

Trinitytide

OCTOBER 25, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY OF THE REFORMATION



DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved" (Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a).



While joyful conversation is encouraged in the narthex, please enter the sanctuary in silence out of respect for those in prayer.

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Ein feste Burg" (from "A Mighty Fortress Suite")

Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

When the bell tolls, please stand and face the processional cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

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The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,
dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main - eth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



L I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
 and shall not be | put to shame.

L I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
 his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

C My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
 let the humble hear | and be glad.

L Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
 I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

C The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
 none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.





- [L]** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Sitting

PROPHECY

Revelation 14:6-7

A The Prophecy is written in the book of Revelation, the fourteenth chapter.

A Behold: I, John, saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a



L Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

C Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,

L that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

A The Epistle is written in the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, the third chapter.

A Brethren: We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in

Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness,

A that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 12:32



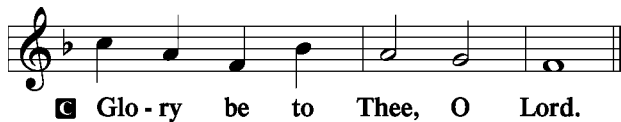
L Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.



HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



P So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*
the Father Almighty, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

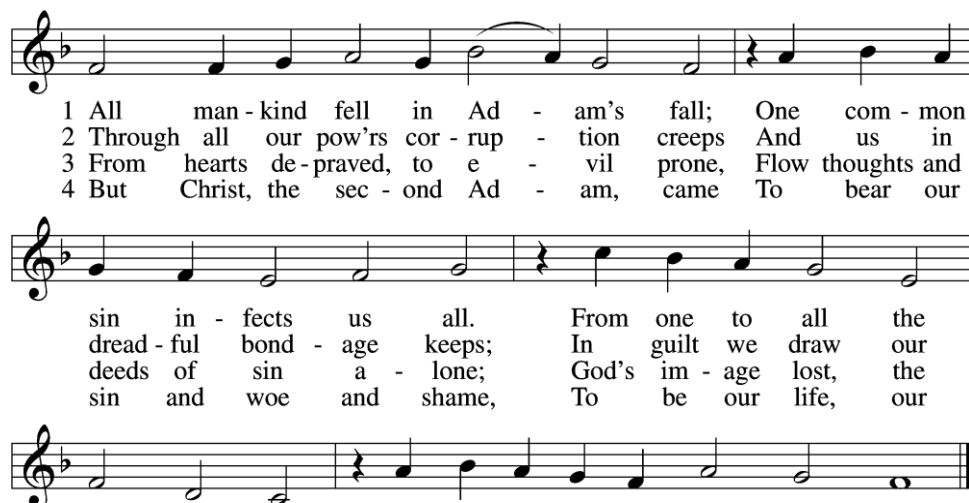
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*
very God of very God, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30; 17:22*
by Whom all things were made; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*
Who for us men and for our salvation *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*
came down from heaven *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*
He suffered and was buried. *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*
and ascended into heaven *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*
and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 562

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our

sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our

curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

**5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.**

**6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.**

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SERMON

TAKING GOD'S WORD TO HEART:

REVELATION 14:6-7, ROMANS 3:19-28, AND JOHN 8:31-36 SHARE A COMMON MESSAGE OF HUMANITY'S NEED FOR SALVATION, THE TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE, AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP GOD. IN ROMANS, PAUL DECLARES THAT WE ARE JUSTIFIED NOT BY OUR WORKS BUT BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST; IN JOHN, JESUS REVEALS THAT TRUE FREEDOM FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN COMES THROUGH THE SON; AND IN REVELATION, THE ETERNAL GOSPEL CALLS ALL PEOPLE TO FEAR GOD AND GIVE HIM GLORY. ON REFORMATION SUNDAY, THESE READINGS REMIND US OF THE CENTRAL TRUTH RECOVERED DURING THE REFORMATION: WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE ALONE, THROUGH FAITH ALONE, IN CHRIST ALONE, AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE ALONE. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THESE PASSAGES BECAUSE THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, HE SECURES OUR FORGIVENESS, FREES US FROM SIN'S BONDAGE, AND BRINGS US INTO A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—NOT THROUGH OUR OWN MERITS, BUT THROUGH HIS SAVING WORK.

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

OFFERING

Ebenezer ("Thy Strong Word," LSB 578)

Setting by Richard W. Gieseke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Loving Father, though we deserve Your righteous wrath and punishment, for the sake of Your Son do not remember our sins, but defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul and be our very present help in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You have renewed Your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall Your people to the Gospel and who speak Your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, that we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract Your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name throughout the world, that Your people's faith may be strengthened and Your kingdom extended. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, do not let Your people fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Rescue all people in need, [*especially* _____,] and comfort them with the promise that You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

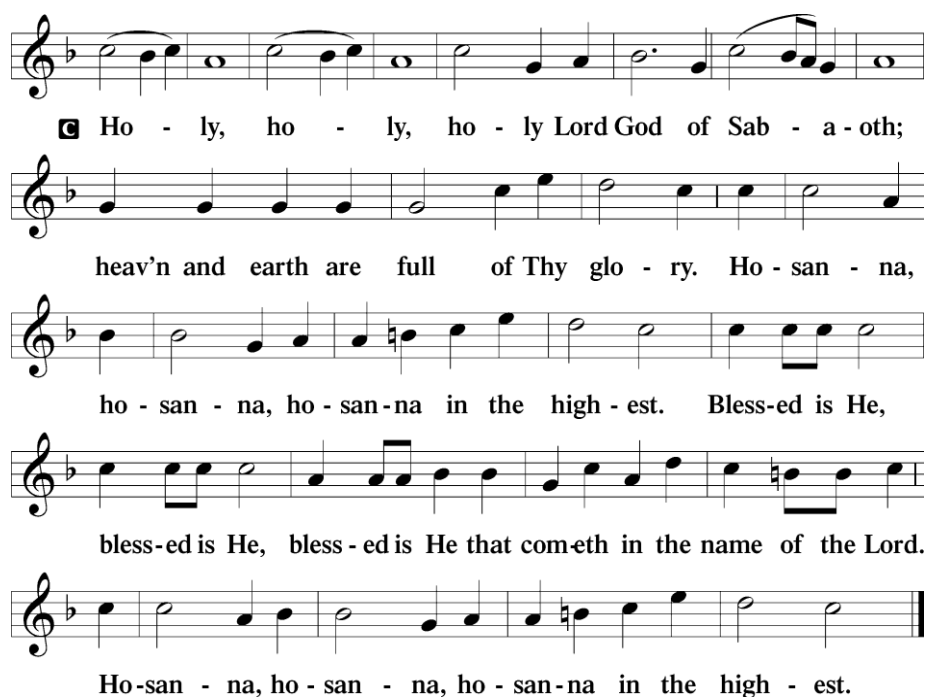
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est."

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
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Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ̣ bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My ̣ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

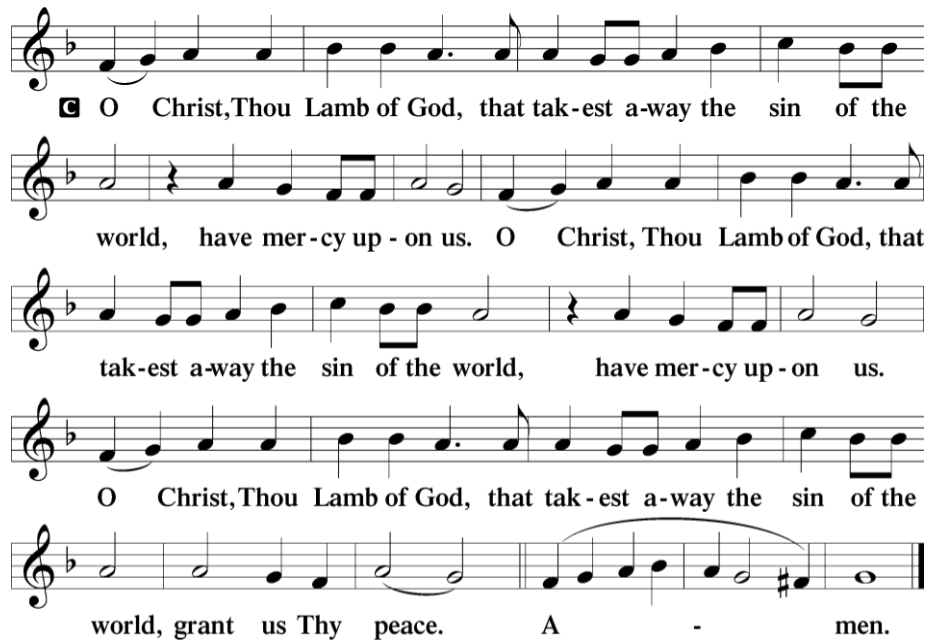
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al- ways.
A A - men.

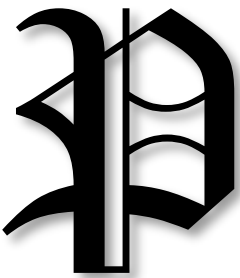
AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



Sitting

All guests and visitors in attendance for the first time, who have not yet announced their intention to receive Holy Communion, are asked to please refrain until having spoken to Pastor Miller or an elder beforehand. We invite anyone to come forward with arms crossed over chest in the shape of an "X" to receive a pastoral blessing. This is in accordance with Lutheran practice: "No one is admitted to the Sacrament without first being examined" (Augsburg Confession XXIV:6-7).



REPARING OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHOM WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH AND SET FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN. AS WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIS HOLY BODY AND PRECIOUS BLOOD IN THIS SACRAMENT, GRANT US REPENTANT HEARTS, STEADFAST FAITH, AND A RENEWED TRUST IN YOUR PROMISES. FREE US FROM ALL CONFIDENCE IN OUR OWN MERITS, AND STRENGTHEN US IN THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE

THIS GIFT WORTHILY, WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, AND LIVE IN THE FREEDOM CHRIST HAS WON FOR US; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 555

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled

Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

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6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

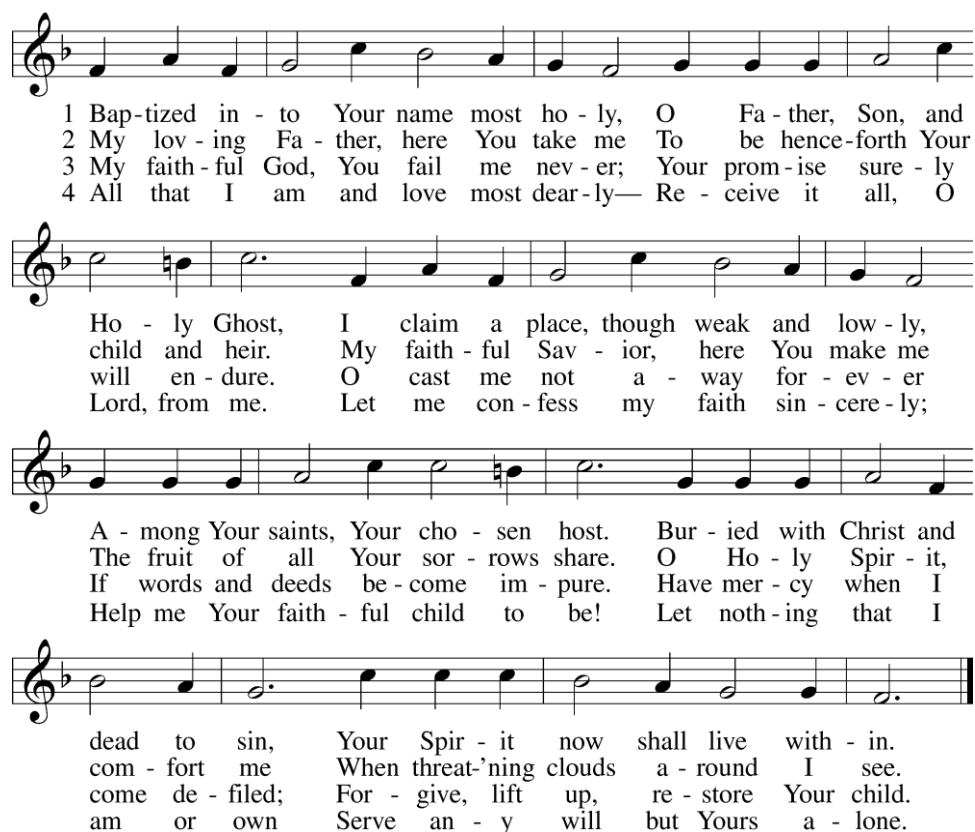
7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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RETURNING THANKS AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

LET US PRAY.

GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FEEDING US WITH THE HOLY BODY AND PRECIOUS BLOOD OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, THROUGH WHOM WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND THE FREEDOM OF YOUR CHILDREN. STRENGTHEN US BY YOUR GRACE TO STAND FIRM IN THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD, TO TRUST NOT IN OUR OWN WORKS BUT IN CHRIST ALONE, AND TO PROCLAIM THE ETERNAL GOSPEL WITH BOLDNESS AND JOY. AS WE CELEBRATE THE REFORMATION, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THE FAITH THAT JUSTIFIES US BY GRACE ALONE, THROUGH FAITH ALONE, IN CHRIST ALONE, THAT OUR LIVES MAY GLORIFY YOU AND BEAR WITNESS TO THE FREEDOM WE HAVE RECEIVED IN HIM; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

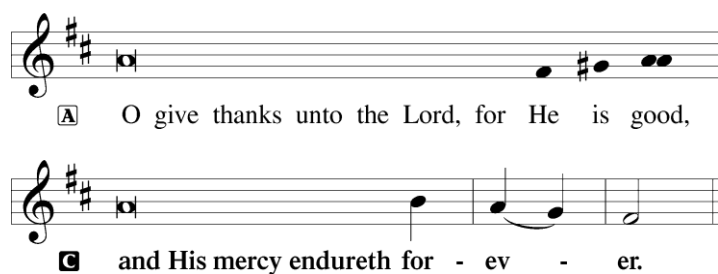
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

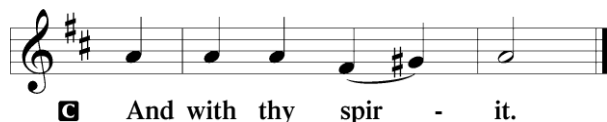
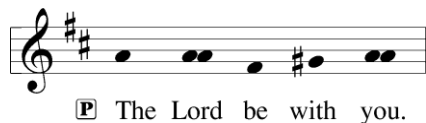
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



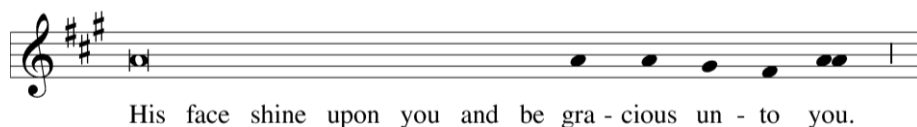
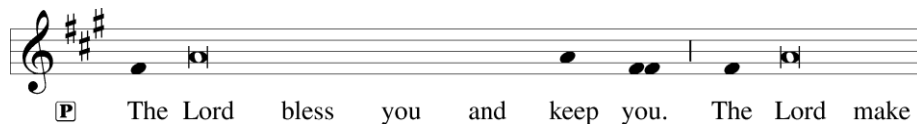
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 578

"Thy Strong Word"



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills
 us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!



RENEWING OUR HEARTS AFTER HOLY MASS:

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, YOU ALONE CAN RENEW OUR HEARTS AND SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN. BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, TURN OUR HEARTS FROM TRUST IN OUR OWN WORKS TO A LIVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SALVATION. KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR HOLY WORD, THAT WE MAY REJOICE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE GOSPEL, GROW IN LOVE AND OBEDIENCE, AND GLORIFY YOU IN ALL THAT WE DO; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

SUNDAY OF THE REFORMATION

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Greg Ison/Trevor Dunkel

(Tom Lawton)

Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

ALL SAINTS' DAY

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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

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Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Eden Miller

Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/Malcolm Abrahamman

(Ryan Licht)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 10/25	Sunday of the Reformation Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Who Do You Say That I Am?"</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Reformation Festival & Chili Cook-Off	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour 3:30 PM
Monday 10/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 10/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 10/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 10/29	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 10/30	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 10/31	Reformation Day Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 11/1	All Saints' Day Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Who Do You Say That I Am?"</i> Holy Mass with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Confirmation: <i>Seventh Petition & Conclusion of Lord's Prayer</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour 11:30 AM

LOVING THE LORD

Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and great commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38).

✝ Adult Bible Study: “Who Do You Say That I Am?” The Early Christological Controversies

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

Join us for an exploration of one of the most important questions of the Christian faith: Who is Jesus Christ? Together, we will examine the major Christological controversies that shaped the early Church, including Docetism, Arianism, Nestorianism, and others, considering how Christians throughout the first centuries wrestled with the mystery of Christ’s full divinity and full humanity. This study will help us develop a fuller understanding of the person of Jesus Christ—and why what we believe about who He is matters profoundly for our faith, worship, and salvation. Come join us as we explore the history, Scripture, and theology behind these enduring questions.

✝ Fall Back: Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 1

A friendly reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend! Remember to “fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening before going to bed. Enjoy the extra hour of rest, and we look forward to gathering with you for the Divine Service on Sunday!

✝ All Saints’ Sunday: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 1 during Holy Mass

Church sanctuary

On All Saints’ Sunday, we will commemorate our loved ones who have departed this life in the faith, giving thanks to God for the gift of their lives and the promise of the resurrection in Jesus Christ. During the service, each name will be read aloud, accompanied by the ringing of a bell, as we remember those who have died in the Lord and rejoice in the sure hope of everlasting life.

✝ **Pledge Sunday: Offering to God Our Time, Talent, & Treasure**

Sunday, November 22 during Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

Pledge Sunday is an opportunity to prayerfully consider how we may offer our time, talents, and treasure in service to God and His Church. All that we have is a gift from His gracious hand, and our generosity is not a burden to bear but a blessing through which we grow in faith, express our gratitude, and participate in the work of the Gospel. As we give freely and joyfully, we are reminded that God does not need our gifts, but graciously invites us to share in His work for the good of our neighbor and the building up of His Church. In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter with a pledge card and accompanying materials to help you prayerfully consider your commitment for the year ahead.

✝ **Holy Mass: The Eve of Thanksgiving Day**

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

As our nation prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving and remember the blessings surrounding its founding, the Church gathers to offer thanks and praise to Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift. Join us for a Divine Service on the eve of Thanksgiving as we give thanks for His abundant benefits, His gracious provision for our daily needs, and above all, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. In grateful faith, we acknowledge that every blessing comes from His merciful hand and give Him the glory due His holy name.

✝ **CANCELLED: NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 29.**

✝ **Advent Midweek Mass: Truth, Goodness, & Beauty**

Wednesdays in Advent, December 2, 9, & 16 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

Join us for three midweek Masses on Wednesdays during the Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year's theme explores the three transcendentals—Truth, Goodness, and Beauty—and what they reveal to us about the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming of Christ. Through Holy Scripture, prayer, and the Church's liturgy, we will reflect on how Christ embodies perfect Truth, reveals the fullness of divine Goodness, and manifests the Beauty of God's saving love, preparing us to receive Him with faith and joy.

✝ **Adult Bible Study: Sacrifice Fulfilled: *The Old Testament Sacrificial System and Jesus Christ***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning December 6.
Church fellowship hall

Join us for a study of the distinctive offerings and sacrifices prescribed in the Old Testament and how each prophetically pointed forward to the person and saving work of Jesus Christ. As we explore the meaning and purpose of these offerings, we will see how they anticipated Christ's once-for-all self-offering for the forgiveness of sins and the reconciliation of humanity to God. In Him, the New Testament reveals not only the fulfillment of the Law but also the culmination of all that the Law's sacrificial system foreshadowed, as every sacrifice finds its ultimate meaning and completion in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

✝ **Christmas Schedule**

Christmas Eve Mass (with Carols by Candlelight): Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Day Mass: Friday, December 25 at 10:00 A.M.
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Sunday, December 27 at 10:00 A.M.

✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta/videos>

Did you miss a Sunday service, want to revisit a sermon that especially spoke to you, or share God's Word with a friend or family member? Our weekly sermons are available on YouTube for your convenience. We encourage all members to subscribe to our YouTube channel and check back regularly for new sermon recordings. Whether you watch immediately after Sunday worship or revisit sermons throughout the week, we pray these messages continue to strengthen your faith and keep you rooted in God's Word.

✝ **Private Confession and Absolution**

Available by appointment

Have you considered making use of Private Confession and Absolution? Pastor Miller is available by appointment to hear confession and proclaim Christ's forgiveness personally and individually. While many Lutherans are familiar with corporate confession during the Divine Service, private confession has always been a treasured part of our Lutheran heritage. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages Christians to make use of confession and receive the comfort of absolution from their pastor. This gift is not something to fear or avoid—it is simply part of living the Christian life of repentance as a Lutheran. If you would like to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution, please contact Pastor Miller.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

"And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39).

✝ **Reformation Festival/Chili Cook-Off**

Sunday, October 25 at 3:30 P.M.
Church Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special service of Scripture and Song celebrating the Lutheran Reformation, as the North Atlanta Circuit of the Florida-Georgia District and the Georgia Circuit of the English District, of which we are a part, come together in fellowship and worship.

This year's service will place a special emphasis on Luther's Small Catechism and will feature a sermon by well-known catechist the Rev. Peter C. Bender, of Peace Lutheran Church in Sussex, Wisconsin. Special music is also planned for this occasion.

And don't leave when the service ends! Plan to stay afterward for a Chili Cook-Off. See how your chili stacks up against the offerings of other congregations, and come taste the entries of fellow Lutherans from around the Atlanta area.

✝ **Veterans Appreciation Dinner**

Saturday, November 7 at 5:30 P.M.
Church fellowship hall

The sixth annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner is open to all those men and women who have served in our United States military, as well as their families. All veterans and their guests are invited to join us at no cost to them or their loved ones. Others, who are not veterans, are welcome to purchase a ticket to attend the dinner in celebration of our veterans. 100% of all proceeds go to benefit Warriors Set Free, which is a special ministry organization that helps veterans to heal from their emotional scars and find personal freedom in Jesus Christ.

The event includes a homemade Italian dinner, patriotic fellowship, special guest veterans, raffle prizes, and other great surprises. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is a can't-miss event! Be sure to mark your calendars.

Even more, please help get the word out to both veterans and non-veterans alike. You can visit the event website to RSVP free (for veterans and their families) or buy tickets (everyone else): vetsdinner.com. All questions may be directed to Jason Schoellen, whose information is in the church directory.

Ascension members, your help is also needed to ensure this event runs smoothly as the number of attendees grows each year! Please email Jason Schoellen to sign up as a volunteer for one of the following kitchen help roles: serving food to the veterans/attendees, help with food prep, handing out drinks, taking drink orders, other help as needed. Thank you so much!

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting"
(1 Timothy 2:8).

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ Keith Worthington, 10/29

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✝ Bella Floyd, 10/26
- ✝ Michael Valor, 10/26
- ✝ Kerstin Popescu, 10/27
- ✝ Christian Lambeth, 10/28
- ✝ John Reichmann, 10/28

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✝ Karen Anderson-Valor, 10/26
- ✝ Michael Valor, 10/26
- ✝ Will Davis, 10/29

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Karen Anderson-Valor, 10/26
- ✝ Dustin Breitzkreuz, 10/26
- ✝ Craig Rathsam, 10/26
- ✝ Jordan Tomesch, 10/26
- ✝ Michael Valor, 10/26
- ✝ Kerstin Popescu, 10/27
- ✝ Billy Chen, 10/29
- ✝ Will Davis, 10/29
- ✝ Trevor Dunkel, 10/29
- ✝ Charlotte Gollin, 10/29
- ✝ Laura Gollin, 10/29
- ✝ Sam Gollin, 10/29
- ✝ John Reichmann, 10/29
- ✝ Anne Bigelow, 10/30
- ✝ Ruth Henry, 10/30

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ Michael & Karen Valor, 10/25
- ✝ Ryan & Haley Licht, 10/31

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ The Rev. James Clark
- ✝ Robin Dempsey (mother-in-law of Matthew Licht)
- ✝ Linda Meissner (aunt of Jeni Miller)
- ✝ Rick Miller (uncle of Jeni Miller)

Special Requests

- ✝ All expectant mothers and their unborn children, especially Margaret Beckman, Haley Licht, Katie Licht, Mandy Kranzlein; and Lizzie Schnell; for health and safety.
- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, for a fair wage and meaningful employment.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- ✝ Marion & Robbie Griffin
- ✝ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his pastoral formation.
- ✝ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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