

**Reformation Sunday
OCTOBER 28-29, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Confession & Forgiveness
Litany of Praise
Prayer of the Day
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Message
Hymn of the Day
Creed, Prayers and Peace
Offertory
The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

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Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Psalm of the Day
Gospel Acclamation
Today's Message
Hymn of the Day
Affirmation of Baptism
Prayers & Peace
Offertory
Offering
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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

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.

Today's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible p. 642
Romans 3:19-28 Pew Bible p. 915
Psalm 46 Pew Bible p. 450
John 8:31-36 Pew Bible p. 871

Today's Message

"Reformation of the Heart"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

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.

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 96:7
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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and the Varner Family.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and Nick.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John’s to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

CHOIRS ARE BACK: All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings. No more late-night driving in the winter. The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir at 11:15 AM. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

TRUNK OR TREAT: Sunday, October 29th, 1:00-2:30 PM in the gym.

REMINDER: Odd/Even parking resumes November 1st along the streets surrounding St. John’s. Please beware of all parking regulations to avoid tickets and to allow for efficient removal of snow.

There will be a small reception in the narthex after Sunday worship to welcome our new members.

BIBLE STUDY: Rev. Jerry Gray will be leading a bible study on the gospels entitled “A Walk With Jesus” on Tuesdays at 10AM in the Assembly room. This is a 4-week bible study running from November 7th-28th.

We would like to thank the Chancel Choir and Trumpeters Bruce Schaaf and Corey Spangenberg of the Gem City Band for their gift of music today.