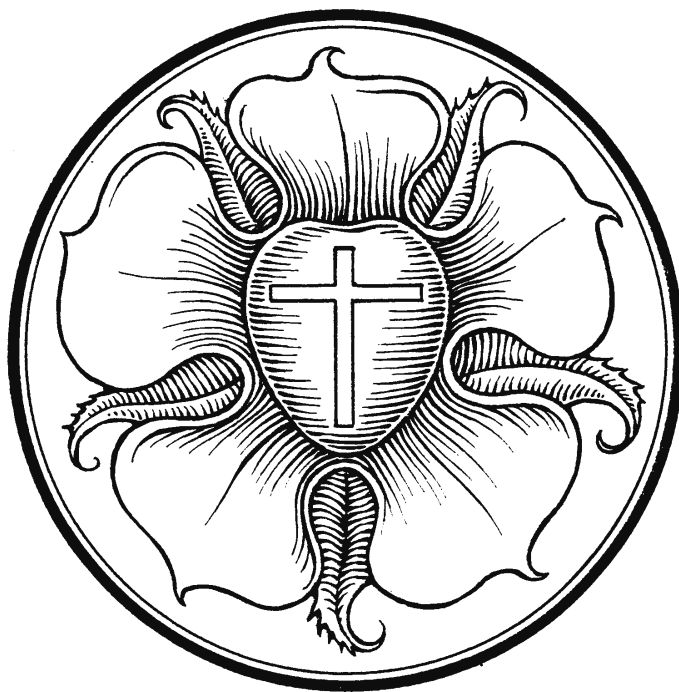


# FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

*Reformation Day Observed*



OCTOBER 29, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

## WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

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*If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,*

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

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We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## Announcement of the Day

*When the bell has announced the beginning of the Service, we stand for the Hymn of Invocation.*

### Hymn of Invocation

*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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## THE PREPARATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, 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.

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.



## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**P** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*  
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

## Apostolic Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:14

**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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**C** 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. 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Assistant Minister chants the Antiphon, introducing the Psalm. The Congregation responds with the bold text.*

## Psalm

Psalm 46

*Antiphon:* The LORD of hosts is | with us;\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

**God is our ref- | uge and strength,\***  
**a very present help in | trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,\*  
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,  
**though its waters | roar and foam,\***  
**though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\*  
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\***  
**God will help her when | morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\*  
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.



**The LORD of hosts is | with us,\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.**

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,\*  
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth,\*  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots | with fire.**

“Be still, and know that | I am God.\*

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted | in the earth!”

**The LORD of hosts is | with us,\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon:* The LORD of hosts is | with us,\*  
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.



Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68




**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Sermon

## Noisy Offering

*When the Offering has been received, we stand for the Hymn of the Day.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Salvation Unto Us Has Come*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sire The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope  
increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor  
and supply The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving  
love; Your blessed name we hallow.

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## Nicene Creed

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## RECOGNITION OF SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION

*Those to be honored are presented before the steps. The pastor may greet each one individually with a handshake.*

*When the prayers have concluded and all have returned to the pews, we stand for the Prayer of the Church. The Congregation responds to the petitions with "Lord, have mercy".*

### **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

### Offering

*When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.*

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

**Offertory Prayer**

**A** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** 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



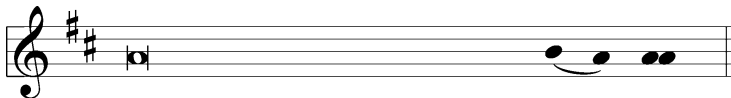
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# The Words of Our Lord

## Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



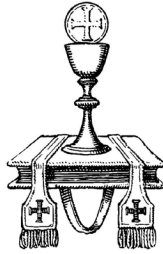
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



## Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

## Communion Hymn

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

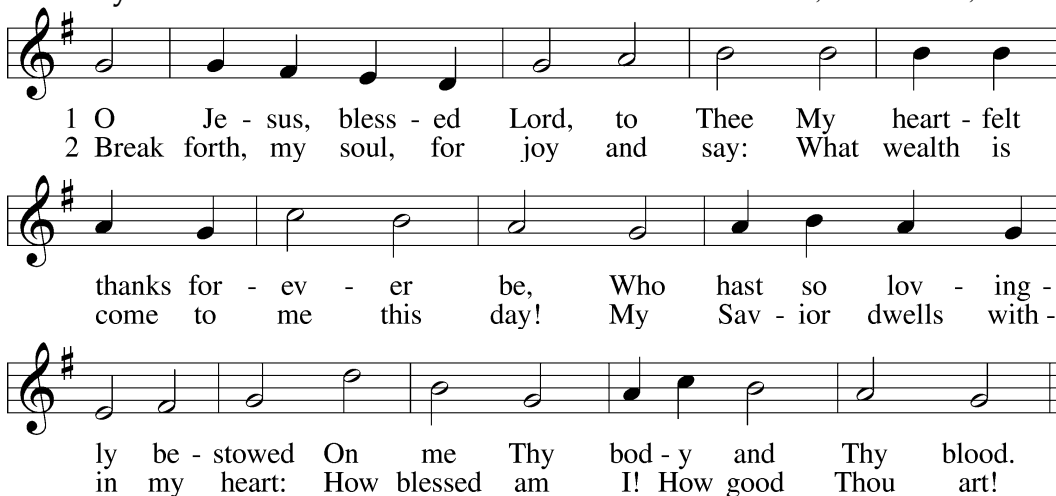
lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art.  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Communion Hymn

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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## Additional Hymns

*LBW 200*

*When all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Canticle

*[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** 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.

**C** A - men.

# Hymn to Depart

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*



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 - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



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

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## Announcements and Dismissal

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## *Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, George and Rose Beauchesne, Steve and Shirley Foster, for the family of Rev. Bennett Harris, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for a full-time pianist, for the restoration of peace in Israel and the Ukraine, for John and Helen Baker.

## *Congregational Budget Information*

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71.

## *This Week*

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**Monday** – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition” Class begins, at 7pm at the church.

**Tuesday** – Service at The Maynard at 11am.

**Wednesday** – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, **MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE WITH THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AT 1:30PM.** Vespers at 5:30pm.

## *Looking Ahead*

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- All Saints’ Sunday – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am Divine Service. **SEND PASTOR NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE SERVICE.**
- Lutheran Church in the Valley Mission Support on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Council Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

- **THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, after the Divine Service. We will be voting on our annual budget, electing a Church Council, and a proposed Amendment to the Church Constitution. If you have questions, or would like to run for Council, please speak with Pastor Porter or a Council member.
- **A NEW SERVICE TIME** will be added to our regular one, beginning in the Season of Advent on Sundays at 8:30am. This will be a shortened version of the Common Service, spoken, with one familiar Hymn of the Day, sung a cappella. Communion will be administered. Please contact Pastor Porter if you have any questions.
- **There are still ornaments available** for purchase for \$5.00. They make nice gifts and show support for the ministry of Lebanon Lutheran Church.



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