NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Combined Worship Service
Of area NALC Congregations

October 25, 2026

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.
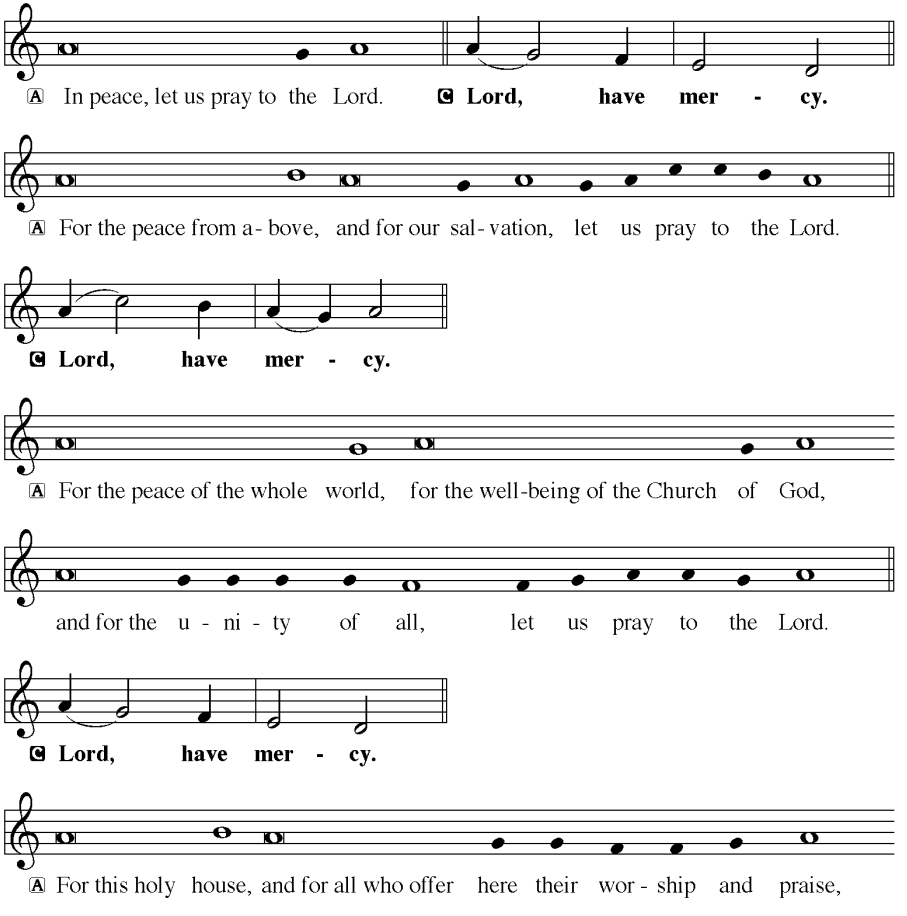
P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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
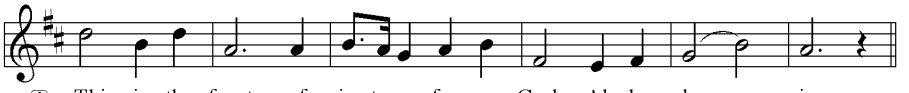
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* *LBW 229*
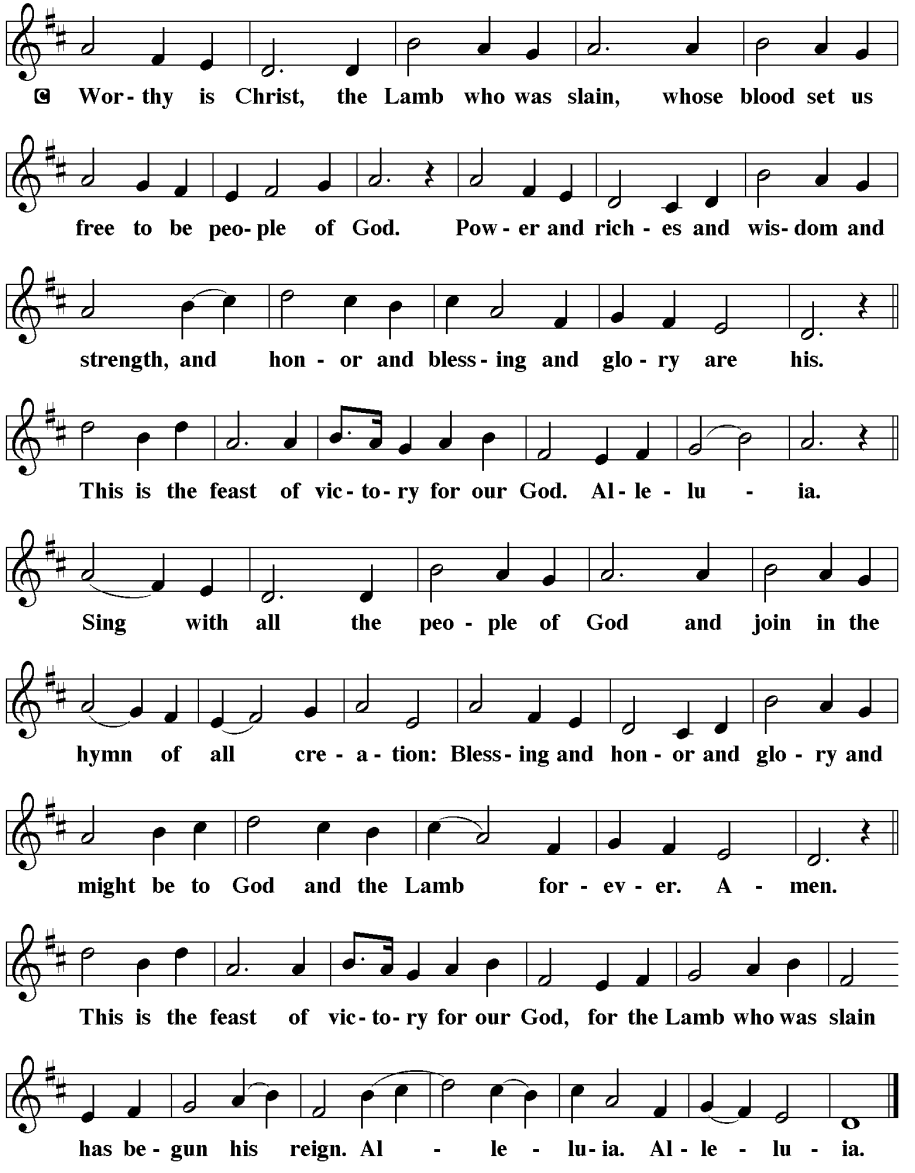
***GREETING**
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

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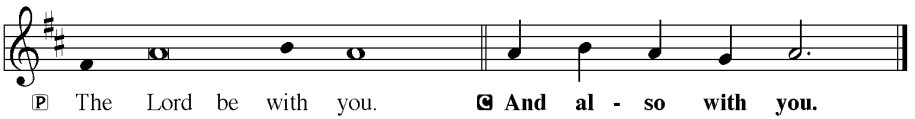


*HYMN OF PRAISE





***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



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 Church's One Foundation"*** Sherman

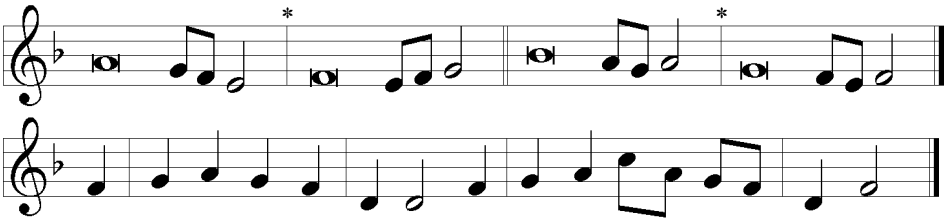
FIRST LESSON: **Jeremiah 31:31–34**
The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

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**



God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled
into the depths | of the sea;
[3]though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
[4]The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[5]There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[6]God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
God shall help her at the | break of day.
[7]The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
[8]The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[9]Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
[10]It 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."
[12]The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND LESSON: **ROMANS 3:19–28**
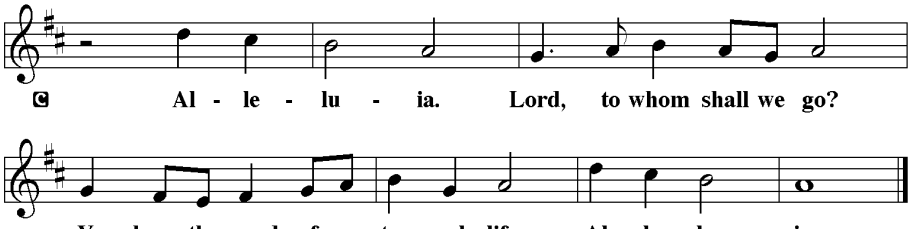
The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Romans.

[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.
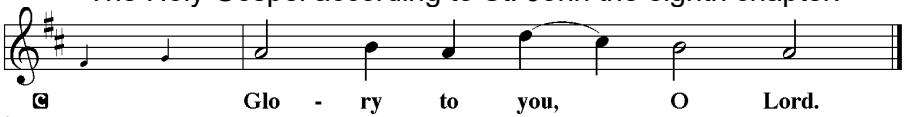
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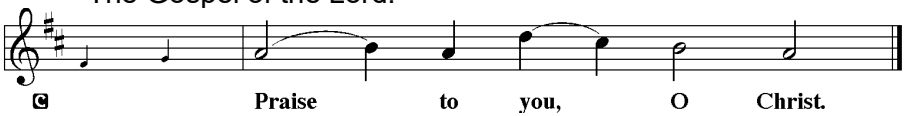
GOSPEL: **JOHN 8:31–36**

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 **PASTOR JOHNSON**

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

SERMON **PASTOR VATALARE**

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***THE PRAYERS**

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the world, the Church, and one another.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious pearl of great price, the Gospel of salvation. Thank you for the reformers who sought to find, keep, and share it, for faithful people throughout history who have preferred nothing whatsoever to Christ Jesus, and him crucified. Keep us in their company. Keep our faith warm and pure through the life-giving fire of your most Holy Spirit. LORD in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
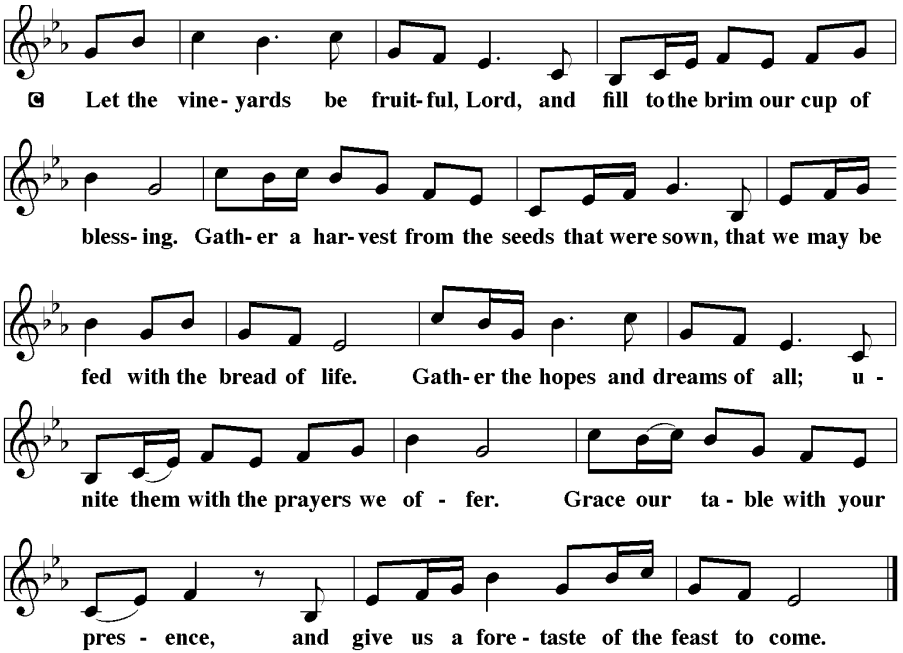
(Other intercessions are offered.)

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 *"The Churches One Foundation"* arr. Althouse

***OFFERTORY**

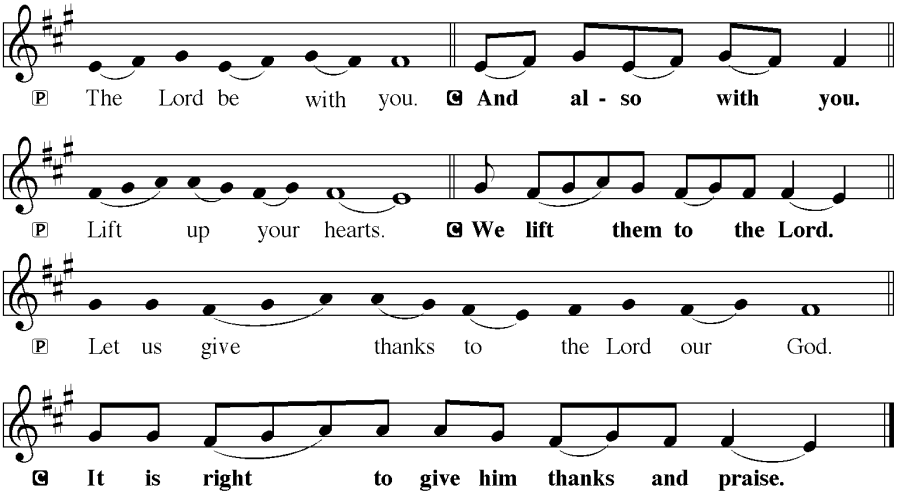


***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

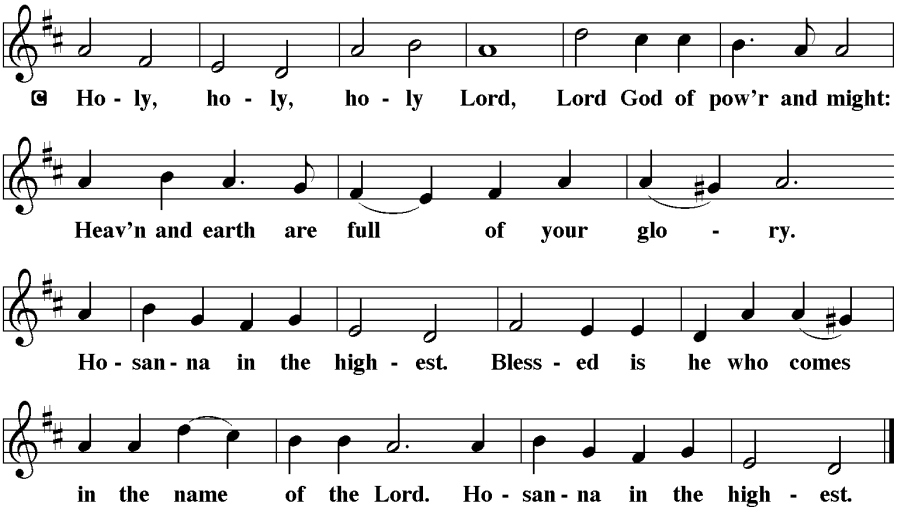
A Let us pray. Blessed are You,

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



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.

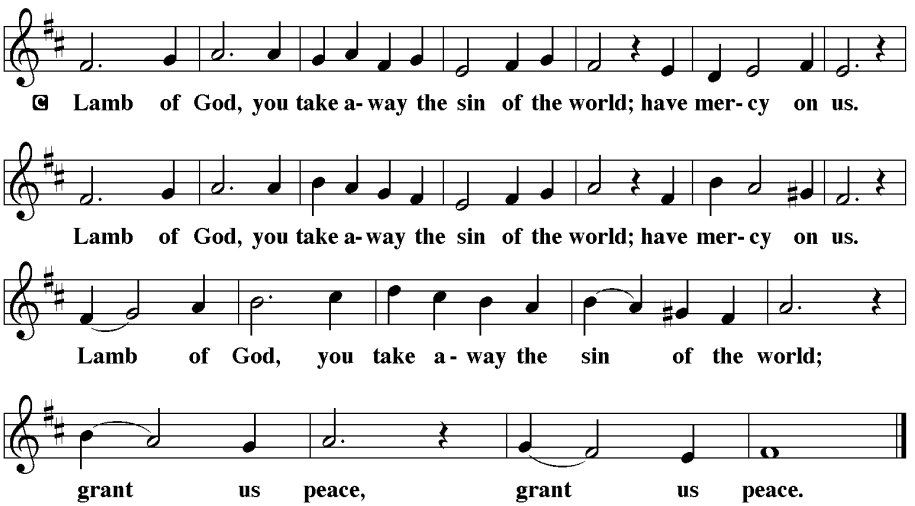
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

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

*ANGUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMNS *LBW 198, 233, 158, 294, WOV 740 (6x)*

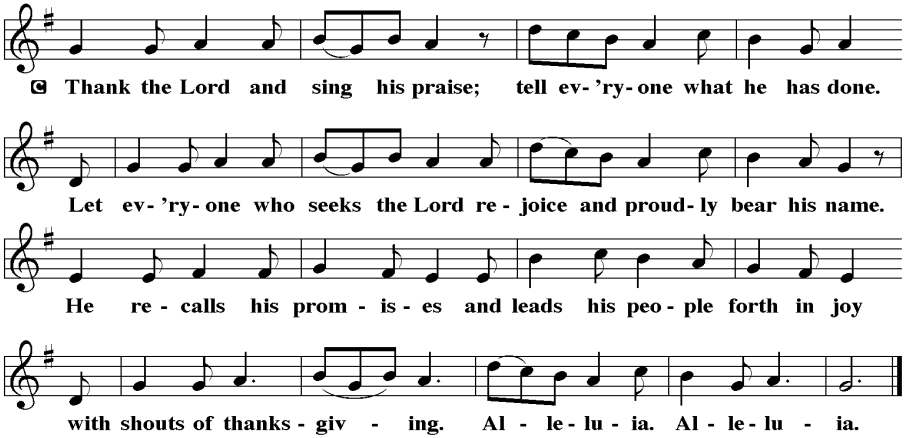
***COMMUNION**

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

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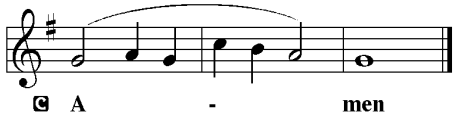


***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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** *"Borning Cry"* *WOV 770*

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Ein Feste Berg"* arr. Young

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Today we welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism William George Vatalare, son of Pastor and Morgan Vatalare.

Annual Reformation Frolicking Festival Today!

Today following worship we will eat, drink and play games! Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolic the day away. Today's menu includes, brats, hot dogs, buns, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, salads, desserts, and drinks.

Please stay to feast and frolic!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Master of Ceremonies	Gene Hughes
Preacher	Pastor Matthew Vatalare
Childrens' Sermon	Pastor Carl Johnson
Presider	Pastor Joyce Dix-Weiers
Organist	Rebecca Veith
Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer
Acolytes:	TBD
Welcome Team	TBD
Camera Operator	Keith Livengood
BRASS ENSEMBLE	Karina Blose, Clarinet
	Bill Bouch & Dan Minnich, Trumpets
	Seth Schall, French Horn
	Nick Wranich, Timpani



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

Join us for the Christmas Concert December 6, 2026.

