

# Reformation Day



Martin Luther



## Reformation Sunday

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Setting Four

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.

# Jays & Concerns

## Prelude

Donna Hanna, Guest Musician

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**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.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P.** Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the  
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our  
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us  
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness  
of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**P.** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your  
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that  
Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C. Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

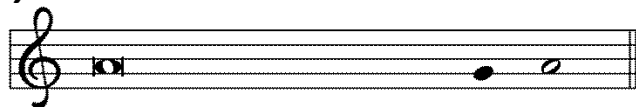
*Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

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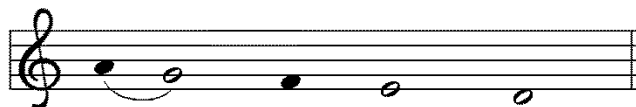
**P.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

# Kyrie



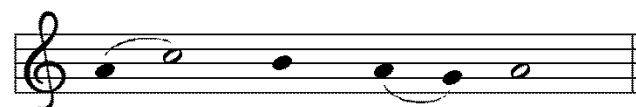
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



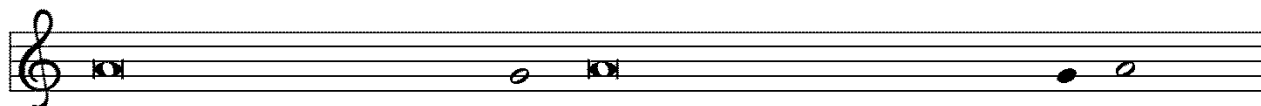
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



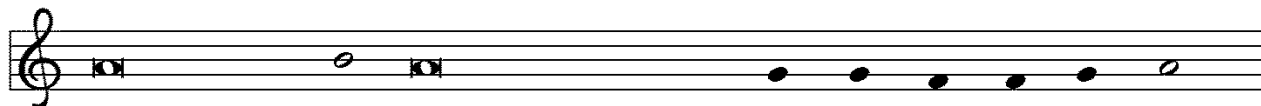
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



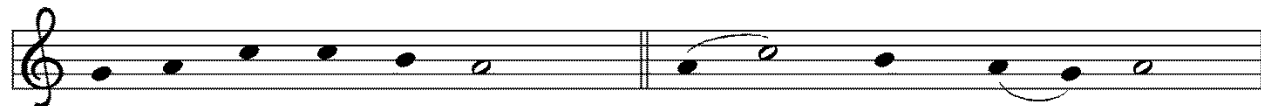
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



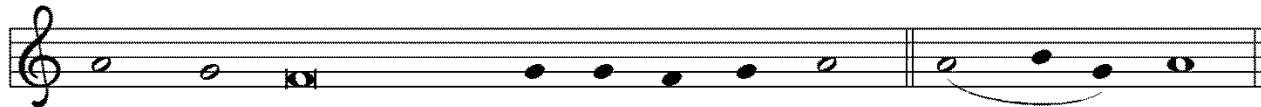
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## ***This is the Feast***

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 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.

*Refrain*



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



2 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.

*Final refrain*



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

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A. 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**

## First Reading

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**L. Word of God, word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**



Jeremiah 31:31

*Will make a new **covenant**  
with the house of **Israel...***





Psalmody

Psalm 46

spoken responsively  
(**Bold - Congregation**)

*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>l</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>l</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>l</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>l</sup> of the sea;**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>l</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>l</sup> break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the<sup>l</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>l</sup> melts away.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works<sup>l</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>l</sup>on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in<sup>l</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>l</sup> shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that<sup>l</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>l</sup> in the earth.”**

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

# Romans 3:23

## For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



### Second Reading

#### Romans 3:19-28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<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.

<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.

**L. Word of God, word of life.**

**C. Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Saint John, the eighth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

**John 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<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'?"

<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."



P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor

Hymn of the Day

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 597

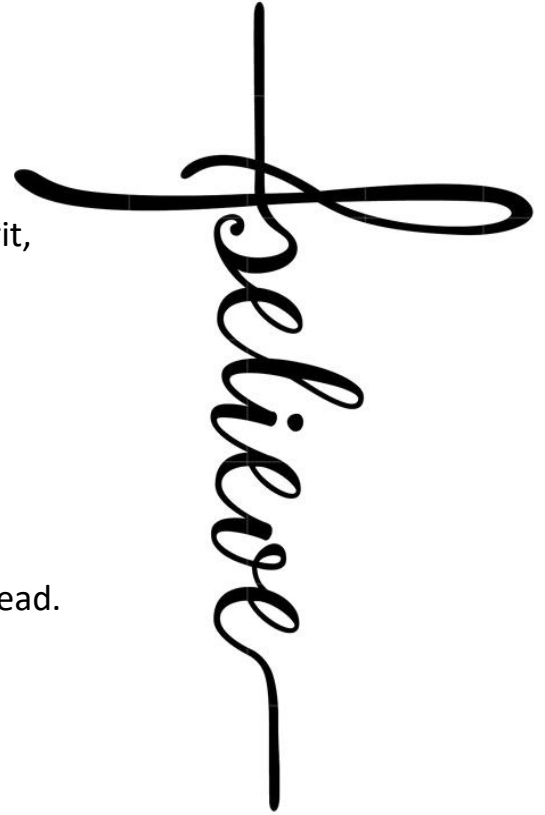


# The Apostles' Creed

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



## Prayers of Intercession – Let Us Pray:

**A.** Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

**C. hear our prayer.**

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness (*especially*). Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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

### Anthem

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Choir

### Let the vineyards...

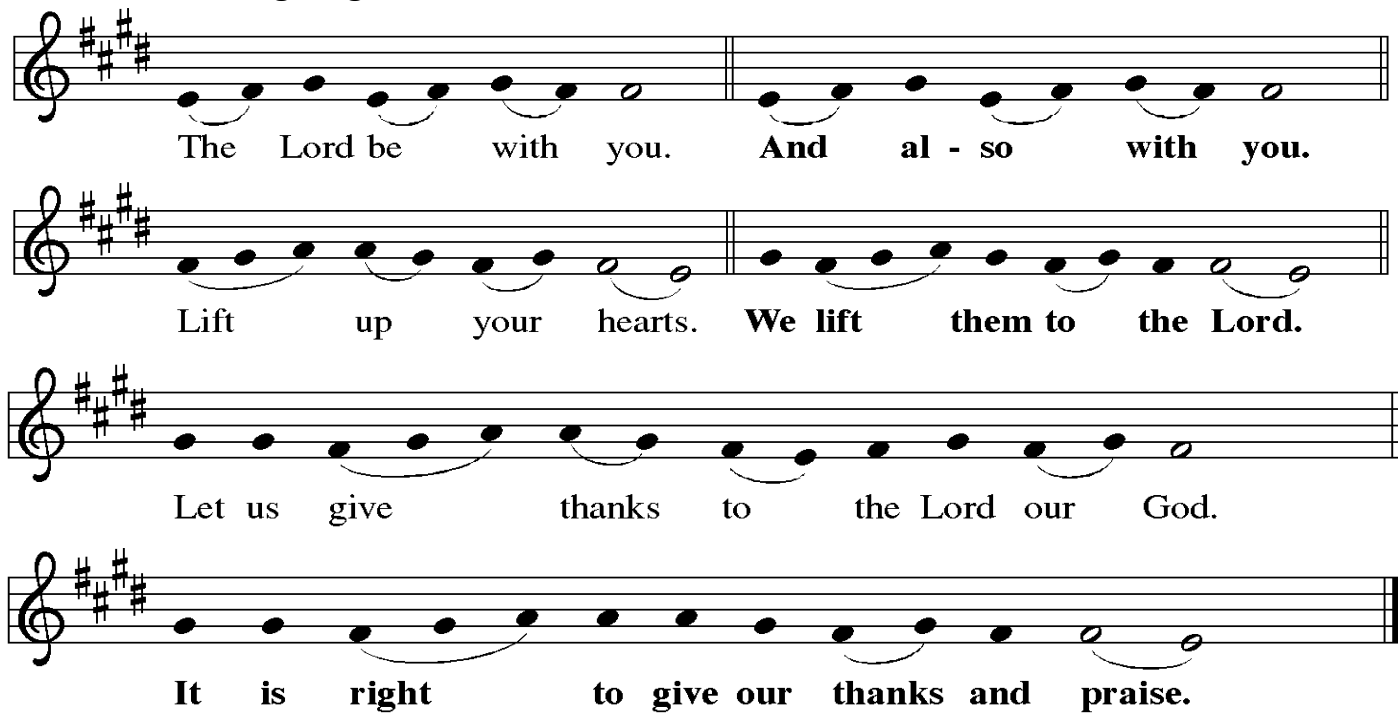
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and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

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

### Offertory Prayer

- A. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that  
all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
C. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

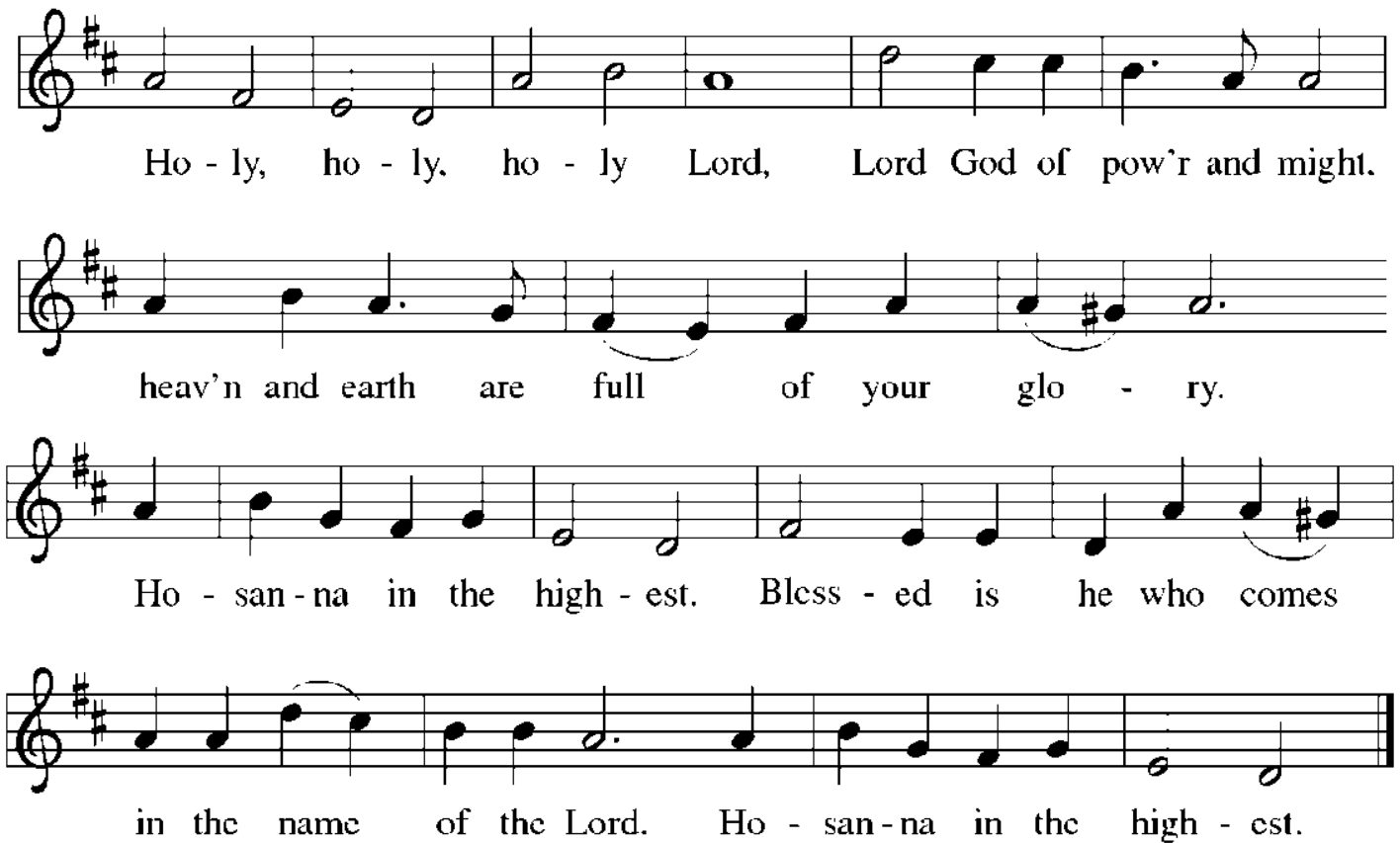
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed.....

## The Sanctus



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## Eucharistic 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.** Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.  
**C.** Amen.

### *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 Hymns

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

ELW 729



## Post Communion Blessing

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

**C.** Amen

## Post Communion Cantic

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C.** Amen.



## Blessing

P. The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

## Sending Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

ELW 504

## Dismissal

A. Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



*After Worship Fellowship  
Today Is Provided By  
Matt & Larissa Himmeger*



## Servers for Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Mary Cook  
Altar Guild ..... Barbara Kyles  
Greeters/Counters ... Neil Brennecke/Shannon Thomsen  
Guest Musician ..... Donna Hanna

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.

serve  
ONE ANOTHER IN  
*love*   
*galatians 5:13*



**Flowers** this week are provided by the Altar Guild in celebration of the Reformation.

**Candles** for October are provided by Julia Lochra in honor of many family Birthdays.



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 sheet is on the board in the hallway.



# November Events



**All Saints Sunday** – Next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is our commemoration of Festival of All Saints – a time to recognize our loved ones who passed on over the last year. Please add their names to the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5<sup>th</sup>

Nov 23

# Thanksgiving!





*Pray for your  
Call Committee*

Family of Peg Stamp

Family of Ellis (Tony) Guedel

Family of Tomma Hargraves

Family of Monna Stamm

Hannah Kestner Bockover – still in ICU but improving. Long road of recovery ahead of her

Forrest Smith – recovering from ablation

Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – recovering from a stroke

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Sheila Dorey – recovering from angioplasty

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda - cancer

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Diana Havenstein

Rob Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Nick & Sharon Vietri

Mary Ann Jackson     Dayshaun

Jonathan McCoy     Jim Powers

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Andrew Avakian – MS

