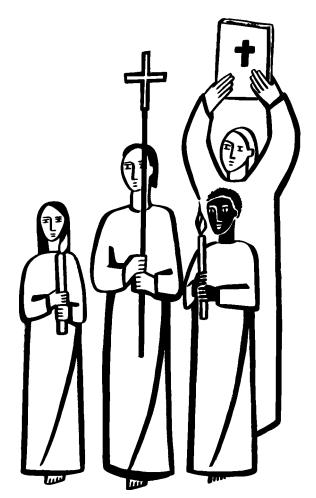
Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday October 27th, 2024

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community...



In Person and Online Worship Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost October 27th, 2024

PRELUDE played by Liz Mun

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity,

 → one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \oplus Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- C Amen.

(Arr. Walter L. Pelz) accompanied by Brass of Peace and Timpani. AJ Rios

Introduction: Instrumental, Stanza 1: Congregation, Stanza 2: Choir and Brass Quintet, Stanza 3: Organ (Read the lyrics), Stanza 4: Congregation with Descant (performed by the Choir)



- 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; ject - ed. vour us, fear it;

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



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
God him - self e - lect - ed.
can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
weap-ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe
You ask who this may be?
Let this world's ty - rant rage;
Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, Might - y Lord, doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



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

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

read by Sandi Penoyar

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
 - a very present help in trouble.
 - ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
 - ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

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

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3: 19—28

read by Sandi Penoyar

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

- 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. ²⁰ 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.
- ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.
- ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The

Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and 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.

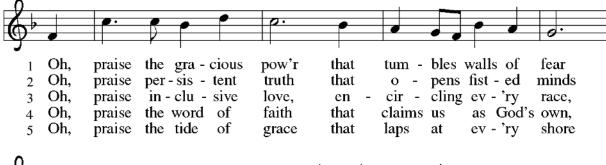
SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" (ELW 651)

verses 1, 2, 3, & 7





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house of faith all anx - ious clutch the gen - der, wealth, to built on Christ, our world at peace, no strang - ers far and near:
prej - u - dice that blinds:
so - cial rank or place:
rock and cor - ner - stone:
lon - ger bled by war:



- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice: Refrain

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

Text and music from New Hymns for the Lectionary, @ 1984 Oxford University Press, Inc.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYFRS

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING



Thank you to everyone who faithfully continues to support Peace's ministries. To give online, please use the <u>online giving portal</u>. If you wish to give by cash or check, please put your offering in the plate.

Special Offering. Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering. Individuals may choose to give a special gift - over and above their usual offering to Peace - in support of a particular ministry.

October's Special Offering is the CSVANW: In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Peace's October's special offering is for the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW). Organized in 1995 by three native woman, CSVANW works to eradicate violence against Native women and children by championing social change. Learn more about CSVANW here.

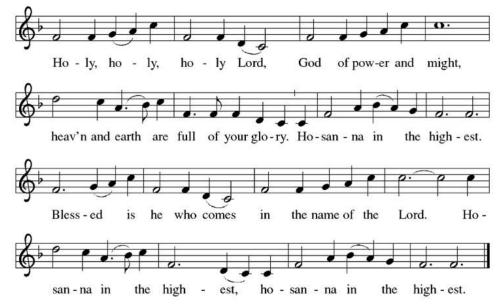
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OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray together
- C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

For those worshiping in person: We will commune using continuous distribution in one station. The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. Please be seated until then. You will come forward and receive bread. Then you will dip it in the cup. One cup has red wine; the other has white grape juice. All bread is gluten free.

For those worshiping online: The Pastor will invite you to partake of communion at the beginning of the meal before all are served in person. If you are with someone, please serve one another. If you are physically alone, you may serve yourself trusting these words: The Body of Christ given for you and The Blood of Christ shed for you.

- P This is God's table. All are welcome here.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN Lamb of God



SONG DURING COMMUNION

Played by Liz Mun

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray,
- C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION MOMENTS

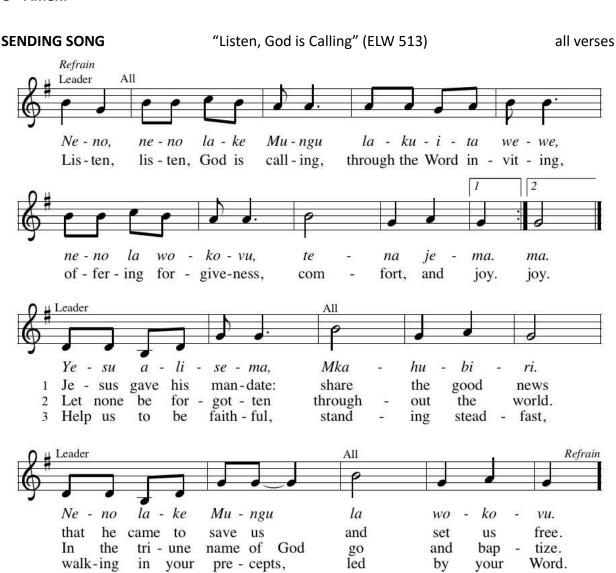
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BLESSING

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C Amen.



Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE played by Liz Mun

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.



Not Ashamed

In many congregations, Reformation Sunday is treated as a sort of "Lutheran heritage" day, a time for singing chorales and remembering the theological reforms of the sixteenth century that gave birth to Lutheranism. In other parishes, a greater focus is placed on the church's need for continual reform; the church's history is secondary to an emphasis on the issues and needs of the church today. Both approaches have much to commend them.

But the true center of this day is found in the appointed readings. In Jeremiah we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, the promise written on our hearts. In Romans Paul brings the full force of the law to bear on our lives: "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). With this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace? Finally, in the gospel reading from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present.

Psalm 46 brings all of this together with the powerful proclamation: "God is our refuge and strength." The God we know in the person of Jesus is the one we can turn to in times of crisis, the one we call upon in times of fear, the one we trust to pour out mercy and forgiveness upon us. This Jesus is our solid foundation. In a world of chaos, confusion, and change there is a constant: the enduring and life-giving grace of God.

On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel.

Our Prayers:

- Prayers of healing for Ashley McGrady following a recent cancer diagnosis and preceding a major surgery...
- Prayers of healing and sustaining love for Michael and his family as they deal with a recent diagnosis...
- Prayers for Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell who is asking for healing...
- Prayers of comfort, strength and healing for Terry Hannon as she undergoes treatment for cancerous tissue of her tongue...
- Prayers for Katelynn Reighard as she is treated for stage four lung cancer...
- Prayers of peace for Daniel Crabtree...
- Prayers for Peace's search for a Minister of Children, Youth, and Families...
- Prayers of recovery and protection for those who face hurricane's Helene and Milton...
- Prayers of healing for our nation and for a spirit of truth and civility among all elected officials, those running for office, and those who follow political campaigns...
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine that they may once again enjoy the freedom, democracy, and economic independence that they have been focused on since their independence...
- Prayers for the many citizens of Russia that are struggling under the oppression, misinformation, and depletion of their human and material resources under the authoritarian regime they have...
- Prayers for Gaza and Israel, Palestinians and Jews and all across the world impacted by the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas...
- Prayers for peace, support, and resilience for the people of Sudan and Haiti, who are living with conflict and hunger...
- For all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...
- For our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love...

Peace Notes

Trunk or Treat: Peace will host Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26, from 12 pm to 2pm. We need volunteers to help "dress up" cars, decorate the church, donate treats, outreach to the local community, make signs, work the Peace info booth, serve coffee, and judge car decorations. Sign up here to get involved! Get creative, and contact Sandi Penoyar at 703-300-5708 to serve.

Congregational Meeting Nov. 10th: Peace will hold a congregational meeting on November 10th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our agenda topics are: Opening Prayer/Welcome, Approval of Minutes from prior meetings, Election of Nominating Committee, Election of Council President and/or new Council Member, Financial Report from David Whitten, and Closing Prayer/Adjournment.

RJT Summer Reading Discussion: If you borrowed a book as part of the Racial Justice Team's summer reading program, join us on Sunday, October 27, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for an informal conversation about what we read. We'll meet in the fellowship hall. If you didn't borrow a book but read something else you'd like to share, feel free to join us.

Calling a Christmas Coordinator: Peace is in need of someone who can coordinate the Advent decorating! We have notes, photos, and even a suggested timeline. You can also make the project your own. Many people are happy to pitch in when it comes to getting our church ready for Advent and Christmas; we just need someone who can help lead the effort. If interested, please contact Natalie Cain at natrcain@gmail.com.

Children Youth and Family Position: The council has approved a position description for a Minister of Children, Youth, and Families. Please share the job posting with people you think might be interested. The position is posted on the Peace Website and Idealist. The search committee for this position includes Joe Riffe, Martha Siles-Munoz, and Jenny Tigney. They will coordinate with Pastor Doug to review applications.

Installation of Rev. Doug Ryniewicz: A worship service led by the Dean of our Synod Conference, with guest preacher will be on Saturday, November 16th at 3pm to install the Rev. Doug Ryniewicz at Peace Lutheran Church!

Fellowship Committee Needs You: Peace's new Fellowship Committee has had quite a bit to host in recent months. A few extra sets of hands for the committee would be wonderful to continue offering our Sunday coffee hours as well as our special receptions, funeral meals, and other events. The specific help needed is to serve as the coordinator of 3-4 Sunday coffee/fellowship hours per year. Contact Sandi Penoyar at sspenoyar@Hotmail.com.

Synod Events

Sacred Ground Series on Race and Faith: Registration is now open for "Sacred Ground," a 12-session spiritual journey, grounded in the example of Jesus Christ and the power of scripture, prayer, God's grace, to help to achieve racial equity. This series is open to all congregations in small groups and to all rostered ministers. Sacred Ground is a rich and varied curriculum focused on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Americans as their histories intersect with European American history. The curriculum also provides historical information on how racism has impacted the ELCA and the Episcopal Churches.

Pre-Election Prayer Service: As you prepare for the election on Tuesday, November 5, the Metro D.C. Synod invites you to join in a time of prayer at 7:00 PM on **Tuesday, October 29**. This non-partisan event will center around prayer lifting up our country, those running for office, and all who are voting in the election. The service will begin at Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., the congregation closest to the Capital, and end with a walk around the neighborhood (weather permitting) praying for those who have both been elected and those seeking election.

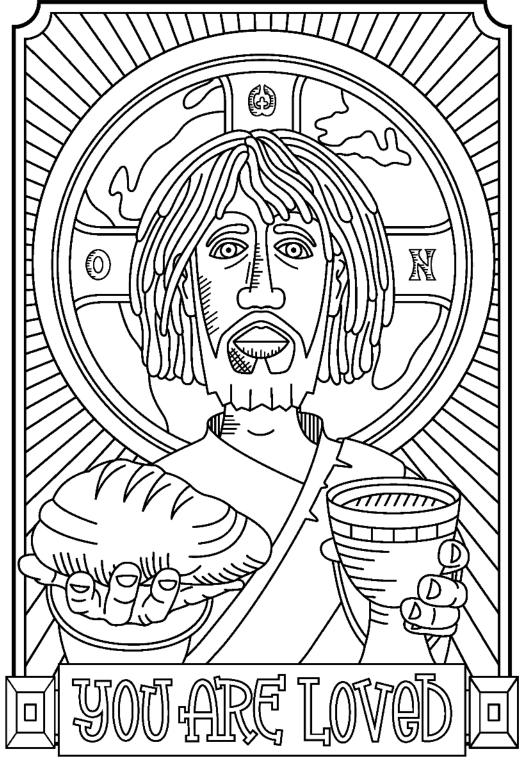
Traveling Prayer Night: Join the next Traveling Prayer Night on **Thursday, November 14,** at <u>Nativity Lutheran Church</u> in Alexandria, VA. A potluck dinner begins at 6:30 PM, followed by a prayer and meditation service at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

Daring to Dream—Youth Retreat: Registration is now open for Daring to Dream, a retreat for middle and high school youth on **November 15–17** at Potomac Park in Falling Waters, WV. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited! Youth will be grouped with other youth of the same age/grade. In addition to the small groups, large group gatherings will introduce the theme progression through worship and music; games will help form the weekend's community; and service projects will invite youth to apply what they're learning to hands-on service. There are also workshops for adult participants. Learn more and register here.



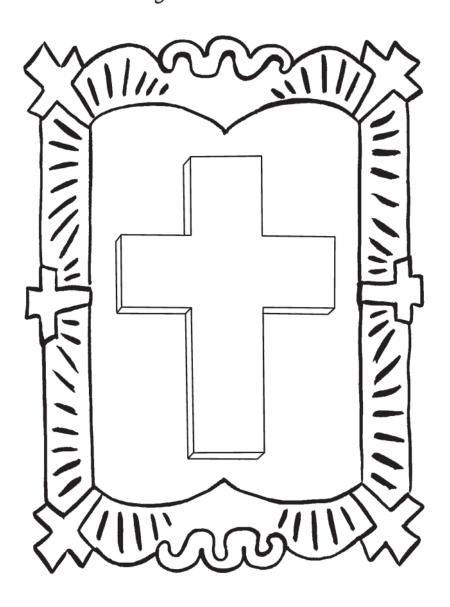
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT METRODCELCA.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS

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Find a cross in the sanctuary. Is it fancy? Plain? Something in between?

Color what it looks like, or make up your own cross design.



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WORSHIPPING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME? We receive you as a gift from God. Please email info@sharingpeace.org to be added to the weekly e-news. Also, look for a yellow welcome folder by the entrance.

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED. If you prefer never to appear on camera, let an usher know and they will seat you in an off-camera area.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. We have a staffed nursery available as well; please ask an usher to direct you. The nursery attendants will bring kids to the sanctuary for the Time for Children.

Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact info@sharingpeace.org

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP	TODAY	Nov. 3, 2024
Tech and Sound	Matt Mills, Andrew Tlusty	Stu Whitehead, Andrew Tlusty
Lector	Sandi Penoyar	
Acolyte	Ben Howard	McKayla Danner
Assisting Minister	Diane Yeager	
Altar Care	Tammy Heppner	
Ushers	Bill Penoyar, Ardell Hoveskeland	
Tellers	Ray Marquardt	Ray Marquardt

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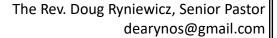
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