

**Reformation**  
October 24 - 25, 2026  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE (finishing with optional FINAL PRELUDE {sung})**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
(u)  
PASSING OF PEACE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

**C** Amen.

**P** Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,

**C** we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**P** Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**C** Amen.

## **GATHERING HYMN     “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”**

- 1     Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, /  
from this meal of love and grace; /  
may we through such love envision /  
whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
\*Alleluia, alleluia: / God, the wonder of our days.**
- 2     Rise, transformed, and choose to follow /  
after Christ, though wounded, whole; /  
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed /  
to release and to console.  
\*Alleluia, alleluia: / Christ, our present, past, and goal.**
- 3     Rise, remember well the future /  
God has called us to receive; /  
present by God’s loving nurture, / Spirited then let us live.  
\*Alleluia, alleluia: / Spirit, grace by whom we live.**
- 4     Service be our sure vocation; / courage be our daily breath; /  
mercy be our destination / from this day and unto death.  
\*Alleluia, alleluia. / Rise, O church, a living faith.**

## **REFORMATION DIALOG**

- P     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**  
**C     And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**  
**P     There is one Body and one Spirit;**  
**C     There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
**P     One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;**  
**C     One God and Father of all.**  
**P     Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.**  
**C     And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our  
Faith. Amen. Alleluia!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE    “Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”**

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs/  
with angels round the throne;/  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,/  
but all their joys are one.**

**\*Jesus is worthy to receive/honor and pow’r divine;/  
And blessings, more than we can give,/  
be, Lord, forever thine.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P    Let us pray together.**

**Q    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.**

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## **LESSON OF THE DAY**

**Romans 3:19-28**

### **The lesson begins:**

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.

**P The Word of the Lord.**

**G Thanks be to God.**

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### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al – le – luia! / Lord to whom shall we go? / Al – le – luia.**

**\*You have\_ the words / of\_ eternal life. /**

**Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – luia.**

### **GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.**

**G Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.**

**G Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### **SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

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## NICENE CREED

**Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

- ☒ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## LITANY OF COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD

- ☒ **Let us pray. Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence. By your holy word, you sent forth your Son to bring us salvation through the cross of death and resurrection.**
- ☒ **We commit our lives to your word, O God.**
- ☒ **Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.**
- ☒ **We commit our lives to your word, O God.**

- A** Center us in routines that keep us close to you, O Lord. Center us in weekly worship.
- C** We commit our lives to your word, O God.
- A** Center us in daily prayer.
- C** We commit our lives to your word, O God.
- A** Center us in knowledge of holy scripture.
- C** We commit our lives to your word, O God.
- A** Center us in the mission of the church.
- C** We commit our lives to your word, O God.
- A** Center us in lives of thankful giving and loving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us.
- C** We commit our lives to your word, O God.
- P** By your word, O Lord, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, and give us eternal hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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## OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

### "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; /  
 praise him, all creatures here below; /  
 praise him above, ye heav'nly host; /  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy Ho - ly Holy, Lord\_, / God of power and might\_, /  
Heav'n and earth\_(//)are full of Your glory, /  
Hosannah in\_ the highest.**

**\*Blessed\_ is He who comes\_ / in the name of the Lord, /  
Hosannah in\_ the highest\_, / Hosannah in\_ the highest!**

- P** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: (Spoken)**

**C 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 Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

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**COMMUNION is given and received.**

**(During Distribution)**

**“Lamb of God”**

- 1 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/**  
**\*You suffered death\_/our lives to save\_:/**  
**have mercy now\_, we pray.**
- 2 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/**  
**\*You set us free\_/from guilt and grave\_:/**  
**have mercy now\_, we pray.**
- 3 O Lamb of God\_/you bear the sin\_/of all the world\_ away;/**  
**\*Eternal peace\_/with God you made\_:/**  
**Give us your peace\_, we pray.**

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**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

## SENDING HYMN

## "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

- 1 A mighty for - tress is\_ our God,/  
a bulwark never fail - ing;/  
our helper he\_ amid\_ the flood/  
of mortal ills prevail - ing:  
\*for still our ancient foe/ doth seek to work us woe;/  
his craft and pow'r are great,/ and, armed with cruel hate,/ /  
on earth is not his e - qual.
- 2 Did we in our\_ own strength\_ confide/  
our striving would be los - ing;/  
were not the right\_ man on\_ our side,/  
the man of God's own choos - ing.  
\*Dost ask who that may be? / Christ Jesus, it is he; /  
Lord Sabaoth his name, / from age to age the same, /  
and he must win the bat - tle.
- 3 And though this world\_, with dev - ils filled, /  
should threaten to undo\_ us, /  
we will not fear\_, for God\_ hath willed /  
his truth to triumph through\_ us.  
\*The prince of darkness grim, / we tremble not for him; /  
his rage we can endure, / for lo! his doom is sure, /  
one little word shall fell\_ him.
- 4 That word above\_ all earth - ly pow'rs, /  
no thanks to them, abid - eth; /  
the Spirit and\_ the gifts\_ are ours /  
through him who with us sid - eth.  
\*Let goods and kindred go, / this mortal life also; /  
the body they may kill: / God's truth abideth still, /  
his kingdom is forev - er.

## DISMISSAL

 Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE