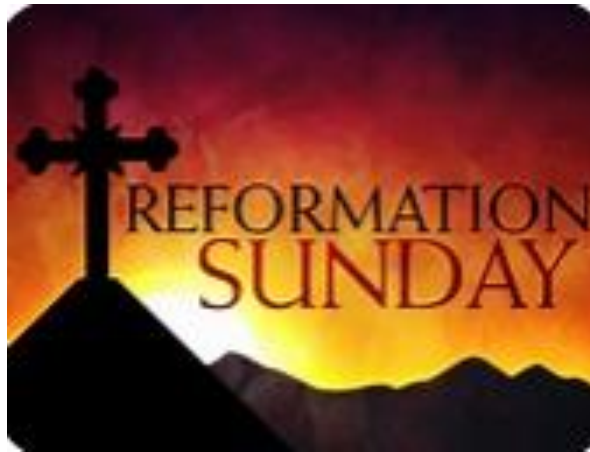


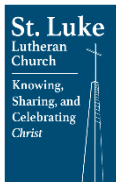
REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship



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.



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PRELUDE

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GATHERING

ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, ©1978
Augsburg Fortress; Music: Martin Luther

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 670 Build Us Up, Lord

Text/Music: Mark Glaeser, b.1956, and Donna Hanna, b.1952. ©2003
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SOLO

ACS 975 O God, Whose Word Well-Planted, soloist, Kathy Billger

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OFFERING SONG

Create in Me (ELW 186)

SENDING HYMN

ELW 652 Built on a Rock

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937,
adapt., ©1958 Augsburg Fortress;
Music: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GATHERING HYM

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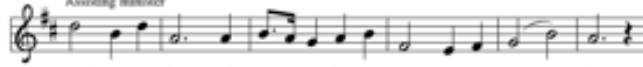
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GREETING

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.

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Assisting minister

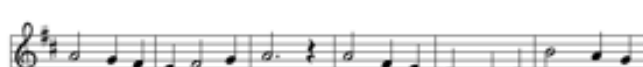


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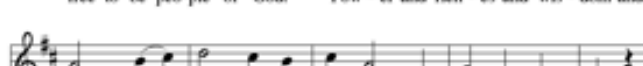
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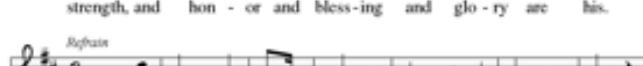


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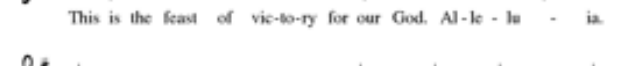


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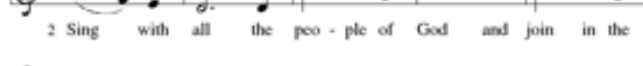
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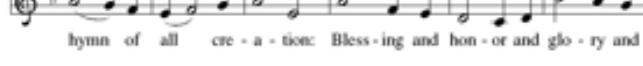
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

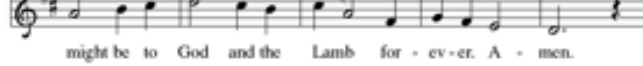


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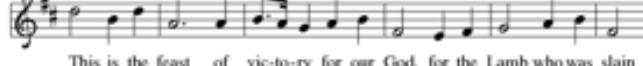


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Final refrain



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

Holy God, our righteous judge,

**daily your mercy surprises us
with everlasting forgiveness.**

**Strengthen our hope in you,
and grant that all the peoples of the earth
may find their glory in you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING:

A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

Amen.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- 3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- 9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.
- 10 **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Please rise in body or spirit

A reading from Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

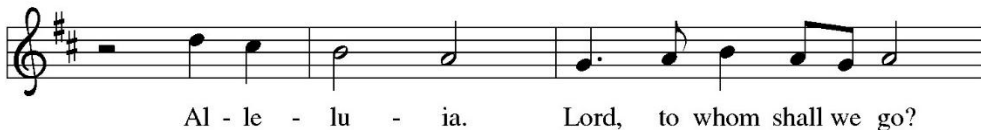
²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they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

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ 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.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John 8:31-36

Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ 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'?"

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Message

Rev. Steven Boughter

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build Us Up, Lord

ELW 670

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all creation.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ.
Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is
transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks
for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change.
God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide
judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with
compassion and understanding. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all music ministers of this congregation. Transform your church through the musical arts. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

SOLO ACS 975 O God, Whose Word Well-Planted soloist, Kathy Billger

O God, whose word well-planted
yields fruit a hundredfold,
we praise your graces granted
to those who sowed of old,
who by their witness scattered
good seed upon the soil
where others, reaping, gathered
the harvest of their toil.

O God of seed and harvest,
of sun and soil and rain,
attend the word we sow,
lest its planting be in vain.

Send showers of your Spirit,
bright sunshine of your grace,
that multitudes who hear it
your gospel may embrace.

O God, your final harvest
of hist'ry's ancient field
will test with truth the proudest
that human work can yield.
Oppression's blight will vanish,
fair freedom's fruits increase;
and love and joy will flourish
to clothe the earth with peace.

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING SONG

We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

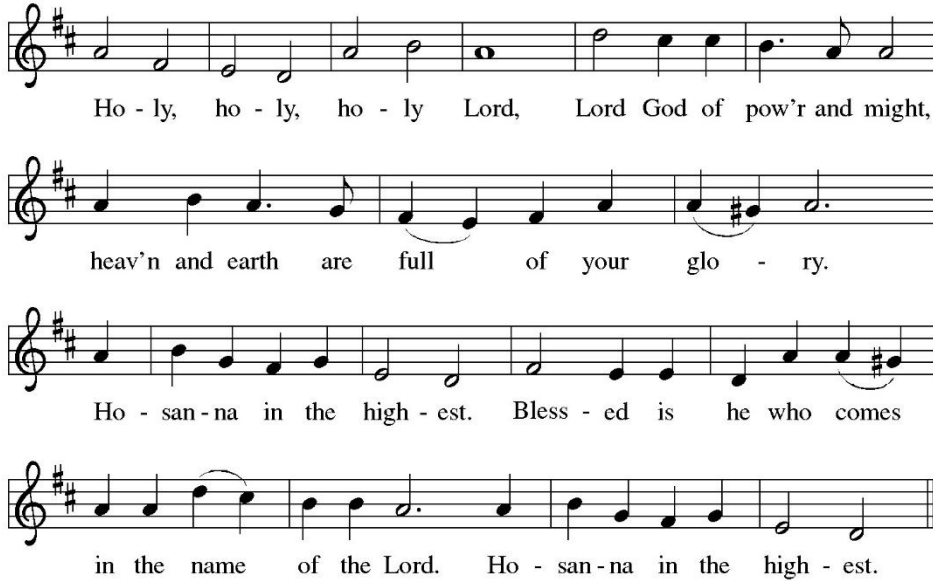
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,

With the church on earth and hosts of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG



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.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,
**through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and spirit.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Built on a Rock

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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