HOLY TRINITY TIMES

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A church that actively shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace with our community and the world

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Grace and peace be unto you from God, our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

God is good...

"May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves." Psalm 126:5-6

This verse calls us to hear, feel, see, and rejoice in being given God's wisdom to understand that although we may have seasons of feeling barren, parched, and overwhelmed… that God walks through this with us all and calls us to enter into this harvest season knowing and being confident that God indeed showers us with continued blessings and joy in armloads. With the Holy Spirit, we come though the harvest seasons of toil, stress and distress with loads of bounteous gifts that God has provided and has called us to each share. God promises to be always with us – and we can remember this in our struggles, lean on this promise, and step forth with boldness into sharing the reaped harvest of faith, hope, love, and understanding with one another.

As our daytime shortens and our evenings grow long
may the promise and gifts of our Lord be prolonged
from toiling times of till, seed, grow, and harvest
(days now behind as we share times of good rest).
Godspeed for the journeys made to one another
in sitting, and sharing, and spiritual hunger.
May we feed from the seed that was sown in the soil
Autumn rains and the leaves and the winds cannot foil.
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer be with you
Now here, in this season, and all your days through.

Be blessed. Be a blessing. + Pr. Soren

Become Part of Our Church Family

email or call Pr. Soren if you are interested in becoming a HTLC church member.

God is Good, All the Time!

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Sundays at 10am
(Worship & Communion)
[Sunday School following children's message, except on Family Sunday]

October 1st

October 8th
[Family Sunday/Blessing of the quilts & kits Sunday]

October 15th

October 22nd

October 29th

Indoor, Facebook Live, and Local Radio Broadcast 89.1fm

The Sunday bulletin can be found at **holytrinitylutheranchurch.org**

You do not need a Facebook account to view the online services, just go to: **holytrinitylutheranchurch.org** click the "Find us on Facebook" link.

If you get a "log in" pop up, just click on Not Now, or click the ×

After worship join us for Fellowship & Coffee Hour

All Saints Sunday is: November 5th
Please have the name(s) of your loved one(s) who have passed away this past year to the office by: Sunday, October 29th.

Shipping cost for quilts and kits

Total donated to date:
$1,000.00! :)

THANK YOU!

Month of October & November blue can...

Service & Witness Christmas Giving project. This will help in providing gift baskets & other gifts to those in need in our community.

write in the memo of your check & envelope: "Christmas Giving"

Service and WITNESS Committee

Coming soon... blue can... for...

Little Brothers Christmas Box (for Andes Mints & other items that may be needed).

LITTLE BROTHERS FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY®

Watch for upcoming info in our weekly eBlast and in the "In The Know" section of our Sunday bulletin.

FOSTERING A DEEPER CONNECTION WITH GOD OUTDOORS!

U.P. WILD

Saturday, October 28th at 4pm
U.P. Wild Keweenaw Wilderness Walk
Location: Baraga

Keep a look out for upcoming info in the HTLC eBlast's & bulletins.

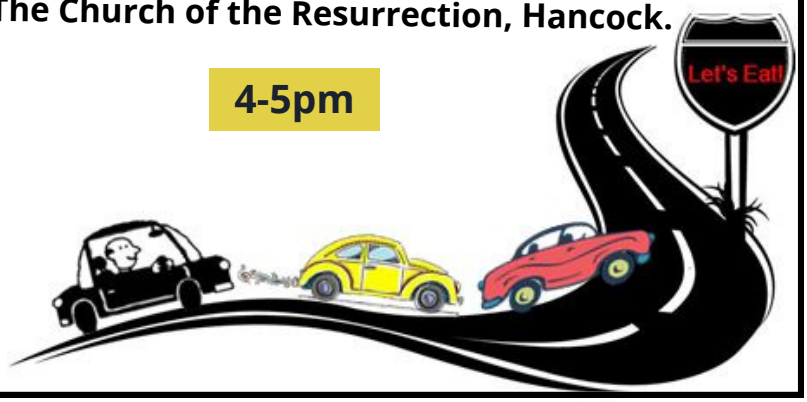
Wear Red for Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29th

Let's Eat [free] Community dine-in or take-home Meal

Date: 10/15/23
Located & Hosted by:
The Church of the Resurrection, Hancock.

4-5pm



Fall Classes Now Open for Registration

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Join the bible studies and conversations on topics that are important to your congregation, your community, and the church. Beginning in September and October, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. Two of them will also meet in-person. Go to the synod website -- https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation -- for details and to sign-up for classes by September 15. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynd.org if you have any questions.

Glenda Britz 10/2
Mollie Trewartha 10/3
John Wuori 10/3
Douglas Mechlin 10/4
Emily Cote 10/7
Jason Julien 10/7
Emily Hermanson 10/11
Amber Bennett 10/12
John Lassila 10/12
David Tuttle 10/12
Wyatt Young 10/13
Jeffrey Finni 10/14
Linda Kantola 10/14
Betsy Walikainen 10/15
Dennis Karvakko 10/18
Trent Lawrence 10/21
Mia Caldwell 10/22
Mark Roth 10/24
Carrie Tapani 10/25
Chloe Serafin 10/30
Nancy Lassila 10/31

TRUNK -OR- TREAT

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 31ST
4-6 PM

At the Chassell Centennial Park & Pavilion.

Cars, Candy, & Community

hot dogs, chili, & hot cocoa will also be available (while supplies last)

This Trunk -or- Treat event is hosted by: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the Chassell Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Chassell Volunteer First Responders.

TRUNK -OR- TREAT

Cars, Candy, & Community

This event is looking for volunteers to provide candy and decorate their vehicles to help promote a safe and fun place for our kids & families to gather.

Bill & Lois Budreau
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Chassell MI 49916

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Canal View
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Hancock, MI 49930

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Chassell, MI 49916

Carolyn Tormala
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Chassell, MI 49916

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Ann Arbor MI 48105

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Bower, Kirstin
Bruce, Tim
Cote, Paul
DeGrave, Tonya
Durocher, Danica
Erickson, Dolly
Fox, Bob
Gerdes, Rose
Gerrad, Billie
Haataja, Janet
Hartwig, Gene
Hazel, Vera
Heikkila, Hiedi
Hilman, Olive
Hoban, Chris
Holman, Shawn
Jalkanen, Dave
Kerschensteiner, Jill
Kramer, Byrd
Lassila, Lorraine
Lexson Mary Anne
McGee, Pr. Merle
Makela, Diane
Martino, Linda
Nicholson, Howard
Nordstrom, Mary Lee
Pleshe, Rose Marie
Povich, Trina
Powel, Amanda
Saarinen, Ray
Sauvola, Jason
Schmaltz, Tracy
Schmidt, Barbara
Schmidt, Leigh
Schreiber, Joe
Tormala Carolyn
Uuro Denise
Walikainen, Dennis
Walitalo, Bruce
Wilder, Julie
Wisti, Mark & Amy
Yambor, Debby
Yambor, Mike (the family & friends of)

Continued prayer for...
Military, Police officers & First Responders, Medical staff, and our Government leaders

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMEONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST, OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

Do you know of someone who needs encouragement; that they are being thought of and prayed for?
If so, contact Lynn Walker from the Service & Witness Committee at: lcw1956@up.net or (906) 523-0084

OR you can contact the office at: office.htlc@gmail.com or (906) 523-4315

Council Meeting Highlights

from September 2023

Correspondence:

- Fellowship Hall usage requests were approved for Monday, October 16th and for Saturday, December 9th.

Old Business Discussions:

- Pr. Soren spoke about the Sacred Spaces Energy Grant; [upcoming Detroit meeting], [Fully electrification plan with solar (plan A) vs Electric, gas, and some solar (plan B)], [Energy Grant Contractor's meeting].
- Wendy & Curt will be discussing further about the upcoming Trunk or Treat co-hosted event. So far the Chassell pavilion has been secured for the Oct. 31st event, and a Thrivent Grant will be applied for by Wendy.

New Business Discussions:

- 2023/2024 plowing season; [To receive bids].
- Lawn mower/lawn maintenance; [To look into cost of professional lawn service].
- The outdoor service area; [Maintenance, repair, and upkeep]
- Upcoming Annual meeting; [6 Council Representatives are need].
- Staff evaluations; [to be completed by the end of November].
- Pr. Soren discussed the current grant he applied for; [to receive monies for the purchase of two buildings that would then be converted over to be community centers].
- Let's Eat; [HTLC agreed to host the November Let's Eat [free] Community Meal]. [Volunteers are needed].
- School Bus pick-up and drop-off; [busses should only be utilizing the lower parking lot].

Treasure's Report/Finance Committee:

- Income for August: $12,634.35 vs expenses for August: $14,710.60 leaves HTLC with the deficit of: - $2,076.25
- Pr. Soren's Ins plan was discussed.
- It is requested a final statement be received by years end for the work done on Audio/Visual.

Committee updates:

- **Building & Property:** Request for pasty fundraiser: [hosted by: Cookie and Sue & Jim Vollmar with assistance from the B&P committee; to raise money for the 2023/2024 plowing season. Requested for: 11/2/23]
- **Fellowship & Hospitality:** Will not be having the 5th Sunday potluck in October, due to the trunk -or-treat event and pasty fundraiser. If another group wishes to host the potluck they are welcome to do it.
- **Keeping the Connections:** none
- **Memorial Committee**: none
- **Parish Ed:** Pr. Soren is working on upcoming confirmation dates.
- **Service & Witness:** Would like to host a coffee social for our elderly and shut-in friends and neighbors.
- **Worship & Music:** none
- **Pr. Soren** Written report submitted.

Next Council Meeting: October 17th @ 7pm

[the fully completed September meeting minutes will be posted online and on the overflow bulletin board after approval at the October meeting]

Council Meeting minutes can be found at:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Gjsf5eRRqleXveSoSRZmx-EQ-uxvxFLb

(or contact the office).

Council Executive Committee

President: Curt Judson

Vice President: Jim Lassila

Treasurer: Lynn Walker

Secretary: Deb Pederson

Committee/Work Group Council Representatives

Building & Property Committee:	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Jim Lassila	523-4453
	Jeff Markham	281-2663
	Mike Soumis	482-3009
Fellowship & Hospitality Work Group:	Curt Judson	(956) 336-9140
Finance & Stewardship Committee:	Lynn Walker	523-0084
Keeping the Connections Work Group:	Annette Lawrence	370-6657
Memorial Committee:	Pr. Soren	290-1405
Parish Education:	Michele Serafin	370-5487
Service & Witness Committee:	Paulette Archambeau	370-5944
	Deb Pederson	370-2795
	Lynn Walker	523-0084
Worship & Music Committee:	Pastor Soren	290-1405
World Hunger/GWOH Work Group	Ken & Carole Simila	482-5892

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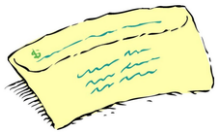
Thrivent Choice can have a tremendous impact! Eligible Thrivent clients with memberships, please consider directing Choice Dollars to HTLC. To learn more, go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice
Or call 800/847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



Do you need ofering envelpes, or would you like to be set for automatic withdawal through Vanco eGiving?

Vanco eGiving is an easy, convenient and safe way to contribute to HTLC.

Please contact the office if you are interested to be set up for automatic withdrawal. Or for those who already are, if you would like to increase the amount to you Vanco eGiving.

FALL FEST 2023
QUILT AUCTION
AT FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

9:30 - 10:30 AM CT
DINING HALL

BEAUTIFUL QUILTS UP FOR AUCTION

11:00 AM CT
CHAPEL

DRAFFLE TICKETS & HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS FOR SALE

ALL MORNING
CHAPEL

Can't attend?
Online Auction opens September 26th!

(906)214-2267
fortunelake.org
officemanager@fortunelake.org

138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	2 *Church office hours this day: 9am – 5pm*	3 *Church office hours this day (normal schedule): 9am – 1pm* Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	4 *Church office hours this day: 9am - 5pm*	5 *Church office hours this day: CLOSED*	6 Pastor's day off	7
8 Sunday Worship, 10am Family Sunday; Blessing of the quilts & kits [no S.S] 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	9	10 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	11 October newsletter article(s) due	12	13 Pastor's day off	14
15 Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School 11am Fellowship hour Let's Eat, 4-5pm (at the Church of the Resurrection, Hancock) A.A.: 8-9pm	16	17 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations **Finance Meeting, 6pm** **Council meeting, 7pm**	18	19	20 Pastor's day off	21
22 Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School 11am Fellowship hour A.A.: 8-9pm	23	24 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations	25	26	27 Pastor's day off	28
29 Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School 11am Fellowship hour **Reformation Sunday -Wear Red-** A.A.: 8-9pm	30	31 Quilting: 9am-noon Pastor: -Text Study -Visitations **Trunk or Treat at Chassell Park & Pavilion @ 4-6pm**	**There will be no Hallowfest nor a potluck this year. Instead we will be co-hosting a Trunk -or- Treat event at the Chassell Park & Pavillion on Tuesday, Oct. 31st**			

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Tadych's Marketplace Community Care [register receipt] Program:
Our current receipt totals come to **$71,441.85**
We receive 1% of receipt totals. This then goes towards Campership and/or Youth Missions Trips.
Keep those receipts coming! :)

	October				
	October 1st	October 8th	October 15th	October 22nd	October 29th
Musician	Deb Young	Pr. Soren	Deb Young	Mary Jurgensen	Kristiina Vanhala
Reader	Judy Karvakko	Nancy Paananen	Deb Pederson	Jim Lassila	Carole Simila
Greeter(s)	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	Ann Roth & Nicki Lassila	Roberta Tapani	Jim & Nicki Lassila	Ken & Carole Simila
Communion Assistant	Susan Wiles	Annie Soumis	Roberta Tapani	Nicki Lassila	Carole Simila
Acolytes	Matthew & Eli Bennett, Eli & Wyatt Bates	Bella Edwards, Bella Kotila, Nora & Bryce Lassila	Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Mia Caldwell, & Caleb Heikkila - Wickstrom	Alexa & Dylan Hoffman, Caleb & Wyatt Young	Richard, Bella, & Robert Sarau, Tanner Elenich
Coffee Servers	Paulette Archambeau	The Quilters (Pie Social)	**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**	**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**	**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
Counters	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	Ann Roth & Breigh Lawrence	Paulette Archambeau & Jim Vollmar	Mary Jurgensen & Tracy Schmaltz	Julie Judson & Ann Roth
Altar Care	Annette Lawrence				

Sunday Reflections, Prayers, Readings, & Blessings

for the Month of October

Season after Pentecost
October 1 , 2023

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Season after Pentecost
October 8, 2023

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm Reading: Psalm 25:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm Reading: Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Season after Pentecost
October 15, 2023

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm Reading: Psalm 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Season after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm Reading: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 29, 2023

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.
Amen

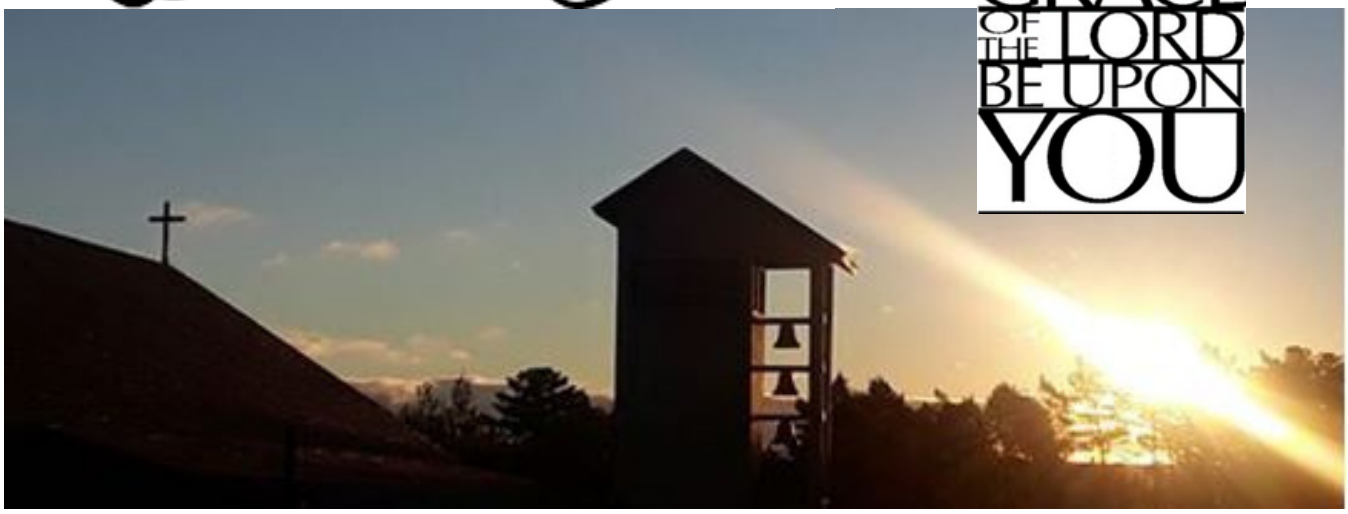
READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm Reading: Psalm 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
Amen.

October



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