

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 46 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.**

Refrain: **God is our refuge and strength,  
An ever present help in trouble.**

1. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give away  
And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
Though its waters roar and foam,  
And the mountains quake with their surging. **R:**
2. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
The holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her.  
She will not fall; God will help her at the break of day. **R:**
3. Kingdoms are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
He lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
The Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. **R:**

## The Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

Gospel Response – **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> 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’?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord – **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – SUNDAY 10/28/2018**



**NEW PRAYER REQUEST:** Tom Brosenitsch brother of Tim Brosenitsch recovering from an accident, Family of Audrey Sherman, Family of Kim Stolfer on death of his father-in-law, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Jenny, Judy Hart, Andrienne Haegg.

[The complete prayer list is in the November newsletter.]

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING LAST SUNDAY:** 35 - \$1745.00

### **FOOD CUPBOARD – OCTOBER**

October we will be collecting cans of vegetable and fruit. Plus items for Thanksgiving: canned pumpkin and cranberry, stuffing mixes.

### **THANK YOU**

To everyone who helped in any way with the Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on Thursday evening.

### **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

Will be observed on November 4. The tradition is to name before God all those who died and have been buried through the ministry of the church since the previous All Saints' Sunday. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, we would also like to recognize them by including their name in the prayer of the church. Please inform the office or Pastor Bev by October 28, of anyone special you would like to have included the prayers.

### **LUTHER**

Tonight the confirmation students will host a showing of the movie LUTHER at 5:30 PM in Strobel Hall. You are all invited to join them. You are welcome to bring your own snacks to enjoy while you gain insight into the protestant reformation which officially began when Martin Luther posted 95 Theses to be debated at Wittenberg.

### **70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Phyllis Metz will be turning 70 on November 7<sup>th</sup> and her friend's will be having a birthday party for her on Saturday, November 3, at the American Legion. All are welcome to come from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. There will be appetizers, a cash bar, and music and (of course cake).

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

We will be electing new council members in November. If you are interested in being a part of council, please let Linda Flora or someone on council know by October 28. The council meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. They are responsible for making important decisions that keep our church running smoothly. Please consider becoming a member.

## **The Fantas**



## **v Choir**

The Fantastix Show Choir is a singing group that uses Strobel Hall for some of their rehearsals. To thank us for use of the hall they will be having a Dinner Cabaret fundraiser for our church on Thursday, November 15. Entertainment will run continuously from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Fantastix Show Choir is under the direction of Mary Ann Mangini. Come and enjoy a terrific show and delicious Spaghetti Dinner. Menu: Spaghetti (gluten free option available), salad, bread, beverage and dessert all for only \$10 Adults, Children 2 to 5 yrs. \$5.00, Under 2 yrs. Free.

### **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Please remember to pick up a copy of your newsletter in the narthex. Also to cut down on cost if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let Colleen know by giving her the best email to use or emailing the church office at [splcofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:splcofzelie@gmail.com)

### **GODSPELL**

St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland, 311 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh proudly presents **Godspell** today at 2:00 PM.

### **VISITORS**

If you are a visitor, please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.

