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REFORMATION SUNDAY LUTHER CHORALE MASS OCTOBER 27, 2024

*For we hold that a person
is justified by faith apart
from works prescribed by
the law.*

Romans 3:28



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.

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GATHERING HYMN***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*****WOV 747**

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 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
 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,
 ask 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!

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

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE:

LBW 168
Robert Prowse, Cantor

Cantor: Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver.

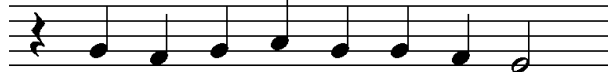
ALL:



E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Cantor: Kyrie! O Christ, our king, salvation for all you came to bring,
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
our mediator at the heav'nly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

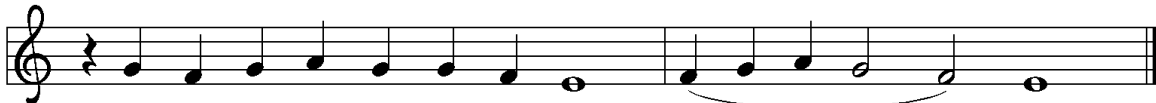
ALL:



E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Cantor: Kyrie! O God, the Holy Ghost,
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
And bless our life's last hour,
That we leave this sinful world with gladness.

ALL:



E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Music: KYRIE, GOTT VÄTER, “Kyrie fons bonitatis,” c. 800, adapt.
Text © 1941 Concordia Publishing House.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Be to God on High

LBW 166



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c.1550

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:31–34**

A A reading from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

*T*he days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

A The word of God. The word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 46

Charles Anders

Robert Prowse. Cantor

REFRAIN: Sung first by the Choir.



The REFRAIN is repeated by ALL thereafter.



The Psalm Verses are sung by the Cantor.

- ¹ God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand in time of distress.
- ² So we shall not fear, tho' the earth should rock,
Tho' the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
- ³ Even tho' its waters rage and foam,
Even tho' the mountains be shaken by its waves. **REFRAIN**

- ⁴ The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
The holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help us at the dawning of the day.
- ⁶ Nations are in tumult, the kingdoms are shaken:
He lifts his voice, the earth shrinks away. **REFRAIN**

- ⁸ Come consider the works of the LORD,
The deeds he has done on the earth;
- ⁹ He puts an end to war over all the earth;
The bow he breaks, the spear he snaps.
He burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still and know that I am God;
Supreme among the nations, supreme on the earth. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING Romans 3:19–28

A A reading from Romans, the 3rd chapter.

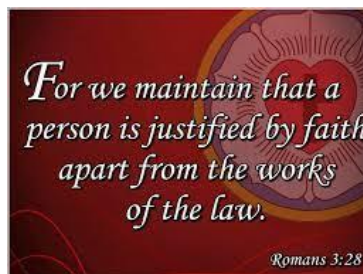
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

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

A The word of God. The word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



Please stand.

GOSPEL HYMN

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

ELW 743

Stanzas 1 & 2 before the Gospel

Stanzas 3 & 4 after the Gospel



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us
cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: Medieval German *Leise*, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–4; tr. composite
Music: NUN BITTEN WIR, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
Text sts. 1, 4 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. Text sts. 2, 3 © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sing: "Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" Stanzas 3 & 4 after the Gospel

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word LBW 230



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



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



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



PRAYERS FOR HEALING & RENEWAL

P We give you thanks, O God, source of life and health, for in Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick.

We ask that you bless us now as we remember our baptism that we may be healed, strengthened, and renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. As we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ, offering ourselves, whatever our struggles might be in spirit, mind, or body, to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

In the name of our Savior Jesus, who is the Christ, may you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of God's Spirit.

C Amen.

*Remembering your baptism,
make the sign of the cross on your forehead as Pastor says:*

P Remember your baptism and receive the sign of forgiveness and healing in Christ Jesus by making the sign of the cross on your forehead.

C Amen.

P. Let us pray.

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world.

Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your healing power in our lives and experience your eternal love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

HEALING HYMN

O Lord, We Praise You

LBW 215



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor to please



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 him with our be - hav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us, but that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us; give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th cent., st. 1: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
 Music: GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET. J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524



A Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Janet Thalmann

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God, bringer of hope and faith, we pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, Lutheran World Relief, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve and welcome the stranger in your name.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, including those we pray for in silence and aloud (*pause*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PEACE *Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING *Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God) Franz Tunder
Robert Prowse, Baritone
Gabriel Schaff, Violin

<i>Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Ein gute Wehr und Waffen. Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, Die uns jetzt hat betroffen. Der alte böse Feind Mit Ernst er's jetzt meint, Gross Macht und viel List Sein grausam Rüstung ist, Auf Erd'n ist nicht sein's Gleichen.</i>	A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing. Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work his woe, His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal.
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<i>Mit unsrer Macht ist nichts getan, Wir sind gar bald verloren, Es streit' für uns der rechte Mann, Den Gott selbst hat erkoren Frag'st du, wer er ist? Er heist Jesus Christ, Der Herre Zebaoth, Und ist kein andrer Gott! Das Feld muss er behalten.</i>	Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.
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Text: Martin LTuther, 1483-1546

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and
all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah In a Vision

LBW 528



I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old the Lord of hosts en - throned on



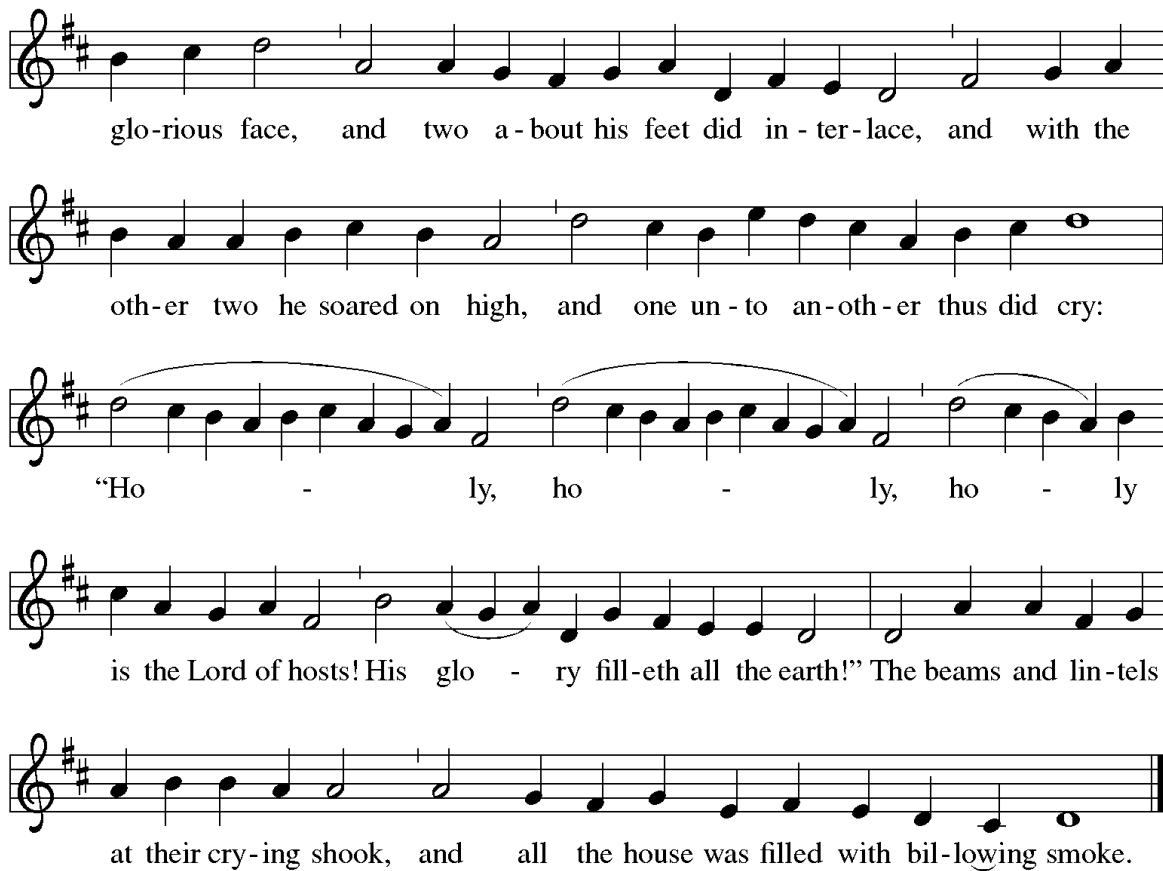
high be - hold, whose splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til its stream - ing



glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim



with six - fold wings did rev - 'rence un - to him. With two each ser - aph hid his



glo-rious face, and two a-bout his feet did in-ter-lace, and with the

oth-er two he soared on high, and one un-to an-oth-er thus did cry:

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill-eth all the earth!” The beams and lin-tels

at their cry-ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil-lowing smoke.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976
 Music: JESAJA, DEM PROPHETEN, Martin Luther
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Please kneel or be seated.

THE 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.

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.

(Note: Luther eliminated the sacrificial language of the Eucharistic Prayers of his day by using only the Words of Institution. In his Small Catechism Luther wrote, “Next to the bodily eating and drinking,” Jesus’ words are “the central thing” [das Hauptstück] of the sacrament.)

LORDS PRAYER:

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P Speak to us, Lord,
in the breaking of the bread.
and make us one with you.

LAMB OF GOD:

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION



Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.

***A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.
The center contains purple grape juice.
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.***

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Concerto No. 2 in E Major, BWV 1042
Adagio

Johann Sebastian Bach

Gabriel Schaff, Violin

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in you. May Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **C Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

LBW 229



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
vour 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,



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

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Sonata No. 2 in D Major, HWV 374 George Frideric Handel
Allegro

Gabriel Schaff, Violin

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY

TO

Gabriel Schaff, Violinist

Robert Prowse, Baritone

Jack Martinez - Crucifer

Kaitlin Shinholster, Greeter

Lynn Buckingham, Liturgist & Reader

Janet Thalmann, Prayers of Intercession

Lynn Buckingham and Sue Papera, Altar Care



Following Mass Today

In the Memorial Room



October Birthdays

Kaitlin, Gisela, and Mike

Wishing everyone with a birthday this month many blessings!!!

May God's face shine upon you all the days of your lives!



Via Zoom

Thursday, October 31st, at Noon

Connection link, theme, and Bible Verses will be emailed

PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Carol Weber**; Carol's family: **Doris Baumann, Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: **Donald Lazlear** and his family, **Katie and Surella Borowski**; **Rose Davis** (cancer); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke**; **Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); Janet's family and friends: **Jason and Paul Thalmann**; **Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien, Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano**; **Mark Crovatto** (Al's son); **Anita and Harold Bontekoe** (health concerns), Mary Ellen's family and friends: **Susan Beaver**; **Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay's parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli's brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Peter Schelbli** (Erika's nephew with cancer); Friends of the congregation: **Kevin** (cancer), **Doris Feirer, Arouss Darpinian** (health concerns); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell, James Mingo** (Donna's grandson - health concerns); **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Mary Sue Kaplow** (health concerns); (baby) **Hannah Muñiz** (a hospice patient where Jack works); **Chris & Sara** (parents-to-be) and **Dominick** (Donna Gentile's unborn great-nephew); **Chris** (daughter of Ruth DiCicco) & **Bob Wheeler**; (**Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich, and Alsu Kurmasheva** (recovering after release from Russian Prisons); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan and organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of changes needed on the prayer list.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Monday, October 28, 2024

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

Reformation Day

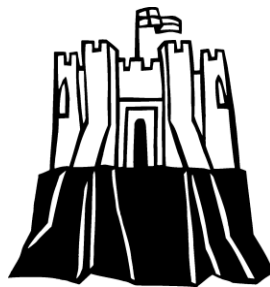
Thursday, October 31, 2024

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the Gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Friday, November 1, 2024

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.



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"From the wilderness of Koburg Castle
8 July 1530

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!

Grace and Peace in Christ!



Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology. There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. ["For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved." --Romans 10:10] Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature...that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior. ["This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'" - -Romans 1:17]

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. ["I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." --John 14:27] Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels. ["..an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it. His face shone like lightening, and his clothing was as white as snow." --Matthew 28:2b-3 and "She saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying." --John 20:12]

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen."

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Martin Luther". The signature is written in a cursive, calligraphic style.