



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Combined Worship Service
Of area NALC Congregations**

**October 26, 2025
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



Reformation Sunday

We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate **Reformation Sunday**. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O Lord God, we ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us, and bestow upon us, Your Church, Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*Festal Prelude**Faulkes****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**LBW 229****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**



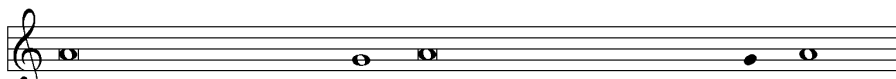
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



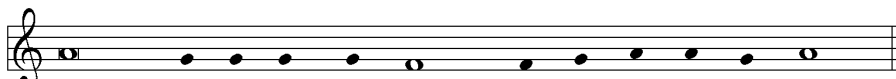
[A] For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



© Lord, have mer - cy.



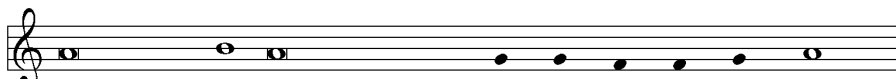
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

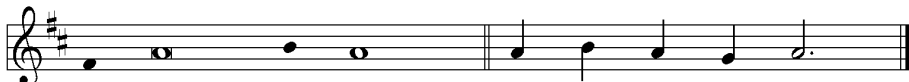


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☪ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

BELL CHOIR *"The Churches One Foundation"* arr McKlveen

FIRST LESSON: **Jeremiah 31:31–34**

The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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.

³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

A Here ends the reading.



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PSALM:

Psalm 46



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja- cob is our strong- hold.

God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.

**2Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled
into the depths | of the sea;**

3though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

**4The LORD of | hosts is with us;*,*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

5There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

**6God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*,*
God shall help her at the | break of day.**

7The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*,*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

**8The LORD of | hosts is with us;*,*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

9Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

**10It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*,*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.**

11"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*,*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

**12The LORD of | hosts is with us;*,*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R**

SECOND LESSON:

ROMANS 3:19–28

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Romans.

19 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. **20** For by works of the law no

human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ 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. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

JOHN 8:31–36

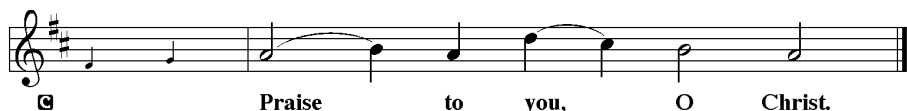
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.



³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SERMON

PASTOR JOHNSON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake
of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, heavenly Father, for your Holy Spirit, for his life-giving and
purifying fire, for his gifts of wisdom and understanding, counsel and
might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and joy in your presence. Thank
you for reforming, renewing, and sustaining your one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church on earth.

LORD in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C **Amen**

ANTHEM

"God Is a Rock"

Pendergast

*OFFERTORY



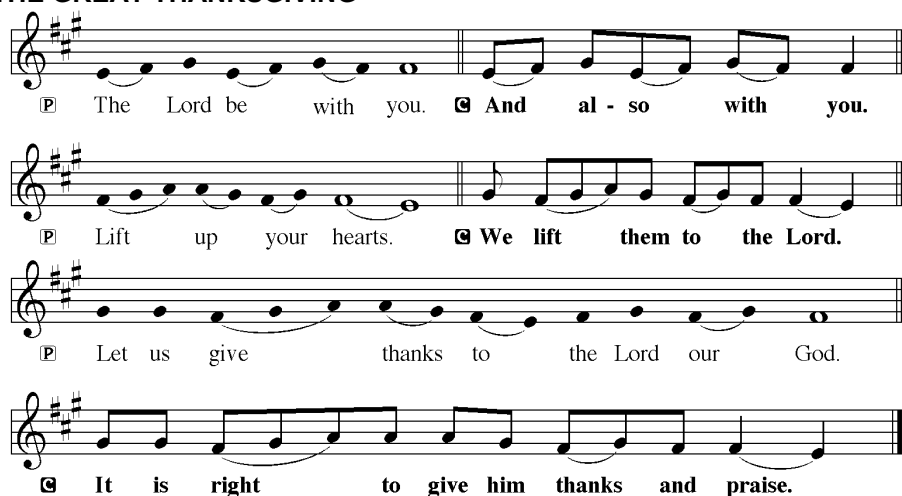
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are You,

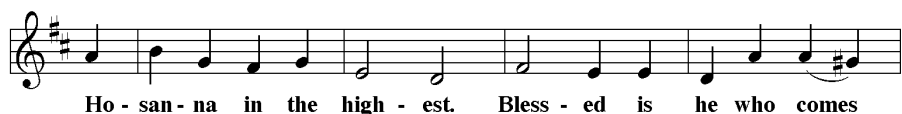
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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:



P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**



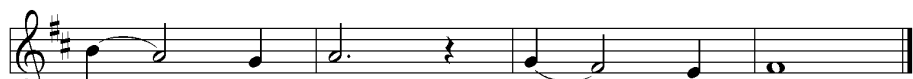
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 198, 233, 158, WOV 740 (6x)

*COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Please let the Pastor know if you need a gluten free wafer.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

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. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



***RECESSIONAL HYMN** *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* **LBW 294**

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Ein Feste Berg"* **arr. Young**

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The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Helen Berringer at her 100th birthday by her daughter Karen Waugaman.