



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026 at 10am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD

www.saintluke.us | 301-588-4363

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.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Nimrod

Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✚ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

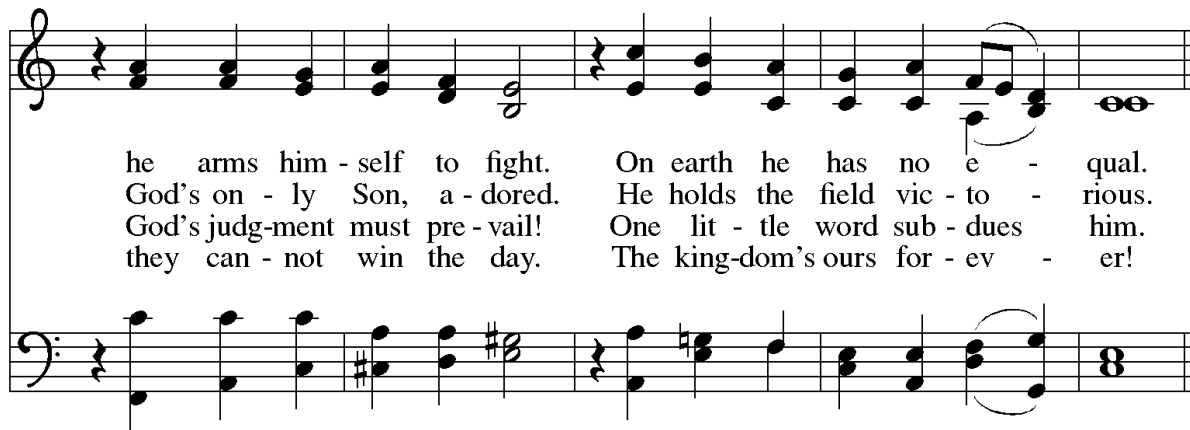
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

(Continued on the next page)



GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

There is one body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Creator of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects God's holy Church.

And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith. Amen. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

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. 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. 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. 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.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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. 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. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we

and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.
 He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

The holy gospel according to Saint John the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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?'" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you;

(Continued on the next page)

But whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 517–Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

REFORMATION REFLECTION

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

Commissioned in thanksgiving for Dr. Paul Wee: prophet,
advocate for justice, peace, and grace for all

Forgotten Luther Symposium

October 25-26, 2019



1. All the ways of God are jus - tice; God stands not un - feel - ing by,
2. Hear, O peo - ple, God is speak - ing; In God's im - age were we made:
3. All the ways of God are jus - tice; Shall we stand un - feel - ing by?
4. May we glo - ry not in wis - dom, May we glo - ry not in wealth,

But God hears the tram - pled peo - ple, Hears the world's be - wil - dered cry.
Ten - der hearts and hands for heal - ing, Minds to solve, e - volve, cre - ate.
Do we hear the tram - pled peo - ple, Hear the world's be - wil - dered cry?
But in liv - ing lives of mer - cy, Lov - ing neigh - bor as one - self.

Great - ly moved and great - ly trou - bled, Not far - off, but gen - tly near,
Writ - ten on our hearts is jus - tice, Writ - ten on our brows, God's law:
Prayers and sac - ri - fic - es fes - ter With - out love and love's in - crease;
May God's teach - ing drop as rain - fall; May God's speech drop down as dew,

God, the God of all com - pas - sion Speaks and waits for us to hear.
Act - ing just - ly, lov - ing mer - cy, Walk - ing hum - bly with our God.
Lead the suff - 'ring ones to so - lace, Lead the war - ring ones to peace.
Fill - ing us with lov - ing - kind - ness, Mak - ing us and all things new.

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We offer our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910



OFFERTORY MUSIC

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.

He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

The offering is received and is presented at the altar.

Please stand as you are able for the Offering Hymn.

OFFERING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be con-se-crated, Lord, to thee;

take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in

cease-less praise; let them flow in cease-less praise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites us to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen.***

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting One

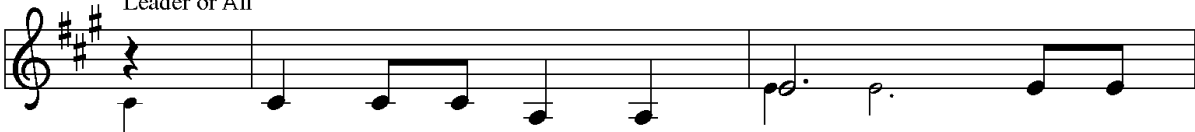
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

(Continued on the next page)

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 207—Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

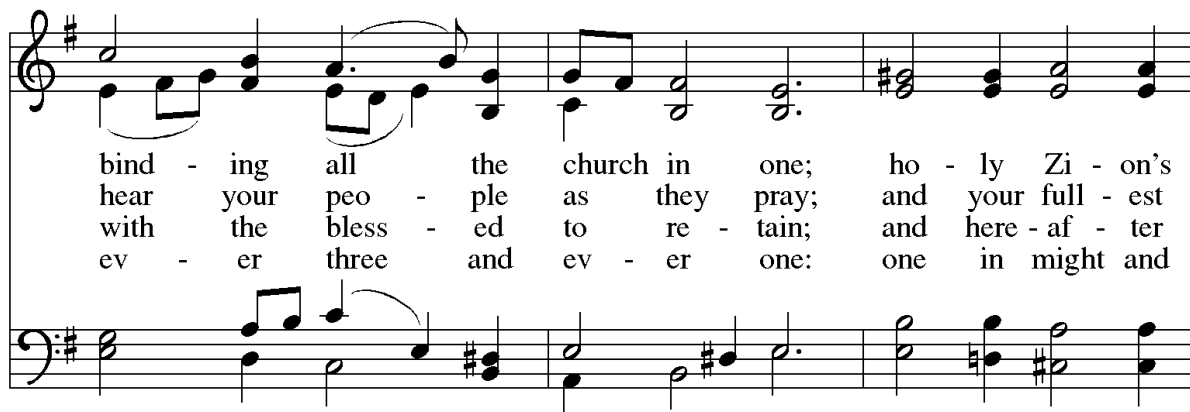
Amen.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Saved by grace.
God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon
André Campra (1660– 1744)

Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006, administered by Augsburg Fortress.
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license # 3174-W.
Reprinted from Sundays and Seasons, Year A 2025-2026, copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress.
Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license # 4182-C.
OneLicense.net streaming license A-701360

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor
The Rev. Gary Nuss
Support Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski
Confirmation Pastor

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gerson Vasquez
I.T. Ministry
Deacon Kyle Warfield
Director of Outreach and High School Ministries

READERS

Jenny Farrar Kroiter
Maria Beck

CRUCIFER

Edward Perry

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum

Saint Luke Handbells

Robert Grace
Carillon Guild

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Paul and Ruth Manchester and in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary today.



WE CELEBRATE THE GREAT MESSAGE THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH—such a wonderful gift. It was October 31, 1517, the eve before All Saints Day, when people would be coming to church, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door (a bulletin board) to invite discussion about the selling of indulgences for forgiveness. This started the reformation of the church. We are saved not based on our own works, but because of the sheer grace of God in Jesus Christ. What a message. What a gospel! This reformation, however, was not just a one time event. We are always reforming, always making sure we stay true to the gospel message. Where is our hope? Jesus. Where is our trust? Jesus. Where is our faith? Jesus. We celebrate that the one who saves is Jesus, thanks to the unconditional love of our God. A blessed day of grace.

**SOME ITEMS TO NOTE
FOR THE CALENDAR**



Next Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday

Remembering with the tolling of a bell
those who have died
since last All Saints Day,
those saints here on the earth and those yet to come.

Bells tolled for:

Bobby Ray Petty
John Winthrop Tremaine
Tom Kreske Mills
David Frederick Murray
Martin Luther Bell

LET'S TALK 10:10 a.m. Join Bishop Graham and Pastor Miller

Sunday, November 8 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Partners' Brunch

Commissioning of Prayer Partners at both morning worship services.

Do you feel the prayers of these Prayer Partners?

Today's Music:

ELW 504

A Mighty Fortress

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran

Book of Worship

Music: Martin Luther

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr.

Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

LIW 44

All the Ways of God Are Justice

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: Jeffrey R. Pannebaker

Tune: FORGOTTEN LUTHER

Take My Life and Let It Be

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: H. A. César Malan, 1787-1864

Tune: HENDON

ELW 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Text: Suzanne Toolan, rsm, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE

ELW 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Allen Pote grew up in Oklahoma and has been a church musician throughout his musical career. He attended Texas Christian University, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Belgium studying with composer Flor Peeters. He has led hundreds of workshops, festivals, and seminars; and since 1975 his compositions have been widely performed. Most of his compositions today are available from Hope Publishing Company. As of 2025, the Hope website catalog listed 113 separate Allen Pote titles and he has collaborated with Tom Long for several very successful children's musicals, including *RESCUE IN THE NIGHT*, *THE ROCK SLINGER AND HIS GREATEST HIT*, *ONCE UPON A PARABLE*, *MALICE IN THE PALACE*, *CHIMES IN THE NIGHT* and *LIFE OF THE PARTY*. After serving as Director of Music in two large churches in Houston and Dallas, he settled in Pensacola, Florida, where he and his wife, Susan, eventually became the Founding Artistic Directors of the 300 voice Pensacola Children's Chorus for 26 years. Since retiring, he continues to compose, enjoys traveling, and spending time with his family. (*Biography from Hope Publishing Company*)

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

Sunday, October 25

REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM Schola Cantorum
8:30 AM Tech Rehearsal
10:00 AM Festival Worship
11:00 AM Oktoberfest

Monday, October 26

8:30 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM La Sagrada Familia- Art

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM CDS Music
7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Online)
8:30 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
12:00 PM Staff Rostered Leaders' Luncheon
3:45 PM La Sagrada Familia- After
School Tutoring
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum

Thursday, October 29

8:30 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM La Sagrada Familia- En Camino
Tutoring
7:30 PM AA
7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Online)

Friday, October 30

8:30 AM CDS Classes
3:45 PM La Sagrada Familia- Music
5:30 PM CDS Trunk or Treat
6:00 PM AA

Saturday, October 31

REFORMATION DAY

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon
8:30 PM AA

Sunday, November 01

ALL SAINTS' DAY

7:30 AM Tech Rehearsal
8:00 AM Schola Cantorum
8:45 AM Worship (English)
10:00 AM The Gathering
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism
10:00 AM SLSHY+
10:00 AM Up for Discussion
10:10 AM LET'S TALK
11:15 AM Worship (English)
1:00 PM Worship (Spanish)
2:00 PM The Gathering