

St. John's Lutheran Church and School



REFORMATION SUNDAY

29 OCTOBER 2023

WELCOME - TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!

For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

As We Gather

Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.

Prelude

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

- P** In the joy of Reformation, I invite you to join me in bringing our sin to God for the forgiveness which He assures us. Then we will be free from things which weigh us down and ready to worship our one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with real vibrant joy.
- C** I am sorry, Lord, that so often and in so many ways I have failed You by not living the victorious life which You made possible through Your life, death, resurrection and ascension. On this day as we celebrate the great truths of the Reformation, let me experience the peace of forgiveness and the joy of the new life which You give to me. Amen.

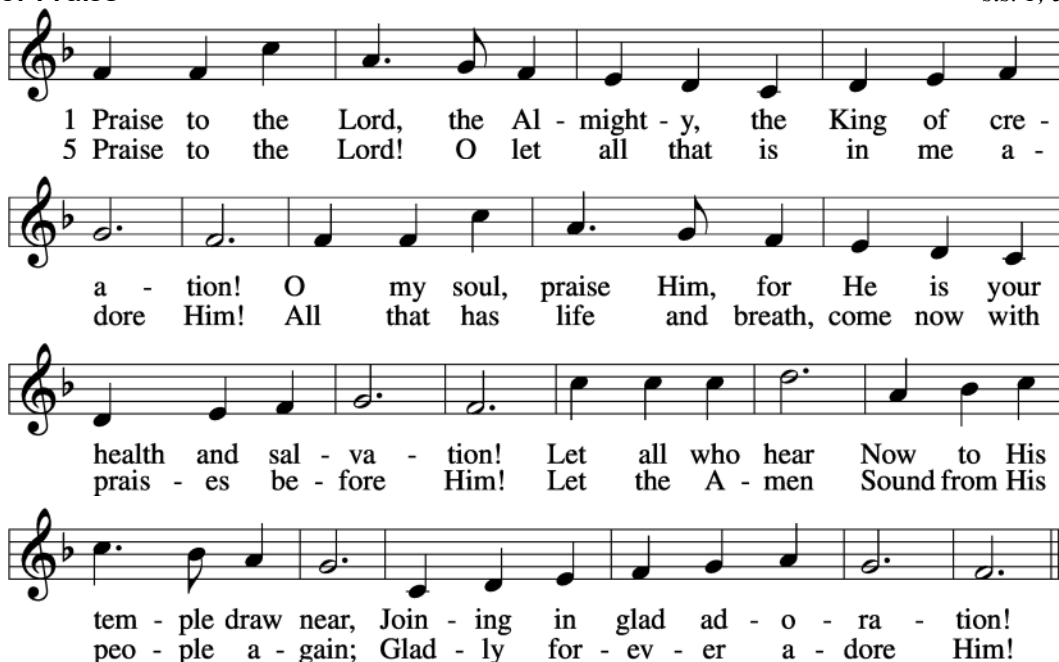
Absolution

- P** The best of the good news of the Reformation is this: You have the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ for which you sincerely prayed. It is my privilege to assure you of this, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Praise

sts. 1, 5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with
 health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His
 tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, You direct the Church in every age. Guide us in our generation to be bold in our witness to the Gospel and faithful and clear in our confession of the faith entrusted to us, freely and joyfully sharing the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

C **whom with You and the Father we worship, one God,
 now and forever. Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

A The Old Testament Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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.



645 Built on the Rock

sts. 1, 3-4

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

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A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For 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

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

st. 1

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
by de-ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
Son And bring to naught all He has done.

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

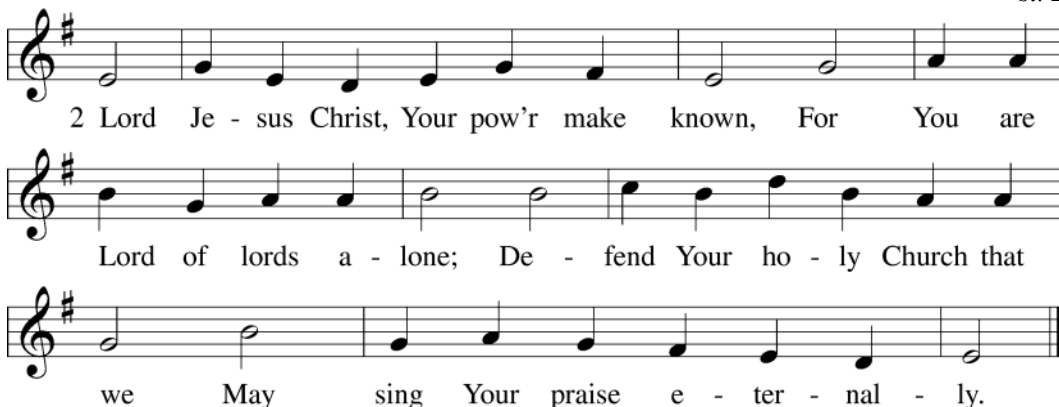
³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn

st. 2



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Sit

Children's Sermon

828 We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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Sermon

"Every Christian a Priest"

Pastor Weidler

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house^[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2: 4-5, 9-10

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

Sit

Prayer of the Church *Kneel/Sit*

P Renew, O Lord, Your church on earth

C that we may serve You faithfully and well.

P Raise up among us preachers and teachers of Your truth

C that the Gospel may be heard, believed, and spread throughout the world.

P Where the people in Your Church are divided,

C **unite it.**

P Where we are stalled and ineffective,

C **breathe life into its dry bones.**

P Where we lost our way,

C **lead it once more into Your truth.**

P Where we have gone wrong,

C **correct it, O Lord, and reform it.**

P We pray for peace among the nations

C **that a world at peace may come to know Christ who is our peace.**

P We pray for those whose Christian faith takes them in harm's way as they sacrifice and place themselves at risk for the sake of the Gospel.

C **Give Your angels charge of them, Lord, and keep them safe.**

- Special Petitions may be offered here -

P We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of the church.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

"The Lord Is a Mighty God"

Mendelssohn, arr. Burkhardt

Stand

Offertory Prayer

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son has set us free!
C **We are free indeed!**
P Freely we bring these gifts.
C **Freely we offer our praise.**
P Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

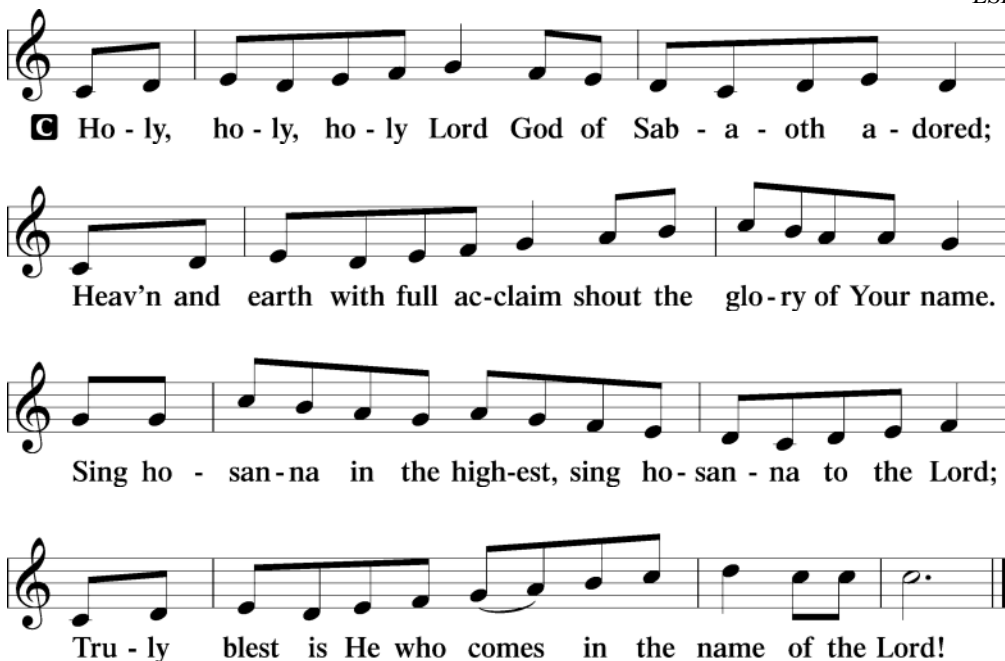
Preface

LSB 208

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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 Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

All may share a sign of God's peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Choir Anthem

"A Communion Prayer"

Gerald Near



735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.



Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 Amen.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



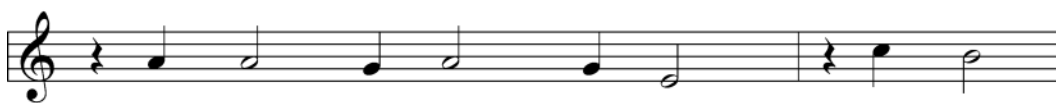
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince they may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

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Announcements

Postlude

“Allegro Moderato”

Henry Heron

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Serving in Worship

Homilist: Rev. Ronald Weidler

Liturgist: Rev. Mark Stapleton

Director of Music: Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst

Trumpeter: Mr. Mark Olen

Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Vernon Millsap, on his 90th birthday, 10/26/33, by Margery Bobysud

Mission Notes:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

WOMENS' SMALL GROUP

GRIEFSHARE

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

CHOIR PRACTICE

CONFIRMATION CLASS

PICKLEBALL

BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

TRIP ORDER DATES

Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)

Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)

Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm

Sundays, 6PM, Offsite

Mondays, 7PM, Zoom

Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm

Tuesdays beginning September 26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 7PM, 2nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm

Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm

Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym

Thursday, 7PM, Offsite

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