

# REFORMATION DAY

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Emmaus

October 29, 2023 (Observed) – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Life High the Cross” -setting by Paul Manz  
“Jesus, Lead Thou On” -Paul Manz

**Processional Hymn** “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” *LSB* 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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### Invocation

#### Call and Response

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we celebrate an important day in the life of our congregation this morning. As we celebrate the Reformation, and our heritage as Lutherans, we also celebrate our congregation's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we celebrate that heritage as well. We thank God for the goodness, mercy, and grace that He has shown the people He has gathered here throughout the generations. We begin our service by acknowledging this, and giving thanks to God for this joyful milestone that He has accomplished and provided. To Him be the glory.

**People: Amen.**

*(Our call and response is based on selected verses of Psalm 106, which recalls the Lord's gracious dealings with His people throughout their history. As we gather today, we give thanks to the Lord for His gracious dealings with us throughout our history.)*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: For the establishment of our congregation; for the gathering of Your people by the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments; for the faith we have received from You, and for the passing of that faith from generation to generation

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: For the heritage of Your Word and of our Lutheran faith; for the preaching and teaching of Your Word in this place in all its simplicity, purity, and truth; for the nurture, growth, and life You have given us and Your people through Your Word and Sacraments at this place

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: For the pastors, called workers, teachers, volunteers, and others that You have graciously provided us, and who have labored in this place; for the generosity of your people; for the talents, gifts, and abilities that you have given them; for the hearts that have served and do; and for the hands that work and bless; for the people who have come before us, are with us, and will come after us

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: For the work You have done in this place through Your people; for the faithfulness You have shown us throughout the generations; for the mercy You have provided and for the grace You continue to pour upon us.

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all His praise? Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** (*Our Confession and Absolution is based on Psalm 106:6 and 48, Lamentations 3:22-23, and the first confessions done in both Emmaus sanctuaries.*)

Pastor: While the Psalmist begins his retelling of history with praise, he quickly moves to confession. He admits, “Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.” As we give thanks to the Lord for all He has done, we realize our sin, iniquity, and unworthiness. Like the people who gathered here before us, we confess our sins to the Lord, seeking His forgiveness and pardon. We confess our sins with the same words used at the first service so long ago.

Pastor: 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: “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness”! 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. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

Service of the Word

## Introit

1 Chron 29:10b, 11, 13; antiphon Ps. 26:8

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\*  
and the place where your | glory dwells.

**Blessèd are you, O LORD, the God of | Israel\***  
**our father, forever and | ever.**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the | majesty,\*  
for all that is in the heavens and in the | earth is yours.

**Yours is the kingdom, | O LORD,\***  
**and you are exalted as head a- | bove all.**

And now we thank you, | our God,\*  
and praise your | glorious name.

**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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\*  
and the place where your | glory dwells.

## Pew Edition

### Kyrie

LSB 204



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Hymn of Praise "First Song of Isaiah"

Isaiah 12:2-6

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me. I will trust in Him and not be a -



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and



He will be my Sav - ior.

**VERSE**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name.

**REFRAIN****VERSE**

Make His deeds known among the peoples.  
See that they remember that His name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

**REFRAIN****VERSE**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion.  
Ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

**REFRAIN** (sung twice)

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Anniversary of a Congregation*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**First Reading**

*1 Kings 8:22–30*

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be

confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Choir*)

*Ps. 48:1a, 12-14b*

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 21:1–5*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse** (*Choir and Congregation*)

*Luke 12:32*

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

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **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.

Hymn of the Day "A Mighty Fortress" LSB 656 (Choir stanza 3)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none other God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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### Sermon “Giving Thanks: Past, Present, and Future”

### Prayer of the Church

### Offering “Oh How Good It Is” -Getty

*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.*

### Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

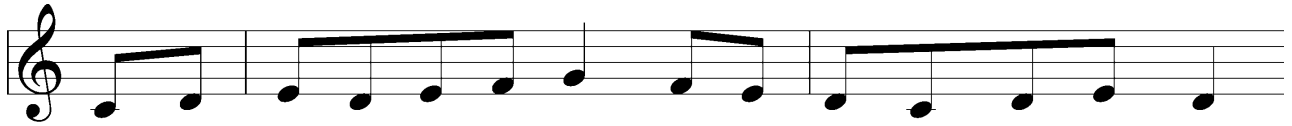
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





**C** 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

...

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

*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. You may kneel, but it is not required.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

**Distribution Hymns “Just as I Am”**

1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God I come I come

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come I come

*Chorus:* I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed  
I come desperate to be rescued  
I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God  
Just as I am

3. Just as I am I would be lost  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought  
And now to glory in Your cross  
O Lamb of God I come I come *Chorus*

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“Salvation unto Us Has Come” LSB 555 (Choir stanzas 1 and 6)



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 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,

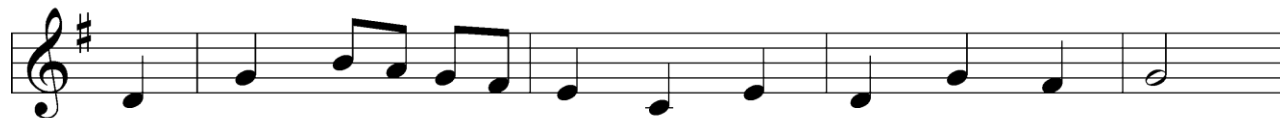
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 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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“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *LSB* 643



1 Sent forth by God’s bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-’ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God’s king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn “Jerusalem the Golden” LSB 672



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,  
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



- The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.  
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



- We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,  
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



- The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.  
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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## Postlude “God of Grace” -setting by Paul Manz

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

**LETTER FROM RUTH TESCH:** For those of you who know Ruth Tesch, check out her letter on the bulletin board by the office.

**FOOD DRIVE:** The cheering sections will be open next week! Bring in your non-perishable food items or spare change and support your favorite team as we gather support for our neighborhood food shelf. You can cheer for the Packers, Vikings/Wild or Blackhawks. No matter who you support, the real winners will be the families and individuals that we can assist.

**DINNER/POTLUCK WITH THE KOOIS:** We are starting a new series of events where up to 8 people can sign up to have an afternoon potluck with the Kooi family. These will be occurring most months (skipping at least Advent/Lent). The sign up is in the narthex for the next event Nov 11th at 3:00 p.m. Todd P will be hosting the event at his house and providing the entree, Pesto Chicken.

**GUYS' GAME AFTERNOON:** We are reviving the guys' game afternoon November 18th 12-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to Todd P.

**LWML MITES:** \$161.26 was collected for our October LWML Mite collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: “Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

**CONCORDIA ACADEMY CRAFT FAIR:** The Concordia Academy Holiday Craft Fair returns on November 11 with almost 100 crafters and vendors, delicious treats, prize drawings, and lots of fun! Admission is free. Go to [www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair](http://www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair) for details!

**FREE TIRES!** Full set of nearly-new snow tires. Please contact Jean G. if interested. Bridgestone Blizzak DM-V2, size 235/60R18 for light trucks or SUV studless ice and snow. Used for one season, very little tread wear.

**CLOCKS CHANGE:** Remember to change your clocks... Daylight Saving Time ends November 5.

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

Welcome to all members and visitors today as we worship God and celebrate Emmaus as a congregation. We thank God for His blessings throughout the past 75 years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the planning and implementation of the events that have taken place so far this year. A wide variety of service and fun events have happened since January. The history display will be available to view for a few weeks.

**A special thank you to those who have helped with today's service and dinner.** The music groups, the worship department and those helping with the dinner today have all worked to make this a memorable time for us all.

We will end the year with a Food Drive in November and 75 stanzas of Christmas hymns in December.

We look forward to many more years to continue in God's Mission on the Emmaus road.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
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