

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2023
10:30 AM

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.



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Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

[P] By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

[C] God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[P] Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

[C] The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

[P] As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

[C] reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

[P] All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[C] and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

[P] God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

BENEDICTION

[P] 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. **[C]** Amen.

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war

She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er more

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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HYMN “Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Stand

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. [C] Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

[P] Let us pray.

You alone, O Lord, are righteous in all Your ways. We thank and praise You for the gift of Christ's perfect righteousness given to us in this Holy Sacrament. What we could never do for ourselves, You have done for us in Christ. Send us from this Table with renewed hearts, ready to serve our neighbors with the love You have first shown us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. [C] Amen.

A time of silence.

[P] God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

[C] Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.

[P] “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Thanks be to God. Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

say “Peace be with you/ **And also with you**”, be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons

va-tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver-pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,

work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They

arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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EIN FESTE BURG (Isorhythmic)
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Ps. 46:1, 7, 11; Rev. 19:11–16; Rom. 8:31–39; Eph. 6:10–17

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [P]** Let us pray.
 Gracious God,
- [C]** **we are the clay, You are the potter.**
- [P]** Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression.
- [C]** **Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith.**
- [P]** Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
- [C]** **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

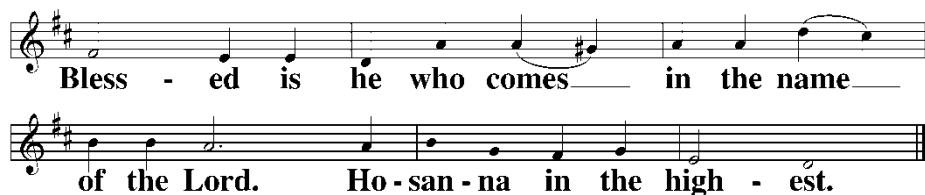
introduction

[C] 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.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You may approach the altar as space is available to receive pre-packaged communion elements or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

P 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.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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.

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

In contrast to Judah's sin, which Jeremiah describes as "engraved on the tablet of their hearts" (17:1), the prophet envisions a future day when the law will be written "on their hearts" (31:33). To know God in this way is to have a direct and profound connection to God. Forgiveness of sins, which is so complete as to be forgotten, is the motivating force for keeping the law.

R 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46



P God is our refuge and stréngth,*
a very present help in tróuble.

C **Therefore we will not fear, / (breathe)**
though the earth be móved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into →
the depths of the séa;

though its waters rage and fóam,*
and though the mountains tremble at its túmult.

The Lord of hosts is with ús;*
the God of Jacob is our stróngthold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-y of Gód,*
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; / (breathe)
 she shall not be o-verthrówn;*
 God shall help her at the break of dáy.

The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are sháken;
 God has spoken, / (breathe)
 and the earth shall melt away.*

The Lord of hosts is with ús;*
 the God of Jacob is our stróngthold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lórd,
 what awesome things he has done on éarth.*

It is he who makes war to cease in all the wórld;*
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, /
 he burns the shields with fire.

Be still, then, and know that I am Gód;
 I will be exalted among the nations; /
 I will be exalted in the éarth."*

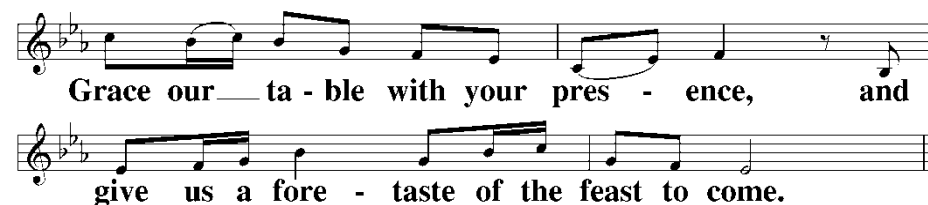
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 the God of Jacob is our stróngthold.

SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

Martin Luther and other leaders of the Reformation believed the heart of the gospel was found in these words of Paul written to the Romans. All people have sinned, but God offers forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus. We are justified, or put right with God, through faith in Jesus.

R 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



P Let us pray. God of wisdom,

C in your Son Jesus you teach us to love one another and to share the gifts of our lives. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for all you have done for us. Bring forth from us a rich yield in lives dedicated to your service. Amen.

PREFACE

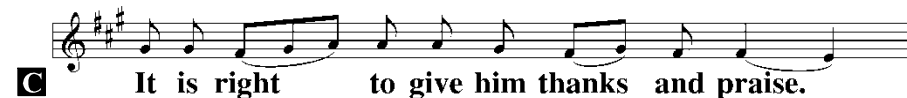
P The Lord be with you.



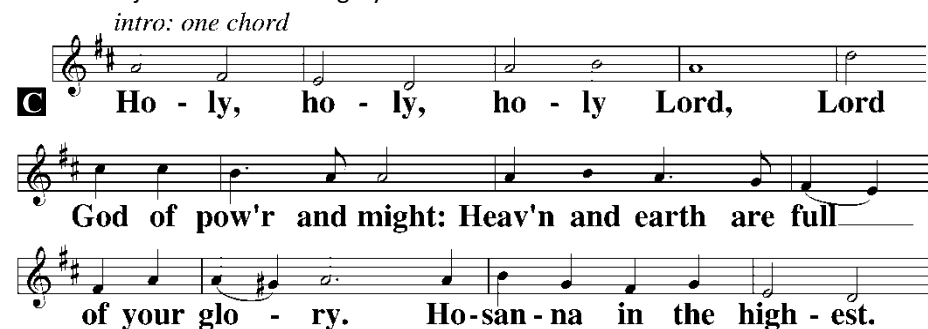
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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Give Now

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Neither Death, Nor Life"

Marty Haugen

Choir

Refrain - All

Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an-y trial to come, nei-ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

introduction

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of - fer.

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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

intro: one chord

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL **P** The Gospel of John chapter 8 beginning at verse 31.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

True freedom is not related to ethnic distinctions or social class. Only Jesus can free us from slavery to sin, and he does this through the truth of the gospel.

P 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 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.

Sit
MESSAGE

Stand
HYMN "Thy Strong Word"

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness; Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speaking it was done. For created
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[P] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

Sit
ANNOUNCEMENTS