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Reformation Sunday
October 24 & 25, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

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The ***worship bulletin*** is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. ***Large print copies*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM; Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion
(ELW Setting 4)

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.

The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude and Silent Prayer

10:45am	"Ring Jubilee"	Geschke	Trinity Ringers
	"Psalm 46"	Anders	Men's Choir

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand as your body allows and turn and face the cross in the back.

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

▲Gathering Hymn *(please follow the cross in procession)*

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **ELW #504**

▲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.

▲Glory to God

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

Let us pray. 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.

Word

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

▼Children's Message

▼First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

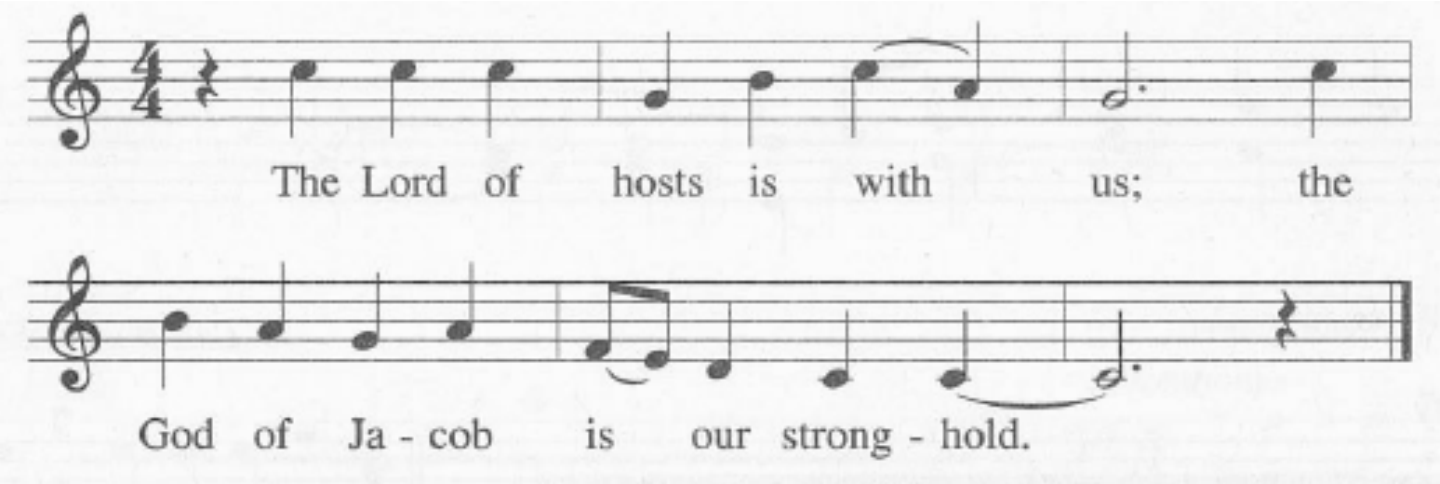
31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with
the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I
made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land
of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (Leader/**Assembly:** Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

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.

(Sunday, assembly please sing refrain.)



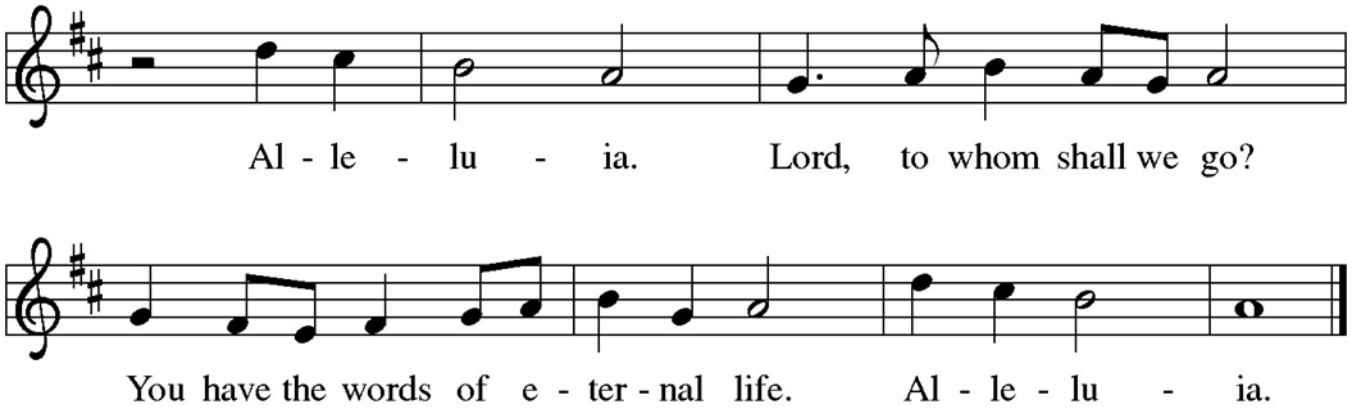
▼Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

▲Gospel Acclamation



▲Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. **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.**

▼Sermon Pastor Jason Felici

▲Hymn of the Day "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **ELW #517**

▼Rite of Confirmation (Sunday, 10:45) Insert

Through the Rite of Confirmation, these young people confirm their faith and become adult voting members of our congregation. Today, they will take responsibility for the promises made by their family and congregation at their baptism. These promises include to live among God's faithful people, to partake in the Word of God and God's holy supper, to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to read the holy scriptures, and to be nurtured in faith and prayer. Today, these incredible young people step into their lives of faith where they will strive to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and to work for justice and peace.

▲Nicene Creed (Saturday / Sunday, 8:15am)

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.

Prayers of the People (*please kneel or sit as your body allows)*
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

▲The Peace
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
(share God's peace with each other as you feel comfortable and then be seated)

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

▼Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports hosting Grief support groups, and the mailing of grief support resources after. As siblings in Christ, we care for one another in times of hardship and trial.

If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

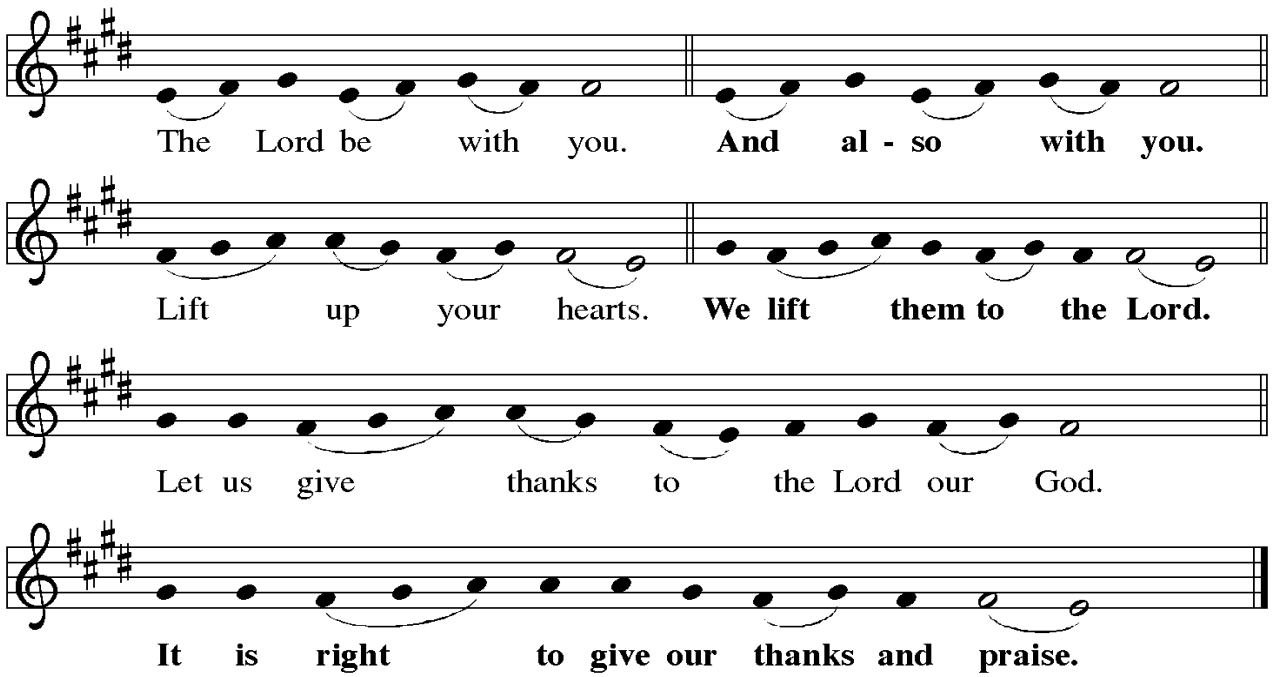
▼Anthem "The Truth Will Make You Free" Organ Choir

▲Offertory "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" **ELW #691**

▲Offering Prayer

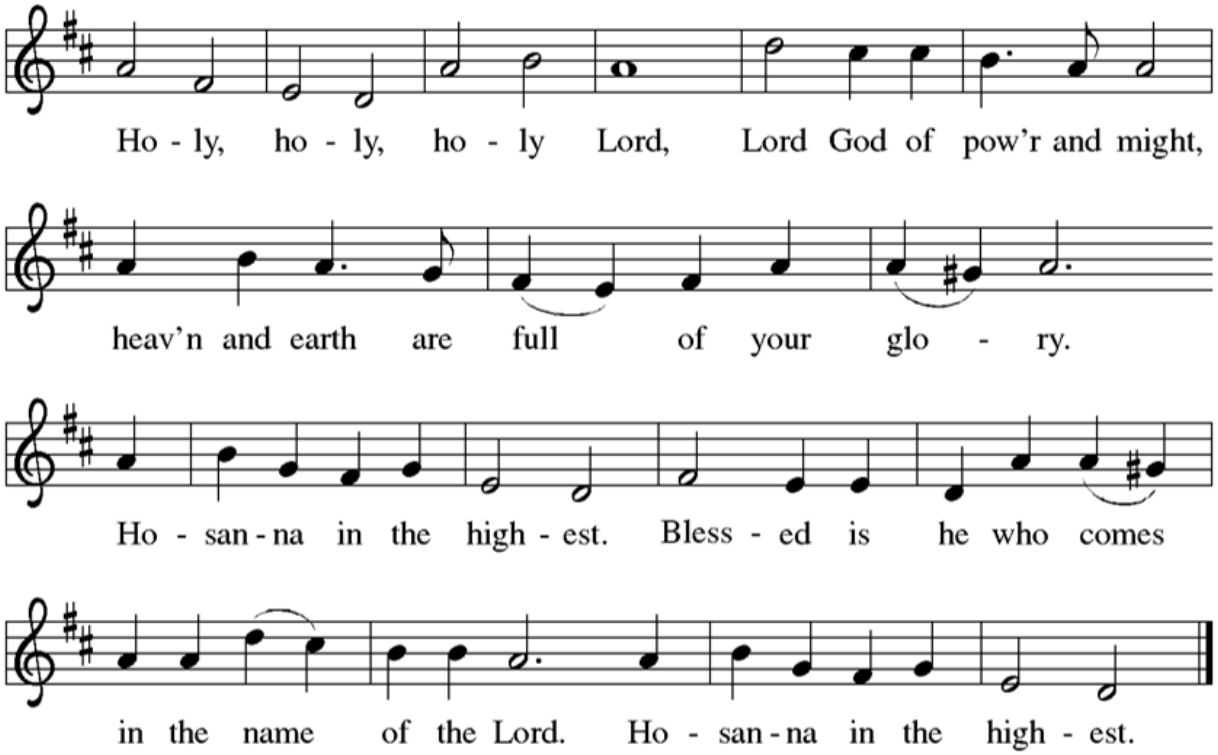
Let us pray. God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

▲Great Thanksgiving



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲Holy, Holy, Holy



▲Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

▲Lord's Prayer

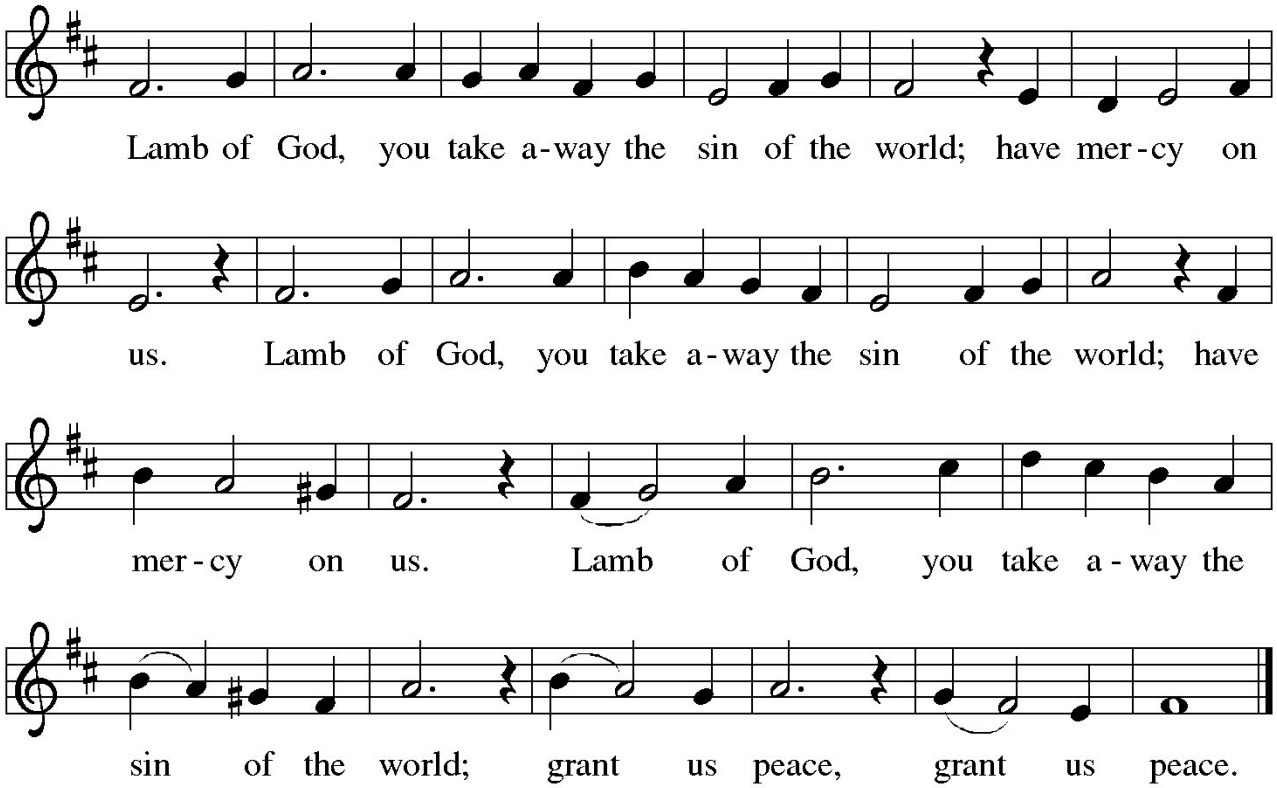
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty and hungry, come.

▲Lamb of God



▼Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. ***The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request****. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

▲Table Blessing

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

▲Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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.**

Sending

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

Choral Blessing for the Confirmands (Sunday, 10:45am)

"Child of God" DeVries **(please follow the words on page 16)**

▲Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

▲Sending Hymn ***(please follow the cross in procession)***

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" **ELW #729**

▲Dismissal

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Clarence W. "Doc" and Betty J. Keim, given by Charlie, Karen, Daniel, David, Marc, and Gretchen Vogle.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of the Tuesday morning Bible Basics Group and Pastor Sue Luttner, given by Jay & Meri Beth Elder.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici
Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors:	**Saturday**	**5:30pm:**	Margaret Conrad
	Sunday	**8:15am:**	Ted Benning
	Sunday	**10:45am:**	Christina Andrae, Madison McLain
Liturgical Deacons:	**Saturday**	**5:30pm:**	Kathy Waldron
	Sunday	**8:15am:**	Rose McLain, Kathy Ferlin
	Sunday	**10:45am:**	Jane Lawson, Sandy Redinger
Ushers:	**Saturday**	**5:30pm:**	Donna Showalter, David Horvath, Jay Elder, John Elder
	Sunday	**8:15am:**	Ted & Amy Benning, Chuck Seik, Herb Harris
	Sunday	**10:45am:**	Jill & Mike Macey, Anna Hudec, Susan Vargo
Acolytes:	**Saturday**	**5:30pm:**	Kelly Stanko
	Sunday	**8:15am:**	
	Sunday	**10:45am:**	
Tellers:	**Sunday**	**8:15am:**	Mary Ann Coulston, Donna Krall, Phyllis O'Hara
	Sunday	**10:45am:**	Tiffany Shrum, Ted Massa, Tim Potter

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Child of God

By Layton DeVries

O child, child of God, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When you wake up in the morning and the sun is shining down,
the Lord watches over ev'ry step you take.
When the world has knocked you down and you don't know
which way to turn, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

O child, child of God, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When your friends have turned against you, and you feel all
alone, the Lord watches over ev'ry move you make.
He will always be right there to protect and love his child,
rest assured, the Lord is with you.

O child, child of God, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When darkness drifts around you, and your eyes close in sleep,
the Lord watches over ev'ry breath you take.
And when death comes near to bring you home,
you have no need to fear, rest assured, the Lord is with you.
O child, the Lord is with you.