





FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

October 25th, 2026
Reformation Sunday
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy
"Now the Feast and Celebration" from the GIA Hymnal
Suppliment

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Gather

Prelude "Trumpet Prelude from the Te Deum" Marc Antoine Charpentier
arr. Michel Rondeau

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bid, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

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he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Kyrie

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.

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

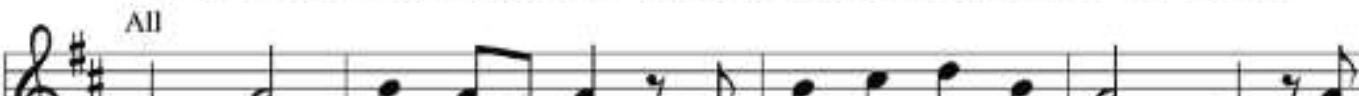
* Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister S 148

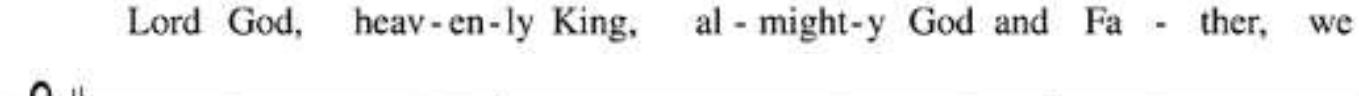


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

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Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C: 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

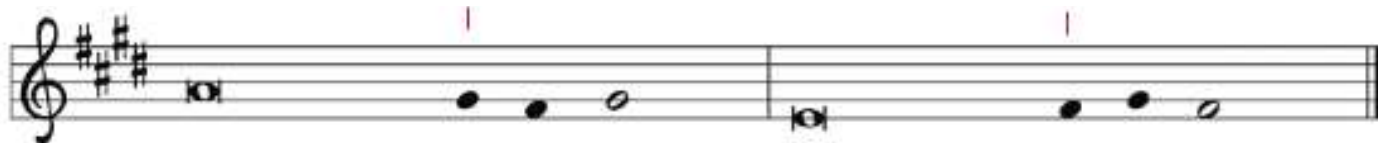
Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 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. 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (read responsively)



P: ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,

C: A very present | help in trouble.

P: ²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,

C: And though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

P: ³though its waters | rage and foam,

C: And though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

P: ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,

C: The holy habitation of | the Most High.

P: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

C: God shall help it at the | break of day.

P: ⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

C: God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

P: ⁷The Lord of | hosts is with us;

C: The God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

P: ⁸Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,

C: What desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

P: ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

C: Who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

P: ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

P: ¹¹The Lord of | hosts is with us;

C: The God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

19 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. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 8:31-36

31 Then 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."

³³ 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'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ 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

Pastor Paul Burow

*Hymn of the Day

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" v 1-6

ELW 594



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed fierce - ly
3 O God, you saw my deep dis - tress be - fore the world's foun -
4 You said to your be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis time to have com -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me, sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
da - tion, and, with your mer - cy mea - sure - less, you planned for
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, pro -
moth - er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free
my sal - va - tion. You turned to me a fa - ther's heart; you
all sal - va - tion; from sin and sor - row set them free; slay

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claim the vic - t'ry God has won, how pre - cious was our ran - som!
will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
did not choose the eas - y part, but gave your dear - est trea - sure.
bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

- 5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,
was born of virgin mother,
and, your good pleasure to fulfill,
he came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
to lead the devil captive.
- 6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
The foe will shed my precious blood;
all this I suffer for your good;
my life o'er death will triumph.

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Music: Ethlich christlich Lieder, Wittenberg, 1524
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*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 the People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"God is Our Refuge and Strength"

Alan Pote

Lyrics:

Refrain:

God is our refuge and strength;
a present help in time of trouble.

Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea.

Though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence
all the day long.

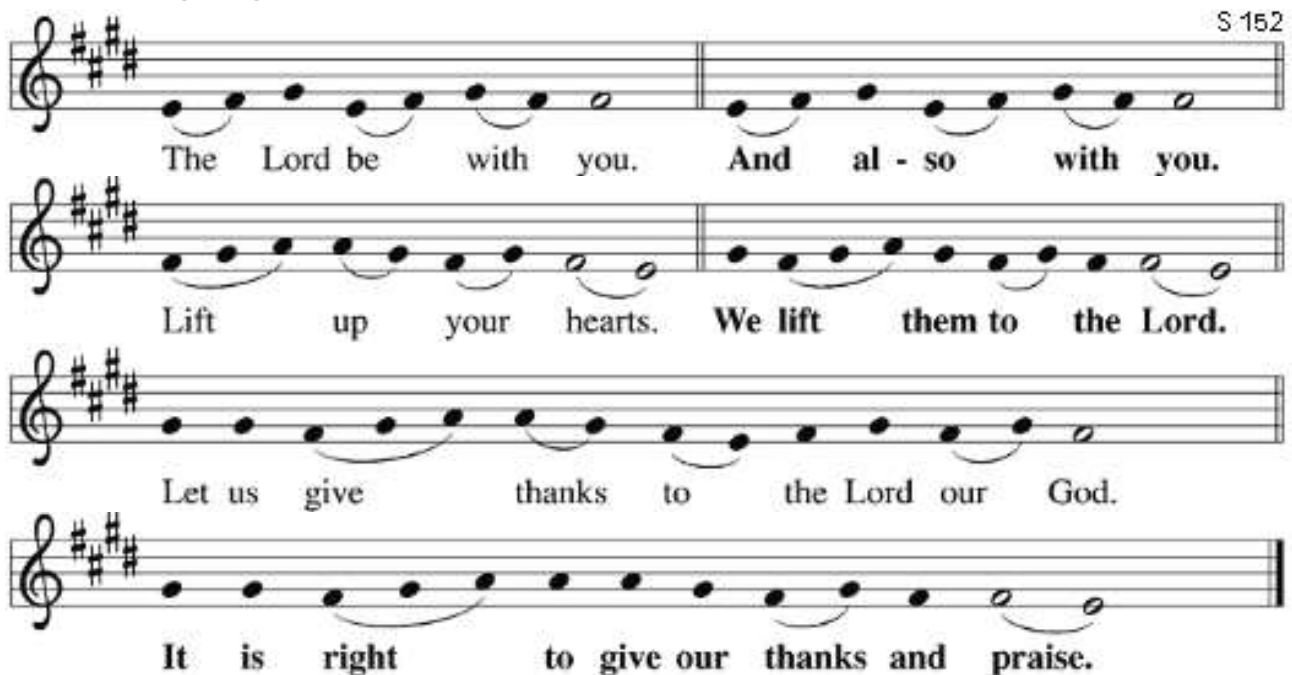
He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us.

He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence
all the day long.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release
what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole
lives returned to you dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving



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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 our duty and delight....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.

*Words of Institution

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Built on a Rock"

ELW 652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee-ples are

2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not

3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -

4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil-dren is

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Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

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fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

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From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. Johann Pachelbel

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Ali O'Mara
Chancel Choir
Dave Mantini, trumpet

Chancel flowers

Nanci and Larry Parson
In celebration of their 43rd anniversary on October 29th

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Sue Aleckson for a broken foot
Vonnie Coleman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
Quincy Meyers
Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

In the month of October, **Social Ministry** is collecting items to benefit students at Osseo Senior High and Park Center High School. Items that they need most are listed below.

Please note all clothing must be new items.

- gender neutral items with all sizes and colors (sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweatpants)
- gift cards (gas, groceries, clothing stores (Walmart or Target),
- reusable water bottles (so kiddos can fill vs. handing out water bottles)
- good quality backpacks,
- natural hair products-For curly textured hair,
- snacks (granola bars, snack size packs of cheez it/goldfish, no chips please)
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- feminine hygiene (pads)
- highlighters
- bottled water
- black leggings (all sizes)
- women's underwear – all sizes
- black yoga pants – all sizes
- men's shorts – all sizes
- socks – all sizes

If you prefer to donate money and have us do the shopping for you, please make note on your envelope and/or check that you want funds to go towards items for Park Center and Osseo Senior High Schools.

If you have any questions about items/sizes, please see Kathy Behrens or Terri Anderson-Webb.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of these requests.

The Social Ministry Committee

Announcements

FOLLOW UP SESSIONS on ESTATE PLANNING: Some who attended the educational sessions with Rebecca Bell have indicated an interest in following up with her, but prefer a location closer to home. Rebecca has graciously agreed to host several private, 30-minute sessions here at Family of God, date to be determined. You will receive personalized recommendations (eg, wills vs trusts) with pricing info, and establish an attorney/client relationship with a retainer due that day. You will also receive an organizer to complete prior to the appointment. For more information or to sign up, please see Pr Erin or Sue Arens. Information on Advance Directives will also be available for those who missed that session.

Dear Family of God Congregation: Thank you so much for the 25th anniversary celebration. It has been a privilege to serve you and I am most grateful. – Pastor Paul

There will be a **Reconciling in Christ committee** meeting today at 11:30

The National Lutheran Choir's concert TO REMEMBER IS TO BEGIN centers on memory as sacred practice. Through music of Jewish and Christian traditions, the choir holds space for grief, resilience, and shared humanity. In a world where forgetting can perpetuate harm, this concert insists on remembrance as the first act of reconciliation. Concerts are Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth and Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi. The November 1 concert will be livestreamed at nlca.com. Tickets available at nlca.com.

Blanket Drive: David and Rita Loos are organizing a blanket drive to help the low income and homeless people in downtown Minneapolis. We are asking for gently used and new blankets throughout the rest of October and November. They will be given out in early December.

On **All Saints' Sunday**, November 1, 2026 we will be dedicating nine memorial pavers that have been installed in our Family of God Memorial Garden.

Ladies of FOG "All I Want for Christmas Is You" to attend the Annual Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5th. We start at 10:30 and promise to have food, fun, festivities, and so much more. See Jeanne, Nancy K. or Myra with questions or input.



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