

## Reformation Day Service

October 29

### God Is the Potter; We Are the Clay

**As We Gather** - Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

**GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

# PREPARATION

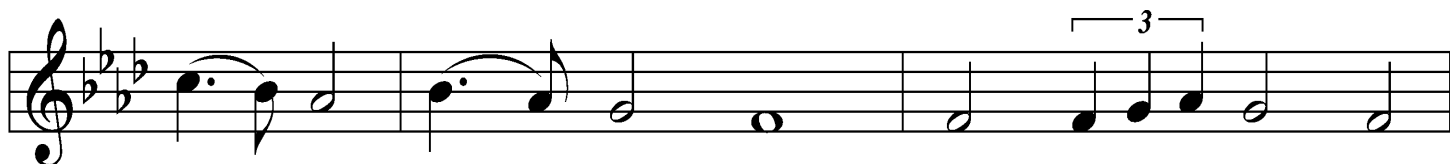
## Hymn of Invocation:

## Thy Strong Word

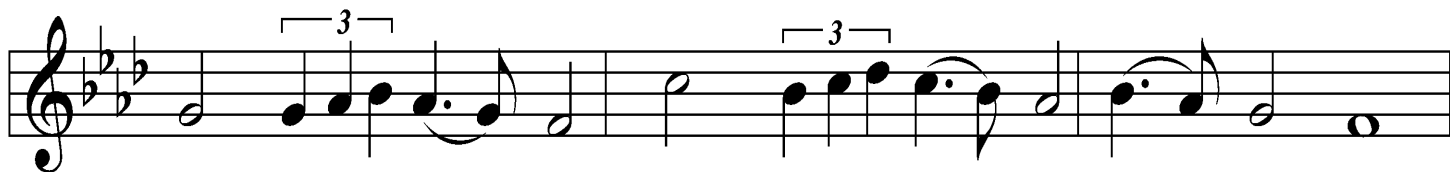
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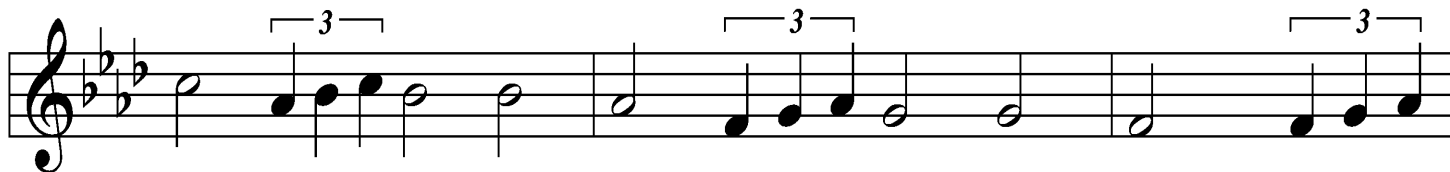
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



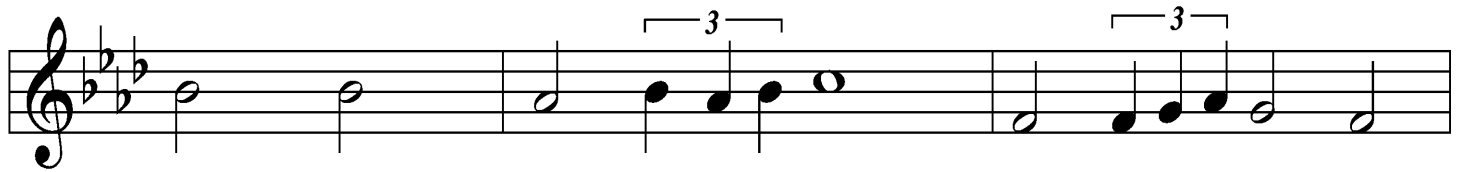
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



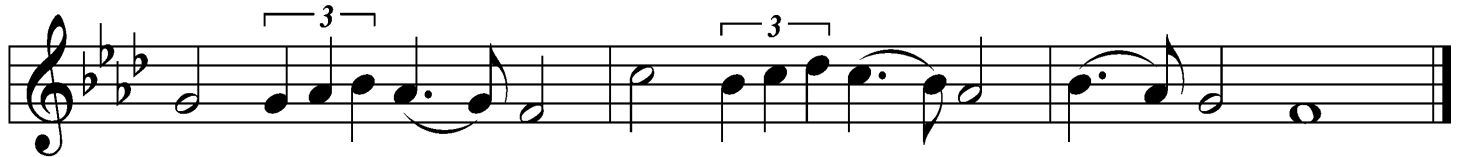
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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Stand

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

**P** By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

**C** **God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

**P** Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

**C** **The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.**

**P** As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

**C** **reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
**C** **and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

**P** God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

*A time of silence.*

**P** God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.  
**C** **Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.**

**P** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

**P** I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O LORD,

**C** **and shall not be put to shame.**

**P** I will bless the LORD at all times;

**C** **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**C** **let the humble hear and be glad.**

**P** Come, O children, listen to me;

**C** **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

- P** The LORD redeems the life of His servants;  
**C** **none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

**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.**

- P** I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O LORD,  
**C** **and shall not be put to shame.**

### **Kyrie**

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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** 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.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to  
the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

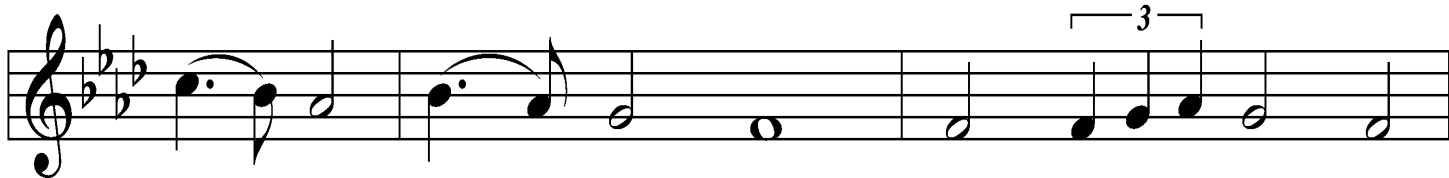
Hymn:

Thy Strong Word

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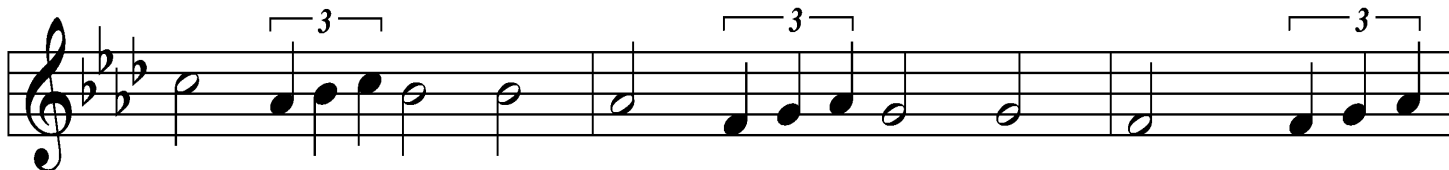
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy  
6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



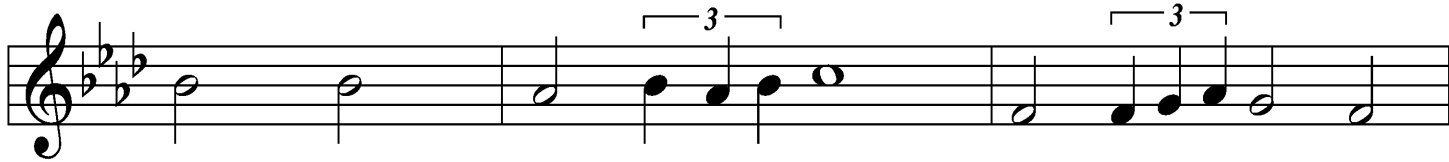
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the  
laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



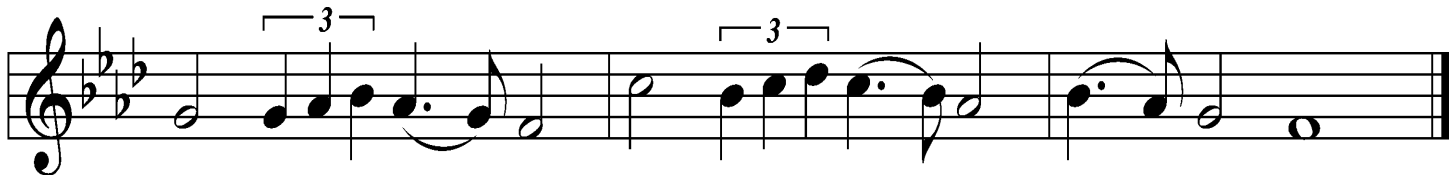
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.  
Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with  
glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God,

**C** **we are the clay, You are the potter.**

**P** Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression.

**C** **Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith.**

**P** Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

**C** **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised

**C** **in the city of our God!**

**P** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**C** **consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

**P** that you may tell the next generation

**C** **that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

## Epistle

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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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

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

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>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'?"

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

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

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

*Sit*



Hymn of the Day:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Sermon:

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces, for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who are suffering, those we have named and those we name silently in our hearts. [*Time of silence*]. We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Additional bids may be added.*

**P** Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

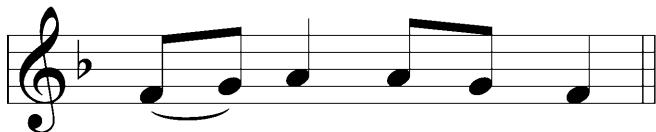
**Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "I Will Trust In Christ Alone"**

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)**

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)** – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*

**SACRAMENT**

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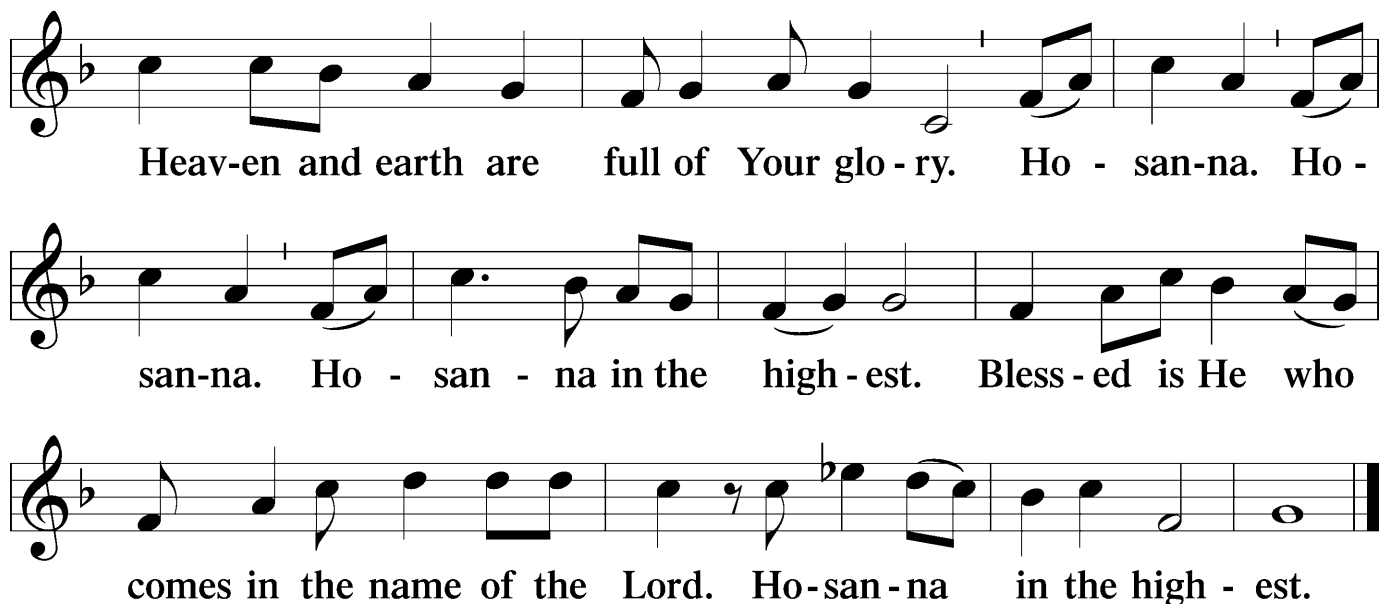
**Preface****P** The Lord be with you.**C** And al - so with you.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**Proper Preface**

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross in order that our hearts may be reshaped to reflect not our own goodness but God's. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**

LSB 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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."

## Proclamation of Christ

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

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** 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

**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.**

## Pax Domini

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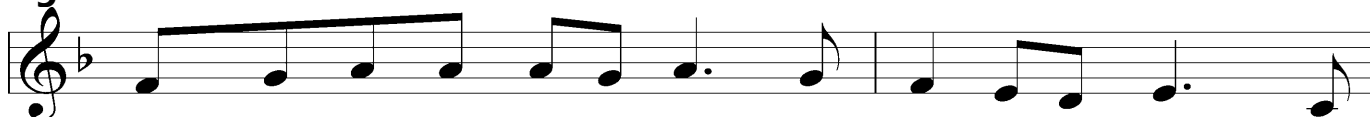
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



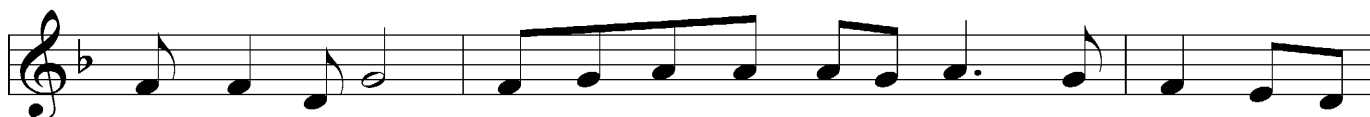
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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**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.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

***Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)***

*LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

*LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved*

*LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 165*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

### *(Saturday)*

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### *(Sunday)*

**P** Let us pray.

You, O Lord, are the potter; we the clay. By Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament, You shape us to be the Body of Christ. Send us out from this Table forgiven and restored, that we may freely bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

**C** Amen.

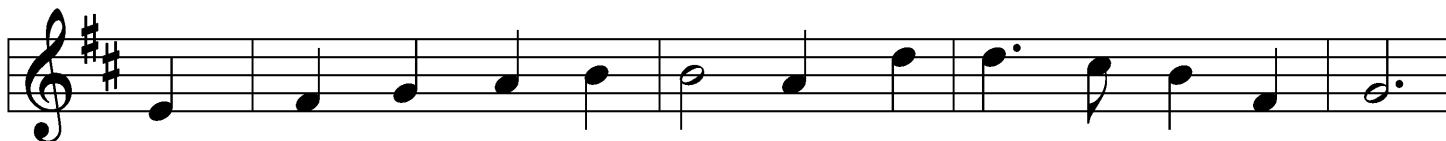




1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt.

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76

Text and tune: Public domain

## Postlude:

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## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard  
**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska  
**Guest Preacher (Sunday Only)** ..... Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz

### *Saturday*

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** ..... Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten  
**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox/Taniqua Jackson

### *Sunday*

**Elder** ..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector** ..... George Czanko  
**Greeter** .....  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox  
**Altar Guild** ..... Sandy Spanier and Janette Williams

## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Thomas Block  
**Organist** ..... Elena Miraztchiyska  
**Elder** ..... Steve Rosane  
**Lector** ..... George Czanko  
**Greeter** ..... Joanne Shepker  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox  
**Altar Guild** ..... Rita and George Czanko

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK**

Saturday Worship Attendance.....	36
Sunday Worship Attendance.....	83
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings .....	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco.....	\$0
Paypal Offerings .....	\$0
Website (ShareFaith).....	\$0
<b>Total of Offerings Received.....</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....	\$0

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Pentecost XXII/Reformation Day** – Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God’s Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1 Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor’s life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

**FLOWER SPONSOR**– No Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsors this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** –**No fellowship immediately after service today**, however Team 5 will assist with the Reformation Dinner this afternoon. Team 6 will serve next week.

**CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE** – The Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Service will be held here at Christ Lutheran today, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pre-service music starts at 3:30pm with the service following at 4 pm. A German style meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS** – Next Sunday Daylight Savings Time will end. Please remember to turn your clock **back** one hour Saturday night.

**CARING AND BEYOND ... Caring for the Caregivers** – Presented by the Stephen Ministry of Grace Lutheran in Winter Haven. Practical information and resources for anyone touched by Alzheimer’s or Dementia on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To sign-up see the flyer for the QR code or call 863-293-8447.

**VISTE DONATIONS** - VISTE is in need of cans of Jellied Cranberry Sauce for their Thanksgiving Dinner boxes they give out each year. This year over 2000 boxes have been requested. Please put your cans of cranberry sauce in the box Outreach has placed in the Narthex.

**2024 FLOWER CHART** - The new Flower Chart will be posted in the Narthex starting in November. You can sign up for flowers for the new year. Please write your name and what occasion is being celebrated. If you would like real flowers, please let us know, otherwise they will be silk flowers. When you donate money for the flowers, please mark it for the Flower Fund. The monies in the Flower Fund pay for the Christmas and Easter flowers that are put in the church. If you have any questions, you can call me. Barbara Miller 863-858-5790

**UNUSED HEARING AIDS:** Unused hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you. Recently someone asked for a tax donation receipt, but Pastor Munz has forgotten who asked. He is holding your tax donation receipt.

**CLC BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW CANCELLED-** Due to the lack of participation, the Bazaar and Craft show has been cancelled.

**UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** –We have been blessed with people willing to use their talents to serve as President and Vice President of our congregation. However, we still need to fill the following positions of Treasurer (2 Year Term), Christian Education (1 Year Term), and Youth (1 Year Term). Elections will be during the November Voters' meeting. The new officers will begin serving in January 2024. For more information, please contact Pastor Thomas Block (863-853-9792) or Carol Ceaglske (863-660-2426). This is a blessed opportunity to use your talents helping with God's work.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** – The Mary Martha Quilters meet each Tuesday morning from 10 AM – Noon. Anyone who would like to join them is welcomed.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is

now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at [stewardship@clclakeland.org](mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org).

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX** – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Reformation - 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.

### **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Tuesday .....Trustee Workday @ 9 am  
Quilters @ 10 am

Wednesday..... Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran  
Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm  
Jr. Confirmation Class @ 7 pm  
Choir @ 7 pm

Thursday ..... In Person and ZOOM Bible Study@ 10 am

Friday..... Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off  
Youth Trip (District Middle & High School Gathering) through Sunday

Saturday..... Worship @ 5:30 pm  
Daylight Savings Time Ends –Turn clocks back one hour tonight

Sunday.....Bible Study @ 8:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10 am  
Bible Study @ 11:15 am  
Elders Meeting