, without singing liturgy or hymns by the congregation.

The offering plate will be stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Sharing of the peace and post-service pastor greeting will not occur at this time.

**Communion is offered today, and will be distributed during the service.**

**We ask that you please wear a mask or face covering. It is for the safety of those around you.**

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked †

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### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Confirmation marks the completion of two years of instruction in the Christian faith in accordance with scripture and as witnessed to by the Lutheran confessions.

Those who complete this period of catechesis have been made members of the Church in Holy Baptism.

In the Rite of Confirmation, a person makes public confession of the faith into which they were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

Allison Elizabeth Hutchins and Dakota Renee Lewis will make this confession of faith



## WELCOME

**MISSION STATEMENT** “Saved by grace. Reaching out in faith.”

**PRELUDE**

“*The Solid Rock*”

*Hayes*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** †

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake, forgives us all our sins.  
To those who believe in Jesus Christ  
He gives the power to become children of God  
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**PEACE** †

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**HYMN**

**“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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### GREETING †

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.**

### KYRIE †

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord. **Amen**

### **CANTICLE † Psalm 90**

**Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

**Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night:**

You sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**In the morning it is green and flourishes:**

**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

**Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning: so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us:**

Prosper the work of our hands; prosper our hands; prosper our handiwork.

**Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY †**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“A Mighty Fortress”**

Marcy Reeves and Angie Herzog, bassoon

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Sarah Oleson**

**FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Panis Angelicus”**

Marcy Reeves and Angie Herzog, bassoon

*Franck*

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 3:19-28**

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

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION †**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**

**GOSPEL READING †**

**John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**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.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Charles Boomhower**

**HYMN**

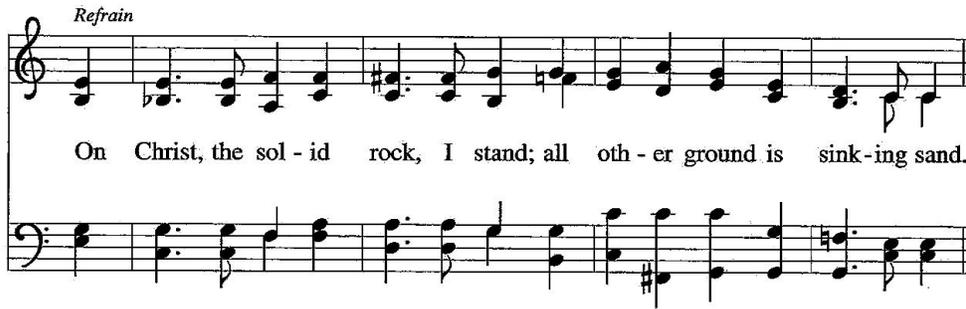
**“My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less”**

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
 Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



## PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these sister, who by baptism have been made one with us in the body of Christ.

I present Allison Elizabeth Hutchins, and Dakota Renee Lewis who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism and confession of the faith.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our sister Allison and our sister Dakota, 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.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His holy Church.

In accordance with our Lord's command, you have been instructed in the Word of God and led to the knowledge of His will and of His gracious gospel, and now you desire to make public confession of your faith.

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



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

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

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

*The assembly stands.*

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

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

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 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.**

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. Amen.**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM †**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

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

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support our sisters,  
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The confirmands may kneel.*

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 Allison/ Dakota 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. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters 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 THE CHURCH †

*Response following each petition:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING †

## DIALOGUE †

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE †**

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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY †**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION †**

**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 THE LORD'S SUPPER †**

Taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*This morning's communion is served pre-packaged. Open your communion and receive the bread, the body of Christ, as pastor blesses it. Open your cup and receive the grape juice, the blood of Christ, as pastor blesses it. The package will then be collected.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER †

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION †

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL †

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

*Wesley*

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### “NUMBERS” from Sunday, October 18, 2020”

Attendance: 40

Giving: \$1,915.00 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>TODAY, SUNDAY, 10/25</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY, 11/1</b>
Worship Leader	Pastor Charles Boomhower	Pastor Charles Boomhower
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Special Music	Brian Reeves, Marcy Reeves & Angie Herzog	Dakota Lewis
Child. Message	Sarah Oleson	Amy Hutchins
Lector	Barb Fisher	Brett Onan

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Nov. 1: Dakota Lewis  
 Nov. 8: Amanda Beining  
 Nov. 15 Gus, Ian & Steve  
 Nov. 22  
 Nov. 29

**Scripture readings for 11/1/2020**

Revelation 7:9-17  
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
 1 John 3:1-3  
 Matthew 5:1-12



**Wednesday Adult Bible Study**

Join us **Wednesdays at 7:00** for the study of the Ten Commandments. The Lutheran division of the commandments follows the one established by St. Augustine, following the then current synagogue scribal division. The first three commandments govern the relationship between God and humans, the fourth through eighth govern public relationships between people, and the last two govern private thought. **Brett Onan** will lead us through this study and discussion.



**Trick or Treat**  
 Thursday, October 29th 6-8  
 St. Luke's Parking Lot



**We will be doing a drive through trick or treat. If you would like to participate, candy donations or money would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Marcy Reeves or Brett Onan.**

## WHAT'S UP AT CUP?

CUP is Churches United Pantry;  
129 S. Pierce Street, Lima



The C.U.P. food item October is:  
**PASTA/RICE**

As we enter the holiday season many of you may be doing your shopping on-line. Amazon has a wonderful program that benefits many non-profit agencies with no cost to their consumers. You shop. Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. That 0.5% of your purchases adds up when you use AmazonSmile, and your friends, family and neighbors do the same. Amazon Smile is the same products, same prices, same service.

You can begin supporting CUP by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

For the 18th straight year, Bluffton University Nutrition Association will be sponsoring their Harvest Dinner Friday, November 6th. Because of the pandemic this year, there are some modifications. They are serving a dinner for 4 at a cost of \$50. It is a drive-thru pick up, hot and ready to eat.

The dinner will feature a farm-to-table concept with much of the produce coming from a garden maintained by dietetics faculty and students

Dinner Menu: Beef pot roast, homemade gravy, roasted winter vegetables, Suters' corn, homemade rolls, caramel and pecan cake.

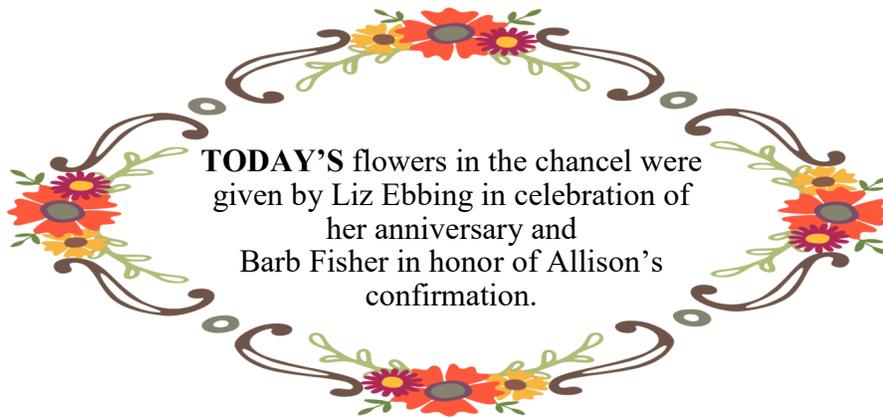
The food never disappoints and all proceeds go to help feed our hungry neighbors in Bluffton and Lima. Additional contributions are welcomed.

Tickets are sold in advance and online only. Sorry, pandemic really makes life challenging.

You can access the information and ticket sales by going to [bluffton.edu/harvestdinner](https://bluffton.edu/harvestdinner)

If you want to help and be physically present please contact Mary Stepleton or Elizabeth Eley.

For the foreseeable future we will be doing our 'curbside' delivery system of our food. If you are interested in volunteering at the pantry or at a Pop-Up event, please contact Mary Stepleton @ 419-235-6875 or [maryrsteeps@gmail.com](mailto:maryrsteeps@gmail.com)



**TODAY'S** flowers in the chancel were given by Liz Ebbing in celebration of her anniversary and Barb Fisher in honor of Allison's confirmation.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*You can dedicate altar flowers in memory, celebration, or honor of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet across from the secretary office. Cost of the flowers is \$15.00 and can be paid by check or cash and can be placed in the offering plate in a pew envelope.*



### **Women's Book Study:**

*Casting Stone's: Writings on mental health, relationships, and hope*  
by Heidi Goehmann

**Sunday, November 8th 3:00 PM**  
*(at Elizabeth Eley's house)*



Our Women's Bible Study Group Mary/Martha Circle is meeting Tuesday, October 27th in the NLC at 11:00 am. There will be social distancing and masks can be worn. Bring your own sack lunch and drink.

<b>CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10/27</b>	11:00 a.m.	Mary Martha Circle <i>NLC</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>10/25</b>	10:00 a.m.	The Herald <i>Gathering Area</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study <i>Gathering Area</i>
<b>All Saints</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>11/1</b>	10:15 a.m.	Liturgy of Holy Communion

## REMEMBER IN YOUR

Pat Bitters  
Ruth Smith



*Shawnee Manor*  
Frances Stuber

*Mennonite Memorial*  
*Home*  
Bonnie Nielsen

*Lost Creek*  
Joan Fields

### *Staff*

Lead Interim Pastor - Pastor Chuck Boomhower (Cell:614-506-5595)  
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Organist – Sandy Miller  
Choir Director – Brian Reeves  
Office Secretary – Robin Hefner  
Financial Secretary – Cheryl Cusick  
Custodian – Tyrone King

### *Congregational Leadership*

President - Phil Trueblood  
Vice President - Rich Moritz  
Secretary - James Williams  
Treasurer - Alison Williams  
Barb Fisher, Sandy Gray, Lois Kennedy,  
Connie Williams, Susie Cornell, Kristen Onan

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*Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet  
and a Light to My Path*

As a part of our Discipleship Training, each of St. Luke's confirmands chooses a verse or verses from scripture that has been meaningful to him; something that emphasizes what God has done and is continuing to do in his life. Consider for yourself what verses or passages from scripture God has used to strengthen your faith and sustain you in your walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ—and then consider sharing them with someone.

**Allison Elizabeth Hutchins:**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
-Philippians 4:13

**Dakota Renee Lewis:**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."  
-John 3:16