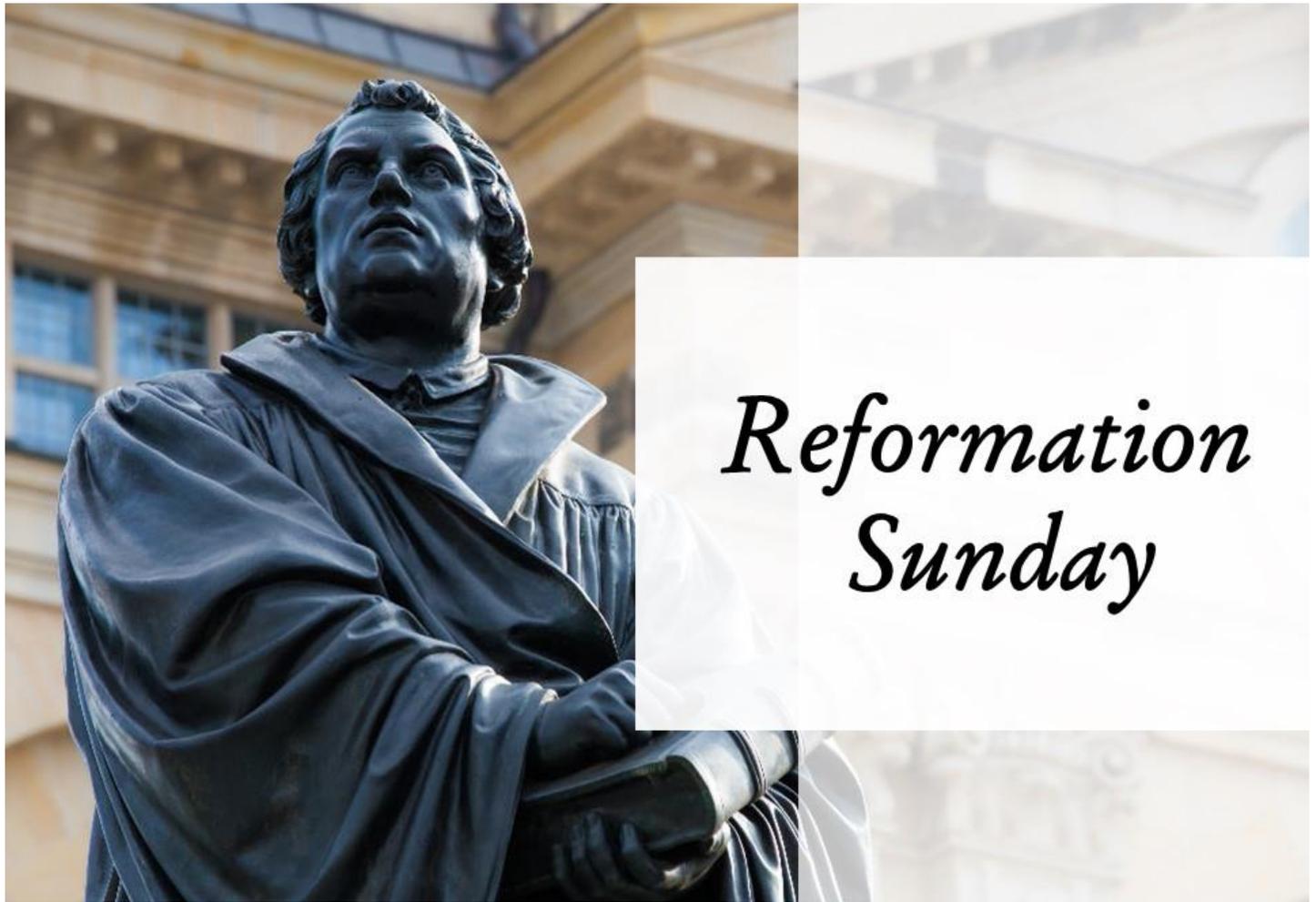


Happy Reformation Day!



(It isn't just Halloween!)

The truth written here is a sweeter treat than Halloween candy! On **October 31st, 1517**, pastor and professor Martin Luther nailed a list of 95 arguments on a church door in Germany. *Back then that's how you started a discussion.* Luther's arguments gained wide acceptance and were sent throughout Europe via the newly invented printing press. Central to his concern was that the Roman Catholic Church had deviated from the Bible's simple teaching that you and I can be made right with God **only by faith** in God's Son, Jesus Christ.



Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

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Setting Three

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Joys & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

P. God our comforter:

C. **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

Greeting

P. Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.



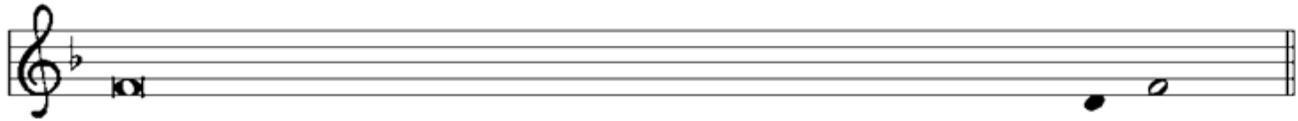
If God were willing to
sell His grace, we would
accept it more quickly
and gladly than when He
offers it for nothing.

-Martin Luther

Kyrie



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.



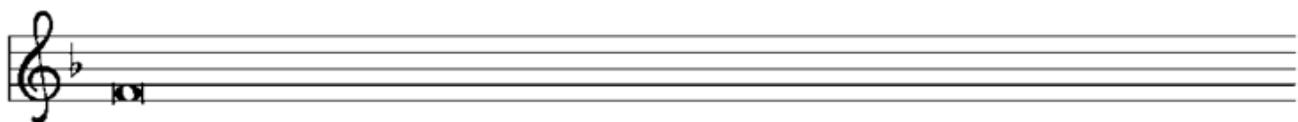
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



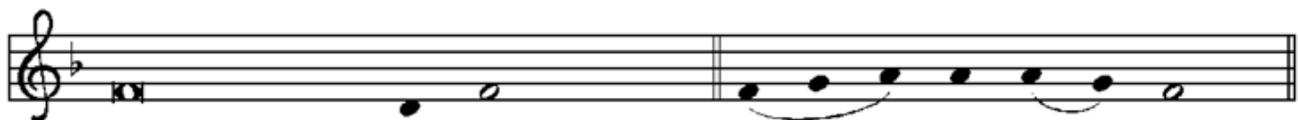
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



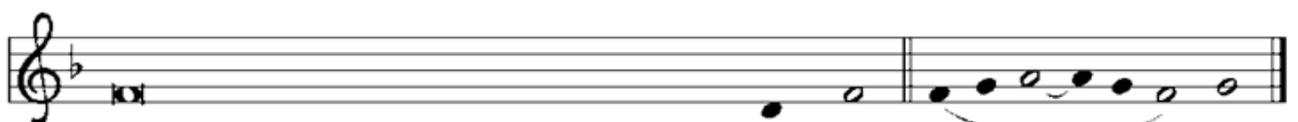
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, 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. Al- le- lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

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

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

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

Prayer of the Day

- P. Let us pray.
- C. 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.

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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. 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. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



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

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter eight.



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

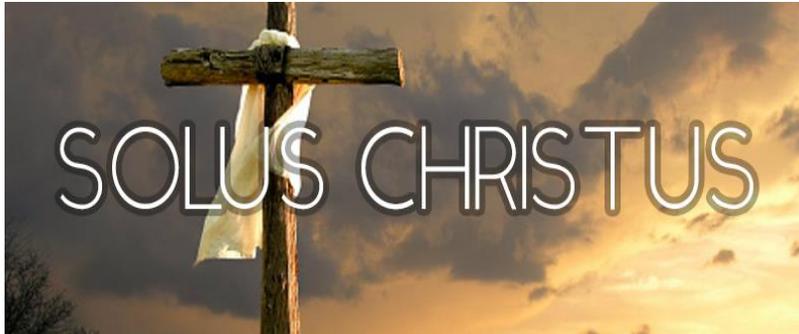
JOHN 8:31-36

Martin Luther's Theses

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

- C. **Glory to you, O God.**
- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon



Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

ELW 395

The Nicene Creed

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,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

I Believe in
ONE
God
the Father the Almighty
Maker of Heaven & Earth
of all that is SEEN and UNSEEN

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 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 worshipped 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 Intercession

P. Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

P. Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.



The Offering

The Anthem

In Christ Alone

Dr. Brad Hunnicutt

Hymn

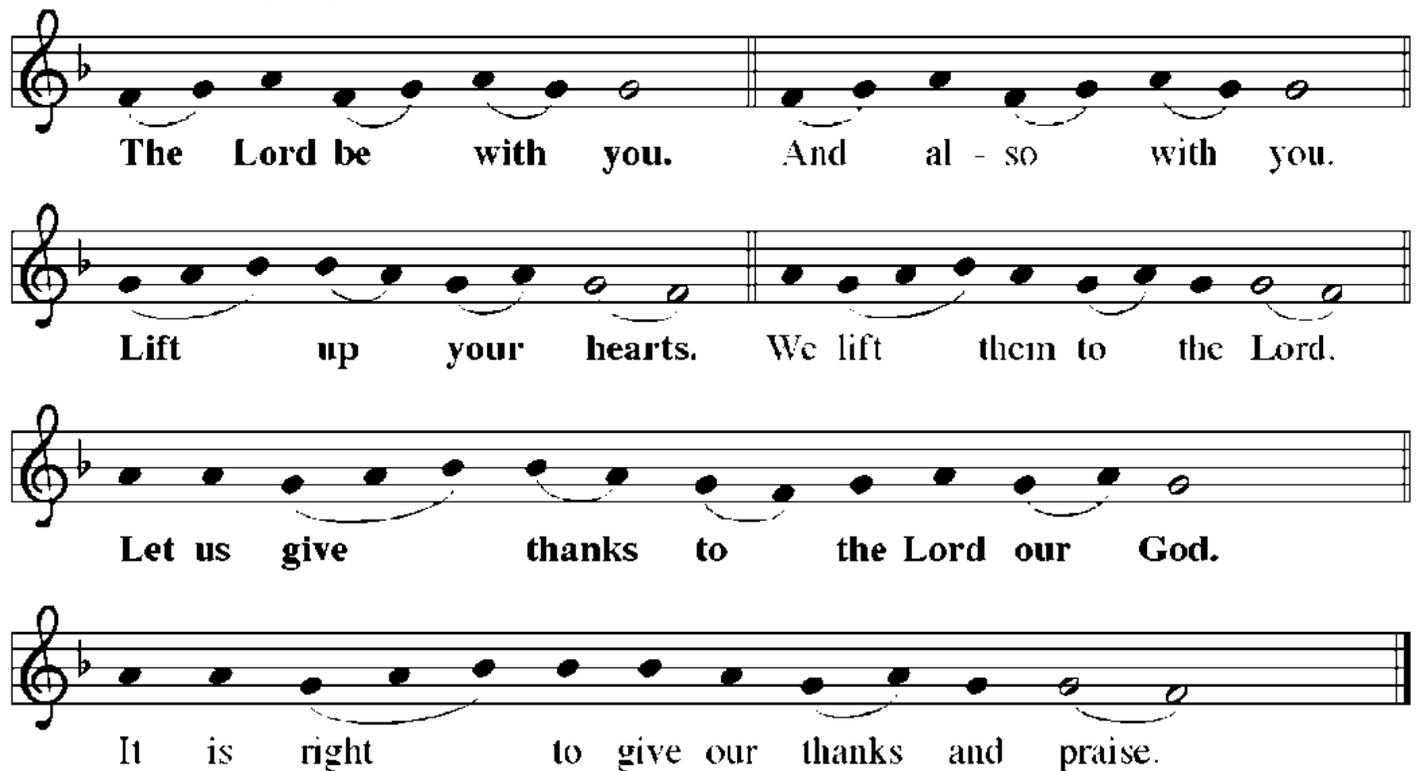
On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW 8111

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hol - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Sanctus'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Hol - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with block chords and some melodic lines.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of musical notation, continuing the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment continues.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The piano accompaniment continues.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The sixth and final system of musical notation on this page. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord.

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*

Invitation to Communion

P. All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

C. Amen.



Lamb of God

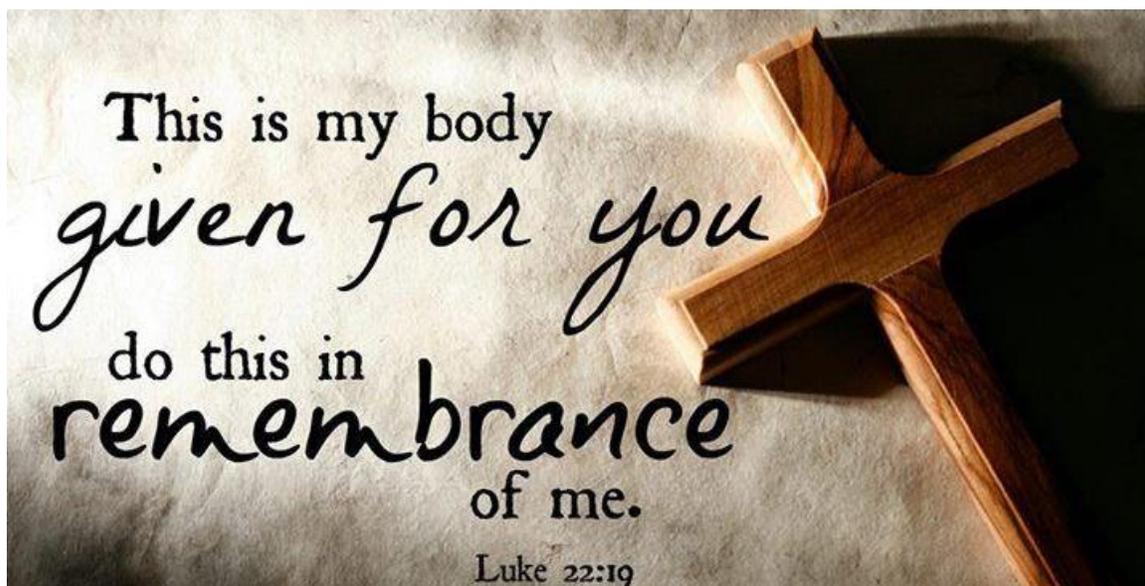
slowly



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.



Communion Hymns

For By Grace You Have Been Saved
Christ, Be Our Light
Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 598
ELW 715
ELW 595

Post Communion Blessing

P. People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

P. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

Benediction

P. God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Based on Matthew 5: 13-15

Words and Music
by Marty Haugen



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



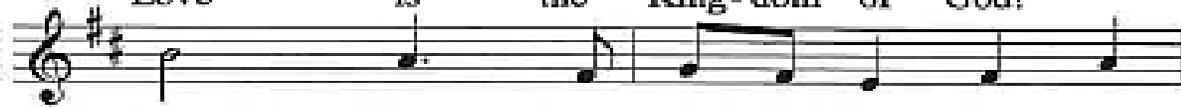
Salt for the King - dom of God!
Light for the Cit - y of God!
Bring forth the King - dom of God!
Bound for the King - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:



Life in the King - dom of God!
Shine for the King - dom of God!
Grow in the King - dom of God!
Love is the King - dom of God!



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy,



Bring forth the King - dom of peace;



Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Ci - ty of God!

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. The living world dwells in you.
- C. Thanks be to God.



Servers for Sunday, October 31st

- Assisting Minister Alecia Harrison
- Reader Alecia Harrison
- Altar Guild Sarah Watkins
- Greeters/Counters Sarah Watkins
- Ushers
- Acolyte Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

Candles for the month of October are given by Julia Lochra in loving memory of Helen Lochra.

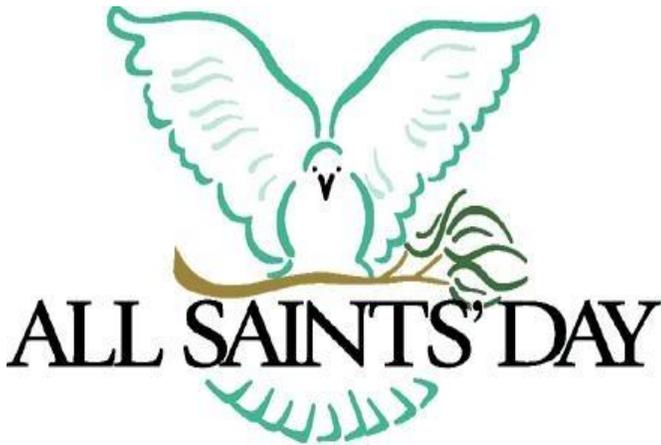


Flowers for this week are given by Helen Holderman to the Glory of God.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



REMEMBER to turn your clocks back 1 hour next Saturday night!!!



Next Sunday, November 7th, is our commemoration of Festival of All Saints – a time to recognize our loved ones who passed on over the last year. Please provide their names to Laura via email at LordofLife2100@gmail.com or via the Office mailbox in the hallway inside the church, for inclusion in next week's bulletin.



The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.