



"We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers." – I Thessalonians 2:13

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 25, 2026 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Prelude in D Minor"

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Donna Trest – Missions & Benevolences Committee

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CHORAL INTROIT

"As the Deer"

Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 90:1-17)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place for all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper the work of our hands.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, Lord. Grant that the remembrance of our redemption may never leave our hearts, but that we may walk in Christ, the Light of the world, far removed from our foolish reason and blind wills, which are vain and injurious darkness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #581 “Glory Be to the Father”**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-46

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

ANTHEM

“Called to Service”

Larson/McGuire

*Called to service in Your kingdom, called to give my life away.
Set apart to do Your bidding as I walk the narrow way.
Lord, please guide me every moment; lead me with Your loving hand.
As I face the task before me, help me firmly take my stand.
Called to service in Your kingdom, called to follow as you lead.
Set apart to share the message of the Savior we all need.
Lord show me how to follow, send Your love to light the way.
As I seek to teach Your children, walk beside me every day.
Called to service in Your kingdom, called to be a sacrifice.*

*Set apart to care for others and to offer up my life.
Lord, please shine Your light within me; drive away the dark of night.
Make my heart a clear reflection of the living Savior's light.
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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Thessalonians 2:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Common Ground"

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from, *The Heidelberg Catechism*, 1563, Question #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,

**but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response*: Hymn #606, "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #463

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION “Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise”

Thankful Hearts

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: 8:30 Dick Wilson 11:00 Eric & Susan Lehmann

Greeter: Rosalee Rockafellow

Welcome Table: Mac Warner

Liturgist: Ed Carter

Acolyte: Dylan Thomas

*The flowers are dedicated by Carol Kauffman in loving memory of
Don Kauffman.*

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