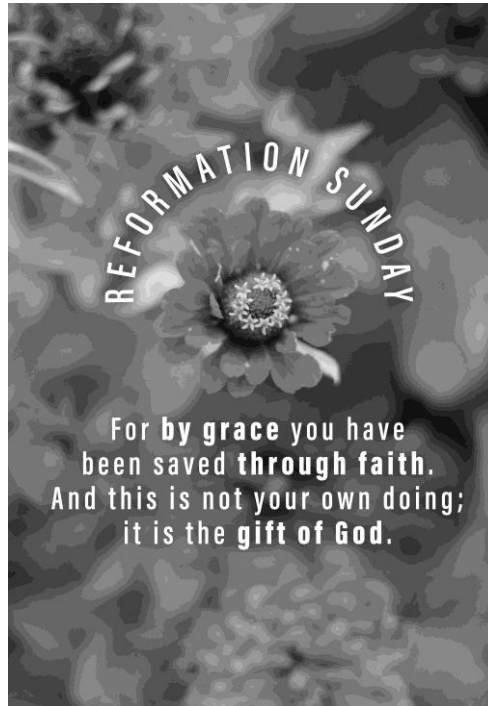


*Welcome to St. Paul's  
The Lord Bless You as You Worship!*



***Reformation Sunday  
October 27, 2024***

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***Enter to Listen, Exit to Serve***

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We're glad you're here! May you experience God's love through the words you hear and sing, the meal you eat, and the fellowship of God's people.*

**Prayer Requests** If you have a prayer request, please give a note to the ushers or send an email to Pastor Lori.

**Face Masks** Just a friendly reminder...please wear a mask in the building if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19/experiencing any kind of respiratory or flu-like symptoms. Masks are available on the table in the narthex in case you forget yours at home. Thank you!

**Holy Communion** All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Lori.) *Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray. Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is available; please indicate your need to the pastor.*

**Pew Cushions** Are available on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.

**Hearing Assistance** Individual hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the device at the end of worship so they can be sanitized.

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## We Worship God

Welcome

Prelude

*“How Can I Keep From Singing”*

*The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts and minds to worship God. You are invited to pray this prayer to help you transition from the cares and activities of daily life to worshipping the Living God:*  
**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### Call to Worship

P: Bless God at all times.

**All: We will bless God continually.**

P: Let us worship our God.

**All: We will praise God’s name together.**

P: God hears us when we pray,

**All: And frees us from our fears.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**All: We come before you with heavy hearts. We do not always follow our Savior’s lead. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we scatter— preferring darkness to the brilliance of your truth. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be made clean again. Amen.**

P: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God’s mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

#504

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  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

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

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## Greeting

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

## Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

**All: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## We Hear God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

A: Guide us, O God by your Word and Spirit,

**All: that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Source Book of Worship Resources, Volume 2, published in 1996 by Communication Resources, Canton, Ohio.*

### Psalm 46

A: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

A: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**All: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

A: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

A: Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**All: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.**

A: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

A: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

## Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

### 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.

### The Gospel

P: The Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



## **John 8:31-36**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

### **Sermon**

Rev. Lori Nickoloff

*Following the sermon, there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is made up not only of words, gestures, and music, but also moments of silence.*

*As the hymn begins, the assembly stands to sing.*

# *Sola Gratia*

Grace Alone

# *Sola Fide*

Faith Alone

# *Sola Scriptura*

Scripture Alone

## Hymn of the Day:

## O God of Light

#507



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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## Apostles Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

A: Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

A: Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sharing of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

**All: And also with you.**

*Please turn to the people near you to offer a gesture of peace and the greeting, "God's peace be with you!" You are also encouraged to turn to the back of the sanctuary and greet the worshippers on Zoom with a wave or gesture of peace.*

*(Please be seated)*

### **Offering**

*This month our Local Hunger Offering will be given to **The Sharing Shed.***

**Offertory Music**      *"10,000 Reasons to Bless the Lord" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman arranged by Heather Sorenson*

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

**Offertory Hymn:**                      *Verse 3 of As Saints of Old*

#695

*In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

A: God, you have given us so much, and done wonders for our benefit.

**All: In gratitude, we cheerfully return these gifts to you, that you might use them for the sake of all who are in need throughout the world. Amen.**

## **We Share God's Meal**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

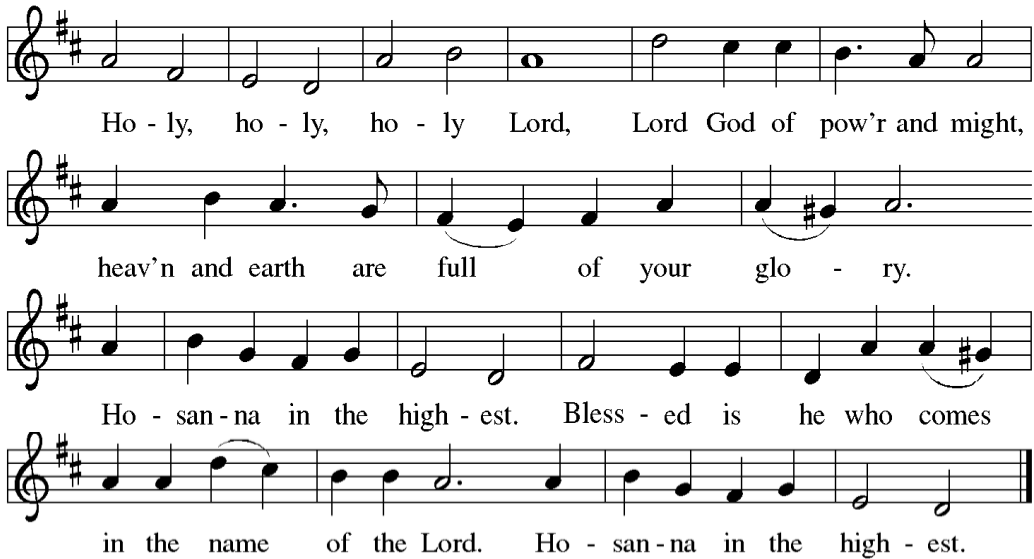
P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We praise you for your glorious Word that spoke, and it was so. With just a word you create a universe of breathtaking beauty and tenderly breathe life into human beings made in your image. When we do not listen to you and follow our own desires, you do not leave us to our own devices but seek us out to make covenant, and you keep your word to us even when we break ours to you. You free us from bondage and give us the Word in your law, though we prefer idols of our own making and leaders of our own exaltation. Still you send prophets to preach to us the words of eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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.

P: On 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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension, we wait his coming in glory. Pour out the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the

body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**All:** Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All:** **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.**

### Eucharistic Invitation

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**All:** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### 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.

### Hymns During Communion:

<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	#654
<i>The Church of Christ, in Every Age</i>	#729
<i>We All Are One in Mission</i>	#576

## Table Blessing

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

**All: Amen**

## Prayer After Communion:

A: O God,

**All: in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## We Leave to Serve

### Announcements

### Benediction

P: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

P: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

P: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: thanks be to God!**

P: The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

~ from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity. [http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Common\\_Prayer\\_for\\_Catholic-Lutheran\\_Commemoration\\_of\\_Reformation\\_2017.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Common_Prayer_for_Catholic-Lutheran_Commemoration_of_Reformation_2017.pdf)

*(Please stand to sing the hymn and turn to face the flame as it exits the church)*

**Sending Hymn:***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

#517

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 and sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

**Sending**

A: Go in peace. Proclaim Christ in all you say and do.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude***“Mighty Fortress”**by Johann Pachelbel*