

REFORMATION DAY

October 31, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

PRELUDE “Een Vaste Burg” -Cor Kee

BELL CHOIR “Ein’ Feste Burg” -arr. Tammy Waldrop

HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” *LSB* 656

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
 That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
 Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpow’r us.
This world’s prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain
 With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our vict’ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 8:31–32*

Pastor: Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,

People: you are truly My disciples,

Pastor: and you will know the truth,

People: and the truth will set you free.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 8:36*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; 119:46

Matthew Machemer

Choir: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

Congregation: REFRAIN



I will speak of Your tes - ti - mo - nies — be - fore kings, O



Lord, and shall not be put — to — shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD, let the humble hear and be glad. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

REFRAIN

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KYRIE *LSB* p. 204

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE *LSB* p. 204

To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven

Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,

The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior,

You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;

Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated

At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;

You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever,

Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit

Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory.

"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and, through the abiding Word of Your Son, set us free from our sin that we may know Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BELL CHOIR "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Kevin McChesney

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7* (The Gospel is eternal and must be proclaimed everywhere. Historically, and even in Martin Luther's life, Lutherans have identified this angel as Martin Luther.) Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

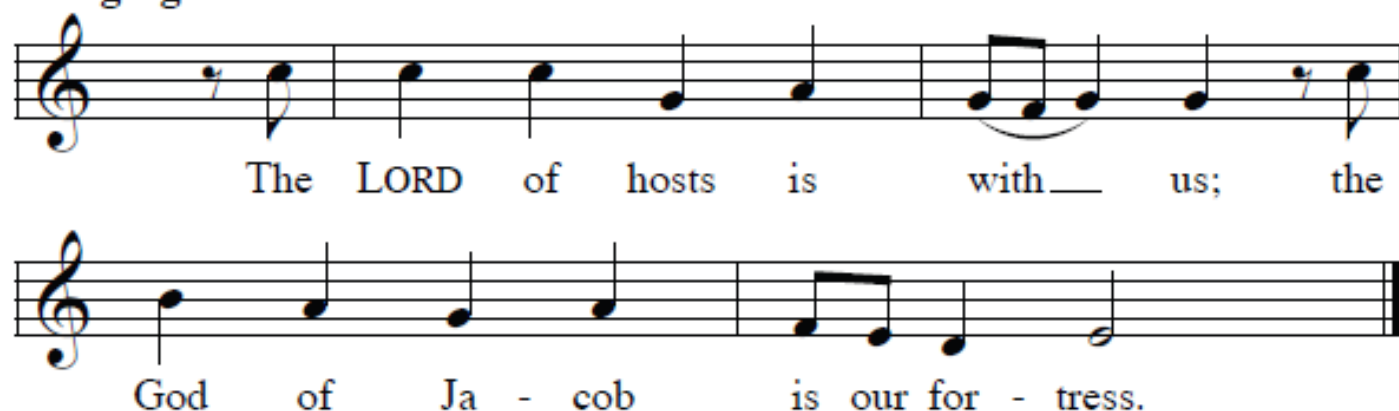
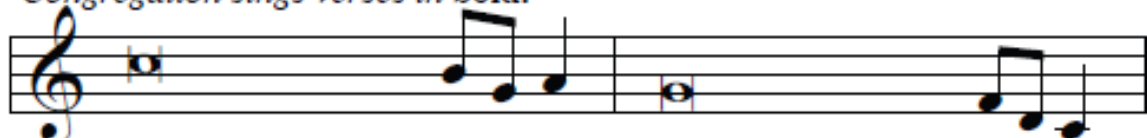
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Matthew Machemer

Choir: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Congregation: **REFRAIN***Congregation sings verses in bold.*

God is our ref- luge and strength,*

a very present help in l trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the l earth gives way,***though the mountains be moved into the heart l of the sea,**

though its waters l roar and foam,*

though the mountains tremble at its l swelling.

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

God is in the midst of her; she shall l not be moved;*

God will help her when l morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms l totter;***He utters His voice, the l earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is l with us;*

the God of Jacob is our l fortress.

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Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots | with fire.
“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28* (The righteousness of God comes through 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Verse Proper 28 B

Luke 12:32

Matthew Machemer

Choir: Alleluia! Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Congregation:



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HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36* (Jesus' truth will set you free.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" sts. 1-3, 5-6, 10 *LSB 555*

(The choir will sing verse 6. The congregation will sing the other listed verses.)

1 Salvation unto us has come
 By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
 They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
 He is our one Redeemer.

2 What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

3 It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.
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SERMON “The Hammer Blow Heard Around the World” John 8:31-36

- I. The Hammer Blow Heard Around the World
- II. *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone; v.31)
 - What creates and sustains faith?
 - What stat jumps out at you?
 - “The true disciples remain....[in] the Word of God, saying: ‘I am helpless. May God help me. It all rests in His hands. He promised and said: “Just cling to the Word, and I will uphold you. When you find yourself in any extremity or distress, you will learn to continue in God’s Word. This will liberate you and make you a true disciple.”’
- III. *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone; v.32-34)
 - Who have they been under? What don’t they see?
 - What is life like as a slave to sin?
 - What is the other hammer blow heard around the world?
- IV. *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone; v.35-36)
 - What transition does Jesus make?

On October 31, 1517, on the eve of All Saints’ Day, the young professor of theology, Martin Luther, sent a letter to Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz in which he shared his deep theological, and pastoral concerns over the indulgence system. Luther wrote, “Evidently the poor souls believe that when they have bought indulgence letters they are then assured of their salvation....O Great God! The souls committed to your care, excellent Father, are thus directed to death....Therefore, I can no longer be silent on this subject....What a horror, what a danger for a bishop to permit the loud noise of indulgences among his people, while the gospel is silenced.”

Earlier that day, Luther brought his written concerns to the Castle Church in Wittenberg in the form of 95 theses, where he nailed them to the church door. Little did he know that the tap, tap, tap of his hammer would be heard throughout the world. In fact, it was the hammer blow heard around the world. Soon after, Luther’s ideas, writings, and thoughts, spread like wildfire, and the Reformation began. The world has never been the same, since. Today, as we celebrate the Reformation, we have a Gospel text that perfectly captures the themes of the Reformation, the three *solas*. They are *sola scriptura*, *sola gratia*, and *sola fide*: Scripture alone, Grace alone, and faith alone. Let’s see how they are shown in our text.

In John 8:31, Jesus teaches about discipleship, and being a disciple. He says, “**If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples**”. The word *abide* is a word full of meaning. It means, *remain, sit down in, rely on, and live in*. The word of Jesus, and one’s relation to it, is the chief mark of a disciple, and that really isn’t a surprise.

The word of God is what works faith in a person. St. Paul says in Romans 10:17, “**Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**” Faith doesn’t just originate in the Word, though, it is sustained in it, too. Faith always comes from the outside, in; it is not our work and doing, but God’s. For faith to stay alive, and not just be strong or growing, we must abide in God’s Word, and the Word of God must abide in us. The longer a person who has been brought to faith in Jesus stays away from the Word, the weaker faith becomes. If that faith is not nourished again by the Word, sadly, it will die. The Word of God is the food of faith, the air faith breathes, and the fuel that faith burns. Without the Word constantly nourishing and sustaining faith, our faith dies, and weakens. As Jesus says in Matthew 4:4, “**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**” The Church, and Christians, are sustained, given life, and given freedom through the Word, and the Word alone.

We know this, don’t we? *Sola Scriptura*, Scripture alone, is one of our Reformation watchwords! And he knows that, too. He? The devil. He knows “**the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.**” He knows it gives life and freedom, and that is why he does his best to separate people from it, and from church. A recent survey done by Barna revealed these eye opening statistics. It reported that only 14% of people use the Bible daily, 13% use it several times a week, 8% once a week, and 8% read it three to four times a year *outside of Church*. The rest? They don’t read it all! Where do you fall in that study?

Whatever it takes, the devil is constantly trying to get us away from the Word, to distract us from the Word, to keep us from the Word, because he knows that is where true freedom and life is found.

Luther applies this verse well when he writes, “The true disciples remain...[in] the Word of God, saying: ‘I am helpless. May God help me. It all rests in His hands. He promised and said: “Just cling to the Word, and I will uphold you. When you find yourself in any extremity or distress, you will learn to continue in God’s Word. This will liberate you and make you a true disciple.” *Sola Scriptura*, Scripture alone.

As Jesus continues His teaching, we see another *sola* in His Words. The text says, **“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered Him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”**

At this, you have to shake your head and say, “Really?” A quick history lesson reveals that to not be the case. God’s people were enslaved by the Egyptians, oppressed and harassed by the Philistines, exiled to Assyria and Babylon, under the control of the Persians, then under the rule of the Greek Ptolemies, the Seleucids, and currently, they are under the control of the Romans and Herods! They never have exactly been a free people. But they crucially miss the point that Jesus is trying to make. They utterly miss the spiritual dimension. You could take the people out of Egypt, but you couldn’t take the Egypt out of the people. They could remove the Philistines, but their altars remained. They were dispersed by the Assyrians, but they never returned. They could come home from Babylon, but their hearts stayed there. They don’t realize their captivity to sin; *they never did*. They are blind to it and to their deadly enslavement to it. The people don’t think that they have a need to be free. They make this claim based on Abraham. They say, “we are descendants of the free man. We have no need to be released from anything. In fact, we have never been enslaved!” They are too used to the chains of sin.

I wonder how many people today would agree with them. If you told a person who walked past our church, or a person you met on the street that they are enslaved, how do you think they would respond? (Only two out of three Americans confess to being a sinner! Over half thought that they could earn their way to heaven with good deeds. Over half said that most people are basically good. Over 2/3 of people said they disagree that the smallest sin deserves condemnation, and 54% said God accepts the worship of all religions). They would probably respond, **“We have never been enslaved to anyone!”** But Jesus shatters that reality when He says, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”**

Jesus reveals the real human condition, *we are slaves to sin*. It is a life lived under its deadly control and destructive influence. It is a life that separates us from God and from each other; nothing puts a barrier up like sin. It is a life lived with Satan as our taskmaster, and a life under his reign of terror, hate, dread, and misery. It is a life lived in fear, especially a fear of death. Last, it is a life that is focused on self, self-gain, and self-preservation. Does focusing on ourselves actually bring a lasting happiness, or fulfillment? No. Humanity is enslaved.

The only release is outside *ourselves*. It comes from another hammer blow heard around the world. Luther heard it, do you? It, too, was a light tap, tap, tap as the sinless Son was nailed to the cross for our sins and transgressions. There, He paid for our freedom and release with His innocent suffering and death. On Easter morning, we hear the tap, tap, tap as the Son of God destroys our shackles. He removes the separation we have from God, and He helps us bridge the separation we have with others by the forgiveness He has won. Jesus frees us from a life lived under Satan, and frees us from his tyranny. We are His, and we live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Our life is secure in His hand, and we live in true freedom. All this is by the grace of God. Another way to say that? *Sola Gratia*, grace alone.

We receive this by the next *sola*. Jesus says, **“The slave does not remain in the house forever, the son remains forever.”** The slave may live in the house, but it is not a permanent or guaranteed thing. A slave doesn’t have rights. His position is temporary. A slave has no security or lasting claim. They can be sold, transferred, or kicked at any time. But not a son. He belongs. He has rights. He has authority. He remains, and he has a claim.

Jesus brings His point home from talking about *a son to the Son*. **“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”** You are free. Jesus took on your sins and paid for your release with His holy, precious, blood, and innocent suffering and death for you. Satan, sin, and death can never put their shackles and chains

back on you. You are no longer a slave, but made a son, or daughter, by the Son of God, through the waters of baptism. You have a place in His house, His kingdom, and have a place forever. You have an inheritance with Him. You are sons, you are daughters, because Jesus the Son has paid for your release. We receive all of this by faith. *Sola fide*, faith alone.

Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses was the hammer blow heard around the world. However, it started from, and was grounded in, another one, the one at Golgotha. There, the tap, tap, tap of the hammer's nails into the Son of God set-up our release and everlasting freedom. *Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide*. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING "Erhalt Uns, Herr" -set. Charles Callahan

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

For meditation, from Luther's Small Catechism, The Creed:

The First Article: Creation. "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

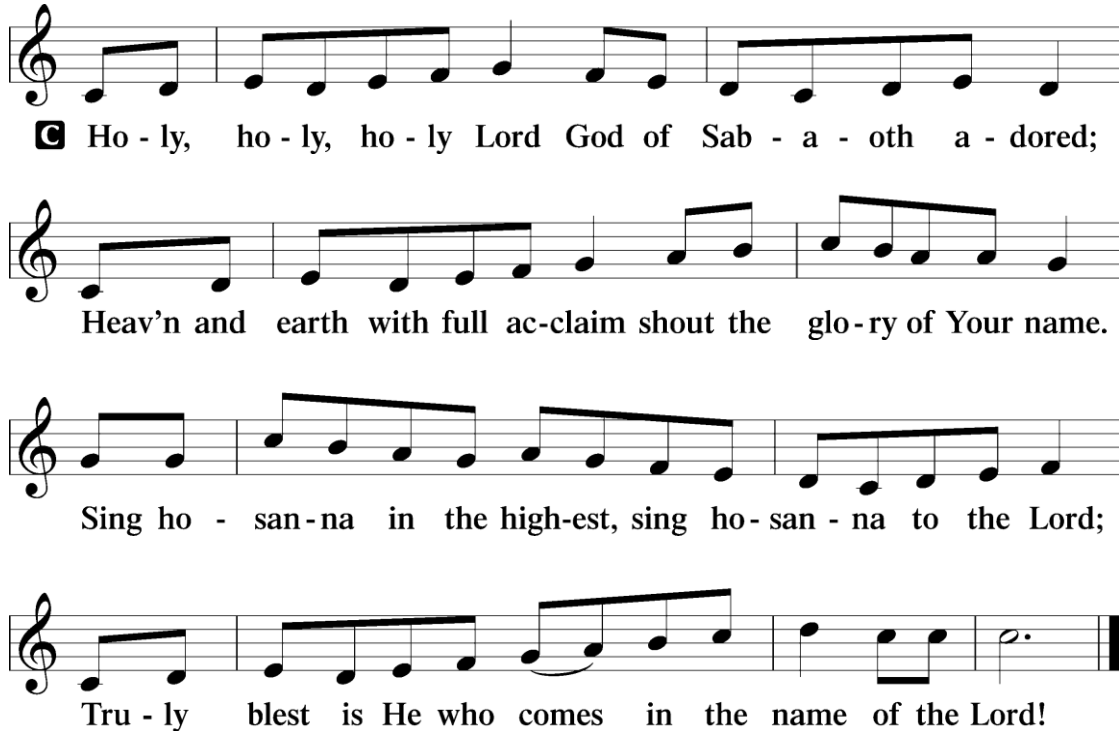
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. On this day He overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of hosts, Creator of all, for in Your foresight and compassion You promised to send Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to bear our sins and be our Savior. With Your Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we rely on Your presence always and rejoice to receive Your Son as He comes to us in this blessed Sacrament. Strengthen us thereby that we continue in confident faith, fearing not world, Satan, or sinful flesh. Grant us the assurance that You are both with us and for us each day so that we freely serve You until we see You face-to-face in eternity. To You alone be all the glory and honor, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

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

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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 *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB* 644

1 The Church’s one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
 Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
 With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

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

Pastor: May our Lord’s body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

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O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have nourished our bodies and souls through Your Holy Word and through the gift of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that we heed Your Gospel call to share throughout the world the message of Him who alone sets us free; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" *LSB* 585

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1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.

2 In these last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.

4 May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

POSTLUDE "God of Grace" -set. Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”* The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us today, October 31st after our service for our next congregational meeting. There will be a couple of items that we will be voting on and we will also be recognizing our new members. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there.

LWML MITES: We will be having our fall Mites collection today. If you need a Mite box, they are available in the narthex.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

ALMS: Our alms fund is currently out, and we are looking for gift cards in denominations of \$20-25 to Cub Foods, Target, or Aldi, to give out to those in need, or to members who are struggling. Please talk to Pastor Kooi for more information, or if you would like to contribute.

CLAY POTS: Free clay pots in the entry way! Please take them if you could use them.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “The Father of Solomon, by Uriah’s Wife” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of David and Bathsheba is a scandalous tale of adultery, treachery, and murder—but it also shows God’s undeserved mercy for David and for us. (2 Samuel 12:13)

FLOORING HELP NEEDED: Ron M needs help installing click flooring in his kitchen. He has all the supplies, but due to his health he is not able to install it himself. If you would like to help, please leave a message for Ron M.

TEENS, SCREENS, AND MENTAL HEALTH: King of Kings Church and School is excited to announce an upcoming Parent Education Seminar on November 3, 6:00 - 8:00pm. “It’s Complicated: Teens, Screens, and Mental Health.” Are screens helping our teens cope during a difficult time? Or accelerating mental health concerns? The reality is that it is complicated. Join Erin Walsh from Spark & Stitch Institute for an evening of evidence, insight, and warm advice on parenting for digital wellbeing. Erin is a parent, speaker, educator, and writer. She has worked with communities across the country who want to better understand child and adolescent development and cut through conflicting information about kids and technology. She is fiercely committed to bringing an equity lens and asset-based approach to our understanding of, and response to, youth and media. Her signature down-to-earth approach and sense of humor helps families and educators engage in complicated topics and leave feeling capable and motivated. Come join this in-person seminar to learn about this important topic as we all help our children grow and develop in this digital world.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR: The Concordia Academy Craft Fair returns on November 13, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, with dozens of crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair for details!

CONCORDIA ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: Concordia Academy's open house on November 16, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, gives prospective students and families a great chance to see how CA honors God through excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and more! Meet teachers and students, take a tour, learn about programs, and see if CA is the right fit. Please RSVP at www.concordiaacademy.com/openhouse .

CONCORDIA ACADEMY PRESENTS *TWELFTH NIGHT*: Tickets are now on sale for Concordia Academy's production of William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. In this hilarious and heartbreaking tale of unrequited love, twins Viola and Sebastian are separated in a shipwreck and find themselves in a strange land where they encounter love, confusion, and mistaken identity. Performances are November 19 and 20 at 7:00 PM and November 21 at 2:00 PM. Order tickets at www.concordiaacademy.com/12N . All seats are reserved.