

O, The Depths of God's Grace!
UNDER HIS PROTECTIVE CARE

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | Kearney, Nebraska

The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels (Observed)

Sunday, October 1, 2017

#### **WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!**

We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

#### SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

Today we're observing the celebration of the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels, which is celebrated on September 29. For 1500 years the Christian Church has celebrated this festival near the autumnal equinox, the day of 12 hours of sunlight and 12 hours of darkness. As Christians watched the autumn nights grow longer and the days grow shorter, they were reminded of the struggle between good and evil— between the forces of light and the forces of darkness—between the angel armies of God and the demonic forces of Satan. And so, every year as autumn darkened into winter, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangel and remembers that Michael and All the Angels fought on their side.

Today is the third of six Sundays focusing on *The Depths of God's Grace!* Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. In this series, we will see how truly gracious God is.

September 17	An Understanding of God's Grace Begins With a Heart of Faith
September 24	God's Grace is Focused Outside of Himself
TODAY	God's Grace is Found Under His Protective Care [Festival of St. Michael
	and All Angels]
October 8	God's Grace is Found in the Family
October 15	God's Grace is Found in Wealth
October 22	God's Grace is Abundant

## **HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY**

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

## ABOUT THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], the synod to which Good Shepherd has the privilege to belong, is in the process of producing a new hymnal, scheduled to be released in the early 2020's. Pastor Seelow is a contributor to this project, and also has the opportunity to serve on the worship board of the Nebraska District of the WELS. Good Shepherd has been asked to "field test" one of the new orders of service for that new hymnal volume. The committee who designed this new service explains it in this way:

"Entitled simply The Service, the order of service you are using is both old and new. It is a version of the historic liturgy of the Western Christian church. The progression of The Service is familiar to worshipers in our church body, and there are some elements of The Service that are new or different.

The text of The Service is being presented as the standard liturgical text for the new hymnal. We envision that the hymnal will include three musical settings of The Service; the progression and basic texts will encourage continuity and familiarity, and the musical settings will offer variety. Overall, it is our hope and prayer that you will find the structure and the text of the service to be very familiar."

Good Shepherd will be using *The Service* through the end of November. For the first 6 weeks, only the text of *The Service* will be used. Gradually new songs and canticles will be taught and added, with the goal of using *The Service* in its entirety for the whole month of November. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about *The Service*, please speak with Pastor Seelow, and he will pass them on to the hymnal committee.

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Service — Setting II



#### OPENING HYMN

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang | CW 222

## INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

- M In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8,9
- M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his holy life and innocent death.

Trusting in him, I pray:

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments.

"The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners..."

> — Small Catechism, The Office of the Keys, Part I

### **ABSOLUTION**

- M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie, eleison

Mark 10:47

- M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- c Amen.

- "All confidence is empty, except confidence in mercy. Mercy delivers us; our own merits, our own efforts, do not."
- Apology to the Augsburg Confession, V:209

Tune: TALLIS' CANON [CW 597]

"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth"

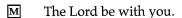
- Luke 2:14



# The Service of the Word

## **SALUTATION**

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22



C And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** — Collect

M Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

#### FIRST LESSON

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

ND BEHOLD, A HAND TOUCHED ME AND SET ME trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup> and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

<sup>12:1</sup> "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel continues to grieve over the fate of his people and Jerusalem (having been brought into exile). Once again, the Lord sends a divine messenger to strengthen Daniel and prepare him spiritually for the word of truth he will hear. That Daniel is strengthened by an angel reminds us of Jesus' experience in Gethsemane (Lk. 22:43) and his promise that angels watch over us (Mt. 18:10). Our knowledge of how angels serve God's people is very limited. We know they guard our ways (Ps. 91:11,12), which may also include strengthening us when we are weak.

- M The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

**PSALM OF THE DAY (Insert)** 

Psalm 91 | CW p. 100

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12

John depicts the cosmic struggle between the forces of good and of evil, and the damage it continually threatens to inflict upon the Church. This depiction makes clear that although Satan cannot overcome the Church, he nonetheless tries his hardest to drag down with him as many as possible. It is most comforting to know, therefore, that Jesus has already defeated Satan and forgiven our sins, so that we can never be lost.

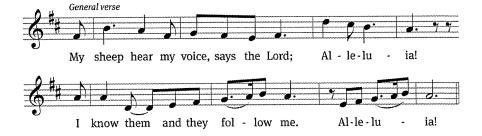
- OW WAR AROSE IN HEAVEN, MICHAEL AND HIS angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown who accuses them day and night before God. 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. 12 Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"
- M The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Pastor will sing the refrain once. The congregation is invited to repeat the refrain a second time. The Pastor will sing the verse, and the congregation is invited to sing the final refrain.







## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 10:17-20

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter nine.

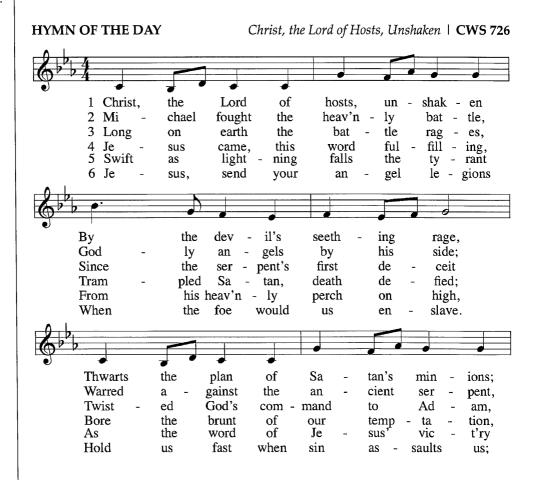
"Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread

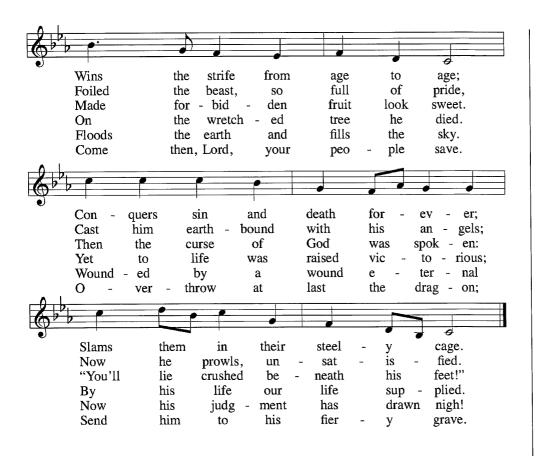
Empowered by Jesus, the Seventy-two (whom Jesus sent out, cf. Lk. 10:1) advance into Satan's territory as people believe the Gospel. Until Christ's return, we, too, remain in this war zone, where Satan does everything he can to destroy us and halt the Gospel's advance. In Christ, however, we are protected. In him we cannot lose, even though put to death, for in the end Christ grants us eternal life.

on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- M The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.





**SERMON** 

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

## Fear Not! Your God Has Come to Fight

### NICENE CREED

Please stand.

С	We believe in one God,	Dt. 6:4
	the Father, the Almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18
	maker of heaven and earth,	Is. 51:13
	of all that is, seen and unseen.	Col.1:16
	We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	1 Cor. 8:6
	the only Son of God,	Jn. 3:18

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

eternally begotten of the Father,	Heb. 1:2,5
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true	e God, Jn. 1
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	Jn. 10:30
Through him all things were made.	Jn. 1:3
For us and for our salvation,	1 Th. 5:9
he came down from heaven,	Jn. 6:38
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary	<b>y,</b> Lk. 1:35
and became fully human.	Gal. 4:4
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	Mk. 15:15
He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance	1 Cor. 15:4b
with the Scriptures.	
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory	Mt. 25:31
to judge the living and the dead,	2 Tim.4:1
and his kingdom will have no end.	Lk. 1:33
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life	, Job 33:4
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	Jn. 15:26
who in unity with the Father and the Son	Jn. 4:24
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	2 Pet.1:25
We believe in one holy Christian	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
and apostolic Church.	
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins	• Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead	1 Cor. 15:21-22
and the life • of the world to come. Amen.	<i>Rev.</i> 22

Be seated.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## **OFFERING**

# The Service of the Sacrament



## **PREFACE**

Please stand.

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

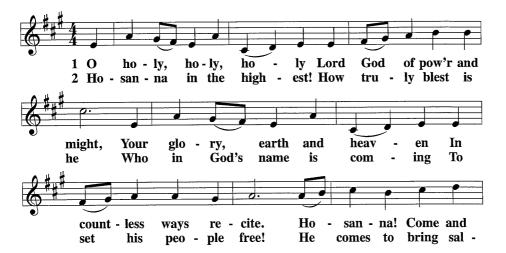
Psalm 136

It is good and right so to do.

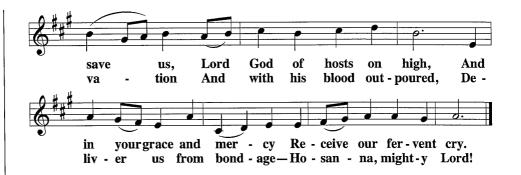
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9
Tune: ELLACOMBE [CW 130]



The opening words of the Preface are among the oldest sentences in the Christian liturgy. The responses are followed by the Proper Preface (italics), which are specific to the "proper" season of the church year. The entire liturgy is composed of ordinary elements, which remain the same from week to week, and propers, which change from week to week or season to season.



### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — Pater Noster

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,

"The Lord's Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour."

- Martin Luther

as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver ♣ us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** — Verba

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ♣ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my • blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD — Agnus Dei John 1:29 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have on mer us. cy God. you take of Lamb of wav the sin the

"The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf.

The Agnus Dei (Latin for "Lamb of God") is based on John the Baptist's acclamation of Christ: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" This canticle recollects the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on Good Friday, reminding us that, through the Holy Supper, we "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."



Be seated.

Good Shepherd confesses and

[WELS] or the

practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask

that only members of the Wisconsin Synod

Evangelical Lutheran

Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If

you have questions

communion practice,

concerning our

or would like to inquire about how

commune with us,

please speak with the Pastor following the

you, too, can

service.

## DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

**Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

*In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:* 

M Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ♣ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Please stand.

- M Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

- M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Me give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

C Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD look on you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen.

Be seated.

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | CW 203

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The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."

## SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Preaching & Presiding Minister	Pr. Nathanael Seelow
Keyboardist	Michelle Reinsch
Ushers	Mannie Reinsch & Rick Reinsch
Greeters	Tom & Marlene Hansen

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## Announcements

BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY Sunday morning Bible classes continue this morning, looking at the book of 1 John in a class called, "Living in the Light of God's Love." Please consider making time to feed your faith through this great opportunity! Sunday School also continues to meet today in the Education Building (across the parking lot). Children grades Pre-K through 8 are invited to attend. Sunday School starts at 10:45.

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER** A copy of the newest "A Congregation at Prayer" is available as an insert in this worship folder. This resource is not only a good outline for personal and family devotions, but it also includes an up-to-date prayer list for those in (and outside) our congregation.

**NEW LIVESTREAM OPPORTUNITIES** For the past few weeks, Good Shepherd has been "livestreaming" the Sunday morning services and the Tuesday evening Bible Classes. It seems that this has been popular and something worth pursuing in a more permanent way. Any feedback, questions, or concerns would be more than welcome as we pursue this new technology and put it to use in our congregation.

The livestream can be viewed on the congregation's Facebook page. Not a Facebook user? That's okay! You don't have to be to view the stream! Simply go to the church website, (goodshepherdkearney.org), click on the Facebook icon on the bottom of the home page, and you will be taken to the church Facebook page. Scroll down and find the video you'd like to watch.

**OPEN FORUM & VOTERS' MEETING** The annual Fall Open Forum and Voters' Meeting will be held on October 15. Agendas are available on the table in the entry way and in the weekly email.

"A RETURN TO GRACE" LUTHER MOVIE Weren't able to make it to The World Theatre to view the new Luther movie? Or, were you able to go, but want to see the version produced for church use? Good Shepherd will be offering a viewing of the new Luther documentary, "A Return to Grace." Be on the lookout for more information.

## This Week's Calendar

Tuesday, October 3	7p — Praying Luther's Small Catechism Bible Class
Wednesday, October 4	4p — Catechism
•	9:30a — Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:30a — Fellowship 10:45a — Sunday School 10:45a — <i>Book of 1 John</i> Bible Class
	Ushers: Jamie Scott & Chris Stutz
	Greeter: Harp Family
	Sound Tech: Logan Hansen
	urch—Cantrell; Fellowship—Haas; Ed. Bldg.—Hansen

## Last Week's "Numbers"

Lawn Mowing ......Scott

Divine Service/Communion	44/34
Sunday Bible Class	10
Sunday School	n/a
Tuesday Bible Class	14
General Fund	\$1,366.70
General Fund	•
	\$50.00

For more information on the annual budget and an upto-date +/- report, see the weekly email. Don't receive the email? Speak to Pastor Seelow.

# **Upcoming Events**

OCTOBER 15Open Forum/Voters' Meeting
OCTOBER 21NELHS Reformation Walk (1-5p)
OCTOBER 28LWMS Rally @
Redeemer, Hastings (9a)
OCTOBER 29Reformation Festival @ Mt. Olive, Lincoln (4p)
1411. Olloc, Lincoll (±p)
OCTOBER 31Trunk-or-Treat (4-6p)
<b>DECEMBER 17</b> Children's Christmas Service
<b>DECEMBER 24</b> Christmas Eve Service (7p)
<b>DECEMBER 25</b> Christmas Day Service (10a)



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