

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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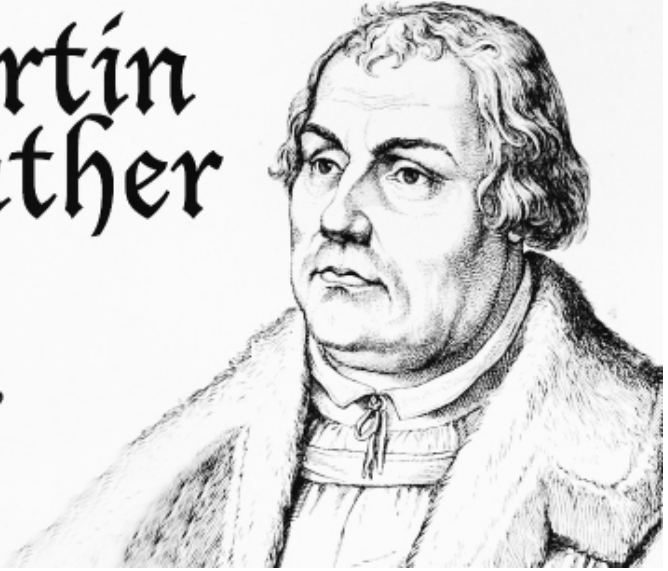
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Martin Luther

Priest,
Professor,
fugitive,
Reformer



October 29nd, 2017
Reformation Sunday
(500th Anniversary)
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Michele Harbeck Haley

John Tiffin

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Kathy Shine, Leader

In troubled times God hears our cries

and raises up prophets to show the way.

Moses, in the desert,

John Huss, burning at the stake.

Jeremiah, in the midst of Jerusalem's fall,

Martin Luther, standing by the Word.

Amos, crying out for the poor,

John Wesley, bringing God's light.

Joel, promising visions and dreams.

Martin Luther King Jr., dreaming dreams.

Hear us, O God, and send your Word

Let the voice of God be heard in our land.

*Hymn 110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Opening Prayer

O Gracious Father,

we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, direct it;

where in anything it is amiss, reform it;

where it is right, strengthen it;

where it is in need, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

(from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

WORD

First Reading	Romans 3: 19 - 28 <i>Kathy Shine, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 46 <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace <i>Sebastian Temple: arr. Tom Fettke</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i> <i>Michele Harbeck Haley</i> <i>John Tiffin</i>
*Gospel	Matthew 22: 34 - 46
*Hymn	Built On a Rock <i>Words: Nikolai F. S. Grundvig</i> <i>Music: Ludwig M. Lindeman</i>
Message	The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation: How One Man Changed the World. <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	Indian Summer <i>Jeanne Cotter</i>

TABLE

*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 545	The Church's One Foundation
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	French Suite No. 1 Allemande <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you!

Here's some helpful things to know:

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, and join with all Protestants (and especially Lutherans) in celebrating the 500th year of German church reformer, Martin Luther, posting his 95 theses for debate, on October 31, 1517, beginning the Protestant Reformation. What was the Reformation of the 16th century, what did it mean and what does it mean for us today?

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **DONNA CAMPBELL** in celebration of her mother, **VIRGINIA ARBOGAST'S**, 100th birthday.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by the **BENIGNO FAMILY**. Volunteers are needed to host fellowship time. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the month, when we offer **PRAYERS FOR HEALING** for those who seek healing, in the front of the sanctuary following worship. Everyone who seeks healing for any reason is invited to participate.

STEWARDSHIP

ZACH CLARK, Chair of Central's Trustees Committee, will give a short presentation today on **GIVING** to God through our gifts to Central Church. For more information, see the brochures/pledge cards available from the ushers.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th: ALL SAINTS, TIME CHANGE, FOOD PANTRY

Next Sunday, November 5th, is **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**, when we will remember those who have died over the last year: **ILENE KONIOR, HELEN BEXTEL, RUTH JAKLIN, LEONE O'ROARK** and **RUSS NELSON**.

Please note that next Sunday morning at 2 am, **DAY-LIGHT SAVINGS TIME** ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed. While you're "changing," it's also a good time to change the batteries in the smoke detectors in your house as well.

Next Sunday, we welcome food donations for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed are: **canned cranberry/pumpkin; cereal; cookies; toothbrushes/toothpaste**. Shopping reminder cards are available from **LOIS MARTIN**. If you forget to purchase the items above, bring a can of "anything" in your cupboard/pantry to church for the Food Pantry. All donations are welcome.

UPPER ROOM

The **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER** edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Vestibule.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

November 2 - Minakshi Dass Singh

(To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 29th

Reformation Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Prayers for Healing

Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, October 31st

Hallowe'en (All Hallow's Eve)

Wednesday, November 1st

All Saints Day

7 pm - Troop 72 Scouts

Sunday, November 5th

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time ends

Food Pantry Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

At Home:

Nancy Blaylock

Janet Casey

Maya Dass

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odlivak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**Kathy Shine**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Benigno Family**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever***