# NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2019

V elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- *t* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- \* We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- *f* Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- *t* For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

# **Worship Participants**

| Liturgist             | Pastor Jacob Hoff    |
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| Preacher              | Pastor Brian Adams   |
| Organist/Piano        | Miss Heather Schmidt |
| Senior Choir Director | Dr. David Brightsman |

# The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation

**The Reformation** – On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses—statements for debate—on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, beginning a spiritual and historical movement known as the Reformation. The Reformation did not just change the face of Europe; it restored the gospel to the church. It gave God's Word to the people. As we celebrate the Reformation, we are not honoring the man for whom our church body is named. We are thanking God for his grace which he has demonstrated through the generations preserving the church and setting us free.

As a young man, Martin Luther thought of himself as God's slave. Thus, he was terrified of God. Luther believed God was a terrifying taskmaster, looking for every possible reason to



punish him. But as Martin Luther studied God's Word, he realized that was not the case at all. God is a loving Father. He does not pretend we have no brokenness or sin, but he paid for it all by the death and resurrection of Christ. Scripture says that through faith in Christ, we are completely forgiven. We are part of God's own family—a family where we are loved in spite of our faults.

God's grace not only frees us from the fear of condemnation and punishment, it frees us to live a better, more grace-filled life. We want to live as God's children. We want to love and bear with one another—our brothers and sisters—just as our Father loves and bears with us.

**The Season of End Time** – The Church Year comes to a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the "last days" between Christ's first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The world could be ended at any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.

# **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Recorded by the group Him & Her

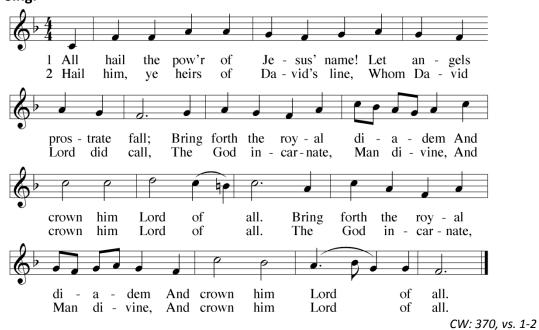
**PRESERVICE MUSIC** 

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# **INVOCATION & OPENING DIALOGUE**

**MINISTER:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Gongregation:** (Spoken) Amen.

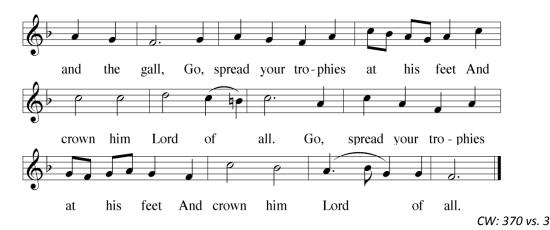




M: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne. **C**: And to the Lamb, forever and ever.

M: His blood sets us free to be the people of God.M Sing:



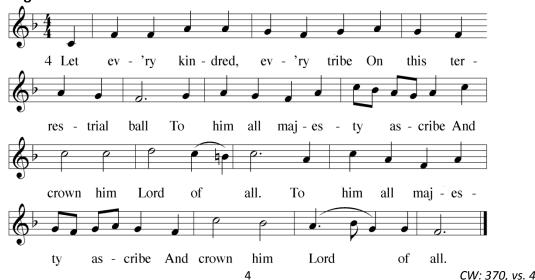


**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** 

**M**: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

- Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.
- M: Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and heir of eternal life!

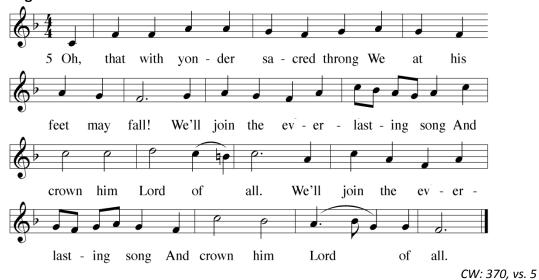




# **M**: Fight the good fight of faith!

# For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life. For us, and for all who await his appearing.

# Sing:



# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: (Spoken) Amen.



# **SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal!

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He!

Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle. Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my Deliverer, in Him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my Deliverer, in Jim will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

God's Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth. Let good and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; His Kingdom is forevermore! His Kingdom is forevermore! His Kingdom is forevermore!

# **THE WORD**

# JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Through Jeremiah, the Lord describes the new covenant established by the promised Messiah. He will forgive sins and write the promise of grace on the hearts of his people, setting them free.

<sup>31</sup> "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. <sup>41</sup> Will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**







God is our re<u>fuge</u> and strength,\* an ever-present help in <u>tr</u>ouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the <u>earth</u> give way\* and the mountains fall into the heart <u>of</u> the sea,

though its waters <u>roar</u> and foam\* and the mountains quake with their <u>surg</u>ing.

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There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\* the holy place where the Most <u>High</u> dwells.

God is within her, she <u>will</u> not fall;\* God will help her at <u>break</u> of day.

"Be still, and know that <u>I</u> am God;\*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Sp</u>irit, as it was in the <u>be</u>ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.



SECOND LESSON

**ROMANS 3:19-28** 

We are justified by God's grace, set free from sin's curse and condemnation

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to

which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

# SENIOR CHOIR – 8AM & 10:30AM SUNDAY SPOKEN BY PASTOR – 6:30 PM MONDAY

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please Stand

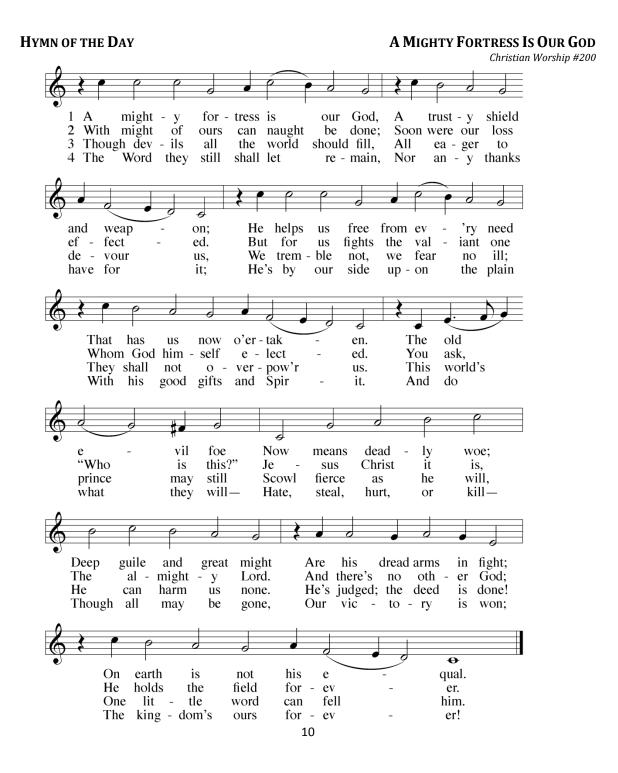
# **GOSPEL LESSON**

## JOHN 8:31-36

Within true discipleship comes the understanding and knowledge of the true mystery of Christ. With this knowledge comes freedom.

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.



Sermon

# JOHN 8:31-36

## WHERE YOU ARE FREE TO BE YOURSELF

Please Stand

# CONFESSION OF FAITH

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

- I believe in God, the Father almighty,
  - maker of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.
  - The third day he rose again from the dead.
  - He ascended into heaven,
  - and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
  - From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
  - the holy Christian Church,
  - the communion of saints,
  - the forgiveness of sins,
  - the resurrection of the body,
  - and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.

Throughout these 10 weeks of our 10 for 10 stewardship emphasis, we will be watching a short video segment during the offering. This week's focus is "A Giving God".

#### Please Stand

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

■: Almighty, eternal God, out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!

- **C**: We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.
- M: The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- •: We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!
- ■: O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- •: You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, such faith works joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.
- M: We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life.
- **C**: For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever.
- ■: In the confidence of this faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.
- C: Amen.

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

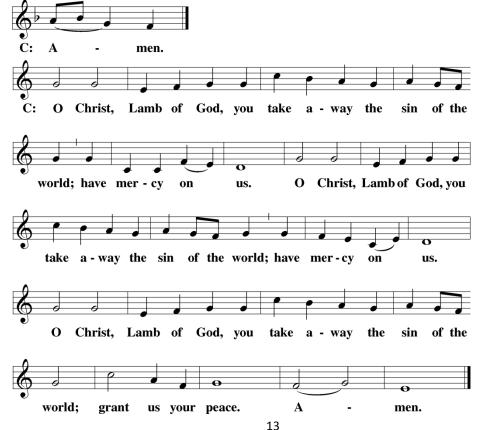
## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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**M**: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M**: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### Please be Seated

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

#### O GOD, OUR LORD, YOUR HOLY WORD Christian Worship 204



*Hymn continues on next page* 



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

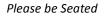


**M**: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

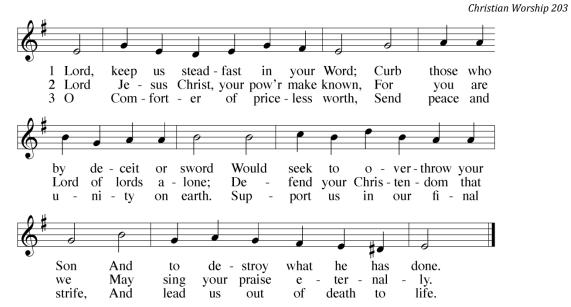
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.





THE CLOSING HYMN

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH PASTOR ADAMS:** November 2019 marks Pastor Brian Adams' 25th year serving us here at St. Paul's. To celebrate, we are planning a dessert reception on Sunday, November 17th in between the Sunday services. If you have not already done so, please check your church mailbox for a letter with more details. We thank God for a quarter century with our Pastor!

**CHRISTIAN CONCERT BY HIM & HER:** Him + Her Worship is a worship duo from Minnesota. They will be joining us for a worship concert this Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. From Seth + Jenna:

"Hi there! We are Seth and Jenna Herlich, and we are Him + Her Worship. We are super passionate about awakening hearts for Jesus and creating worship environments that are comfortable for all people. We encourage you to come and invite your friends and family, especially those who do not yet know Christ. We do our best to be real and authentic, and we believe that God works through us to heal and encourage people with His Word. We sing both familiar songs and original Christian music! We would love for you to come sing and worship with us!"

Check out our story and our music: Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/himandherworship</u> Instagram: @himandherworship Website: <u>www.himandherworship.com</u> Youtube: Him + Her Worship

**SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, November 10th**, between the services (9:15-10:15) we will be holding an informational meeting about the Wisconsin School Choice Program. Mr. Terry Brown (the Vice President of School Choice Wisconsin) and Dr. Ken Fischer (the President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School) will be joining us to talk about the basics of the School Choice Wisconsin program. The Board of Lutheran Schools and the Church Council are currently looking into the benefits and challenges we would face if we were to become a choice school. This informational meeting is just that - informational. Please come ready to listen, learn, and ask questions as we carefully look at the opportunity the choice program may offer to help us fulfill our mission of "reaching out to the people of the world through worship and *education* by living and sharing the gospel of Christ."

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**: Men's open gym basketball will begin again on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (7:30 – 9:00) and continue on a weekly basis till Spring. Men college age and older are welcome to participate. St. Paul's is also entering a team in the Star of Bethlehem Men's Basketball league this year again. If you have an interest in playing contact Caleb Manske at 262-442-4286 or <u>clmanske@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE**: We are looking for help with our Sunday School program. If you are interested in helping, please talk to one of the pastors.

**HAT AND MITTEN COLLECTION:** The Mary and Martha Society invites the congregation to participate in a hat and mitten collection to benefit Southside Ministries. We will collect new and gently used children's hats, mittens and gloves as well as jackets and boots. A bin will be placed in the church narthex and donations will be accepted until November 18.

Donations of small toys that can be used as stocking stuffers (matchbox cars, beanie babies etc.) as well as other new or gently used toys are also greatly appreciated. Gary Eickhorst and Southside Ministries will use these as Christmas gifts for immigrant children. Thank you for your support of Southside Ministries.

**ST. PAUL'S 2020 SILENT AUCTION & GALA**: Save the Date cards have been mailed! Mark your calendars for March 28, 2020! Please let us know if you did not receive a postcard, or if you know anyone that would like to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! It's not too late to help – join us on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the school lobby for our next meeting.

**USHERS**: We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19, January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

**WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Monday, November 11, 2019. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary breakfast in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP for the breakfast, visit <u>www.wlhs.org/veterans</u> by Monday, November 4. For additional questions, contact Heidi Witz, <u>planner@wlhs.org</u> or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004. Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. Special guest, WLHS graduate Major Craig Kuphall ('03), will speak about his service in Iraq and Afghanistan. The service will also be streamed live at <u>www.wlhs.org</u>.

# VOLUNTEERS

# **GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (November 3 & 4)**

8:00 AM – Lyle & Christie Timm
10:30 AM – John & Karen Milazzo; Cameron, Trevor, Logan & Kendall
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

# **GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (November 10 & 11)**

8:00 AM – Adrian & Stacy Boldt; Keegan
10:30 AM – Gordon & Michelle Lesser
6:30 PM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

## USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski
10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Oct 30-Nov 5 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer Nov 6-12 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

## **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

Nov. 3: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon Nov. 10: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

# THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

| Sunday, November 3                         |
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| Worship Service with Communion             |
| Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/PSCIC      |
| Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM     |
| Monday, November 4                         |
| Lutheran Girl Pioneers6:00 PM              |
| Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM      |
| Tuesday, November 5                        |
| Parent/Teacher Consultations4:00-8:00 PM   |
| Wednesday, November 6                      |
| Senior Choir Rehearsal                     |
| Thursday, November 7                       |
| Preschool Power Hour                       |
| Parent/Teacher Consultations               |
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| Friday, November 8                         |
| School Devotion8:30 AM                     |
| Him + Her Worship Concert6:00 PM           |
| Saturday, November 9                       |
| School Cleaning9:00 AM                     |
| Sunday, November 10                        |
| Pie Sale Before & After Services           |
| Worship Service8:00 AM                     |
| School Choice Informational Meeting9:15 AM |
| Sunday School/PSCIC9:15 AM                 |
| Worship Service                            |
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| Statistics – Last Week                     |
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Attendance: 8:00 AM – 124, 10:30 AM – 118, 6:30 PM – 44 Total Attendance – 286 Sunday Bible Class – 32