

Sunday, Oct. 27; 9:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

*(An usher rings the church bell at 8:55 a.m.)*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

### **Confession and Forgiveness** *(please stand)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #635; We Walk By Faith, vs. 1-5

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

## Apostolic Greeting

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

# Kyrie

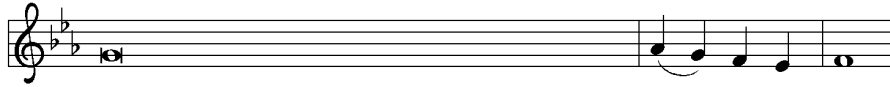
## ELW Setting One, p.98



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



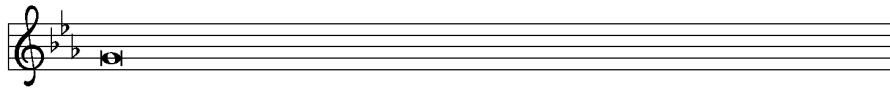
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



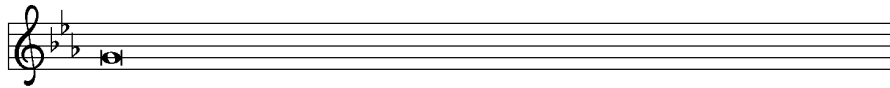
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.




A - men, a - men.

## Canticle of Praise

*This is the Feast* from ELW Setting One p.101 vs. 1-2

*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading: Psalm 46 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Word of God. Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

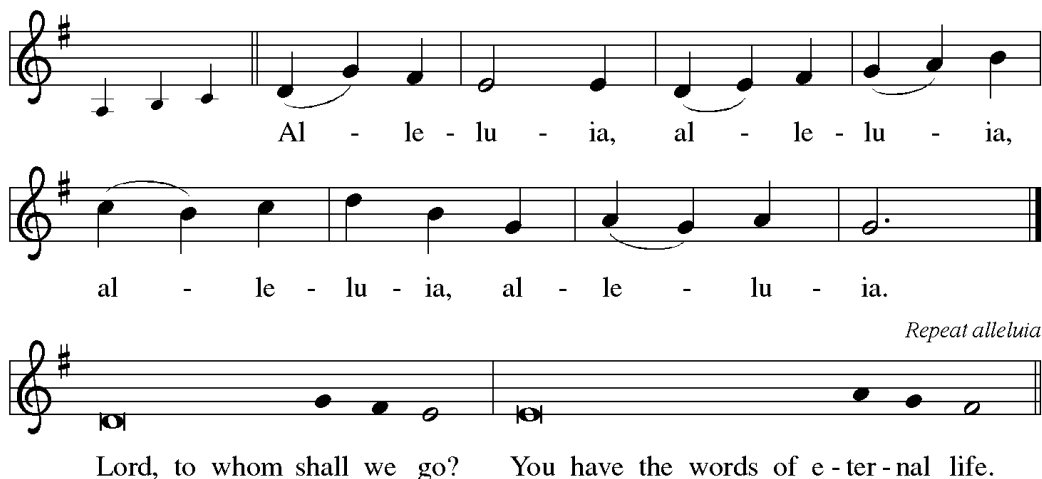
<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God. Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

### Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### Gospel: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

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<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon** *(please sit)*

Pastor Christine Emerson *"Word of God. Word of Life"*

### **Hymn of the Day** *(please stand)*

ACS #1005; Ask the Complicated Questions, vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1     Ask the complicated questions.  
      Do not fear to be found out;  
      for our God makes strong our weakness,  
      forging faith in fires of doubt.
  
- 2     Seek the disconcerting answers,  
      follow where the Spirit blows;  
      test competing truths for wisdom,  
      for in tension new life grows.
  
- 4     For in struggle we discover  
      truth both simple and profound;  
      in the knocking, asking, seeking,  
      we are opened, answered, found.

### **Nicene Creed** *(please stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come**

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**again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

*(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)*

## **Offering** *(please sit)*

*I Will Sing with the Spirit* by John Rutter; St. John's Choir

## **Offertory** *(please stand – Acolytes receive the offering at this time)*

ELW #517; *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*, vs. 1, 3

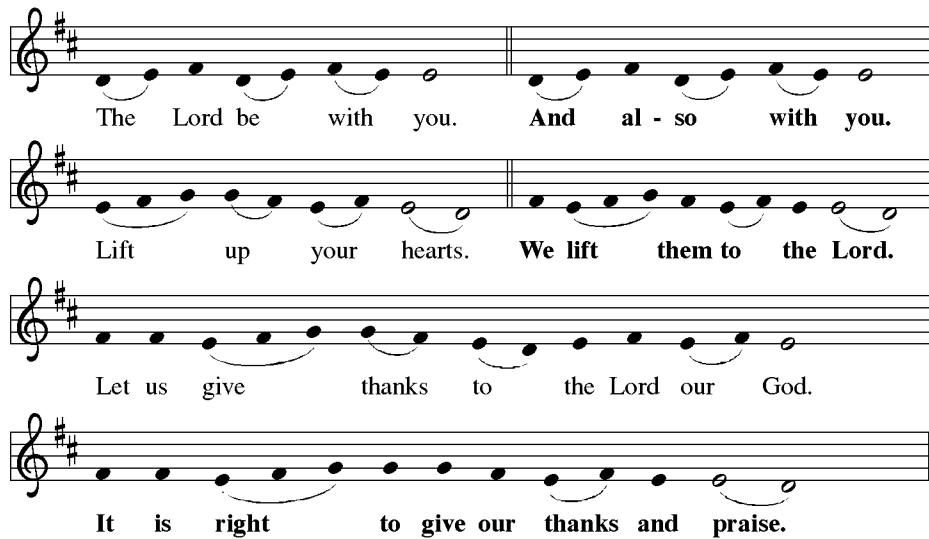
- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.
  
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.



## Offertory Prayer

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

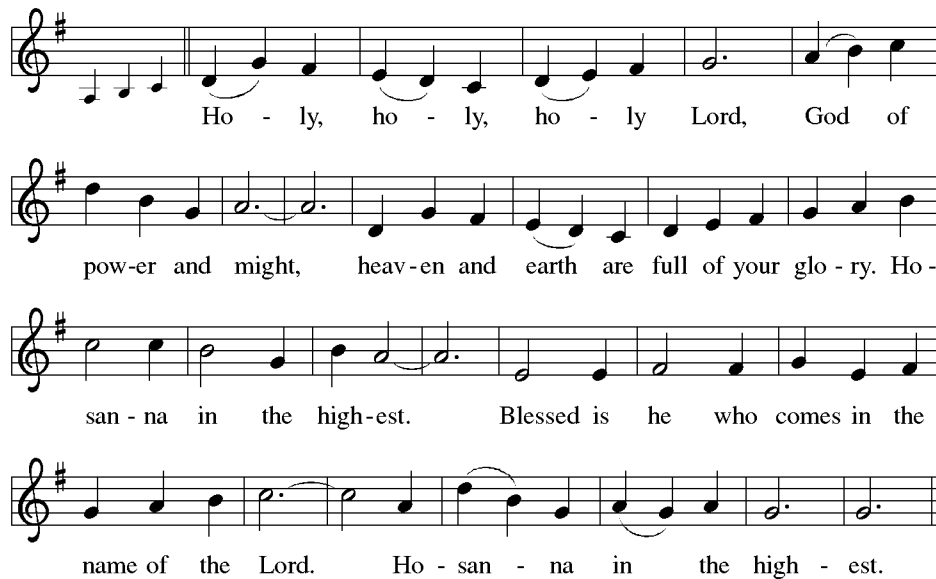
## Great Thanksgiving



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 our thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

## Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

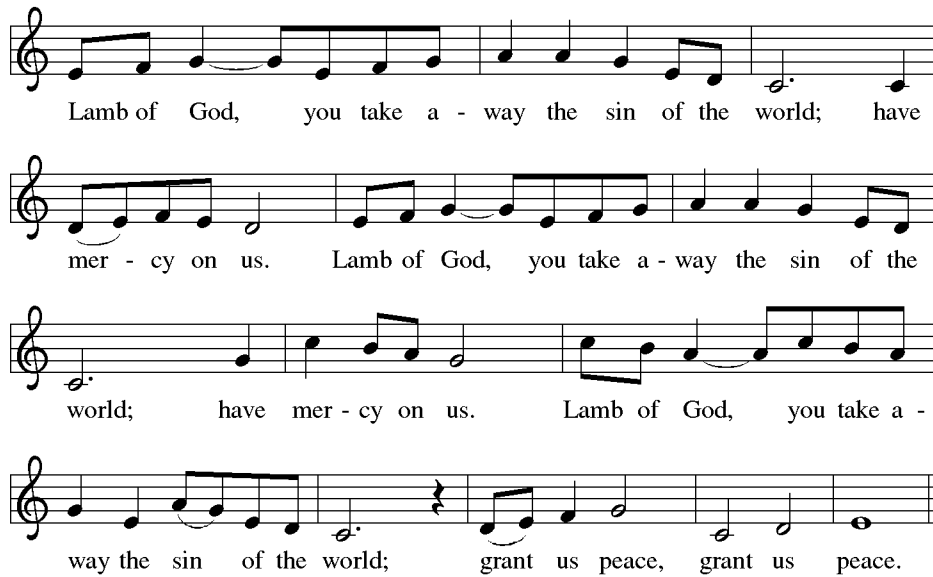
### The Lord's Prayer

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

### Invitation to the Table *(please sit)*

*(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)*

## Lamb of God



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 Hymn

ELW #591; *That Priceless Grace* vs.1-4

- 1 That priceless grace, that priceless grace,  
that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.
- 2 That priceless blood, that priceless blood,  
that priceless blood was shed for me:  
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.
- 3 That painful death, that painful death,  
that painful death took sins away:  
Jesus' death is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.
- 4 That precious word, that precious word,  
that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace.  
That priceless grace is life for me.

## Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer (*please stand*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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

## Benediction

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #504; A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vs. 1 (German), 2, 4

Verse 1:

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,  
ein gute Wehr und Waffen.  
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,  
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.  
Der alt böse Feind  
mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,  
groß Macht und viel List  
sein grausam Rüstung ist,  
auf Erd ist nicht seins Gleichen.

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!

We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

## **Sending**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Linda Ranney

## **Altar Flowers**

In Memory of my Mother, Velma Alt, by Louise Alt

## **Serving at Worship Today**

Presider – Pastor Chirstine Emerson  
Assistant – Cora Klawiter  
Lector – Pam Sorebo  
Acolytes – Eric Dahl, Vincent Dahl  
Ushers – Kurt Kjelstad, Ruth Ann Kjelstad  
Greeters – Larry Schaefer, Tom Price  
Communion Servers – Eric Nielsen, Kathy Freitag, Cheryl Mattison, Diana  
Hogenson  
Camera System – Scott Olsen

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Power Point – Brett Isaacson

Opportunities Bulletin – Frank Larrabee

Musicians – Linda Ranney, organ/piano; Mark Lundin, cantor; St. John's Choir

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