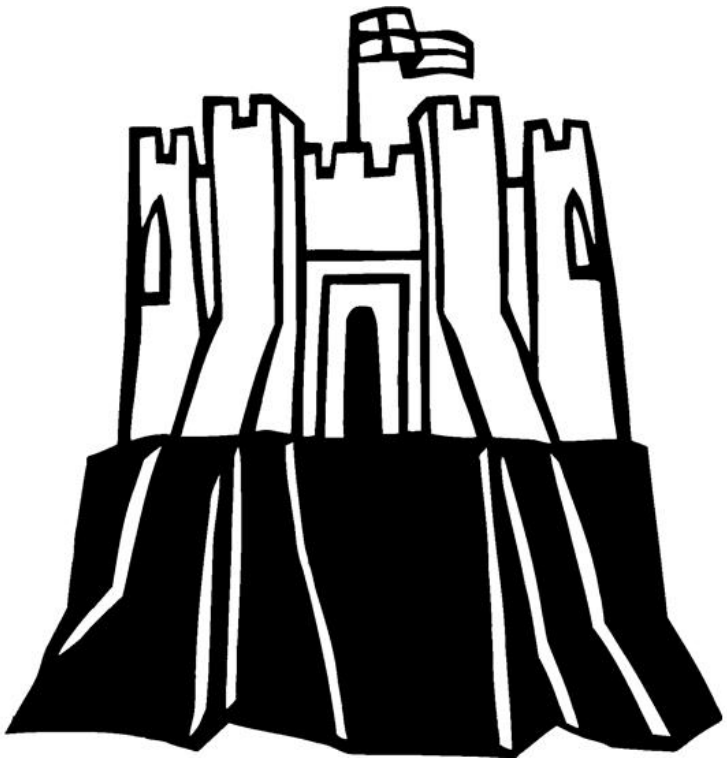

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
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Our Mission

To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for others.

Pastor: Rev. John “Ben” Mandrick

WELCOME! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* We are glad you have joined us in worship today as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Faith, Worship, Fellowship

Everything you need to participate in worship is printed in this worship booklet.

Bold print = Congregational Responses

Holy Communion is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

Introduction to the day

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.

GATHERING

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

A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

A Time for Meditation & Prayer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(We stand as we are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LED BY ANDREW)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We take a moment of silence for self-reflection.

Assembly kneels or stands for confession as they are able.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 720**

GREETING (LED BY GABRIEL)

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

And also with you.

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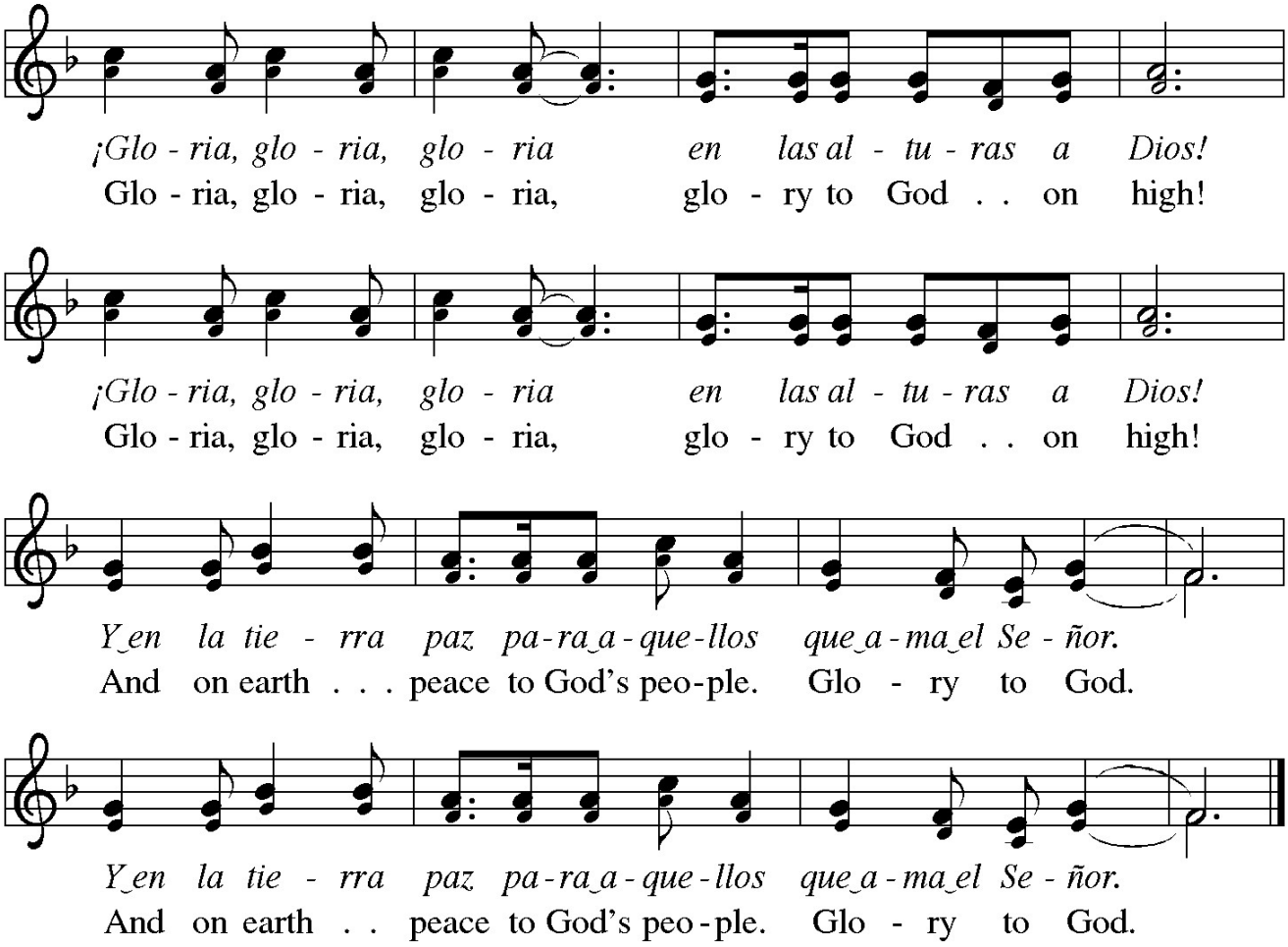

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LED BY GABRIEL)

A: 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.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN (LED BY NOAH)

(Children will receive a small pack of fruit snack gummies. If allergy sensitive please let Pastor Ben know to substitute another treat)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (LED BY ETHAN)

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.

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PSALM 46 (LED BY GIDEON)

1 God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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 up- | on 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.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 (LED BY ETHAN)

R: A reading from Romans

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.

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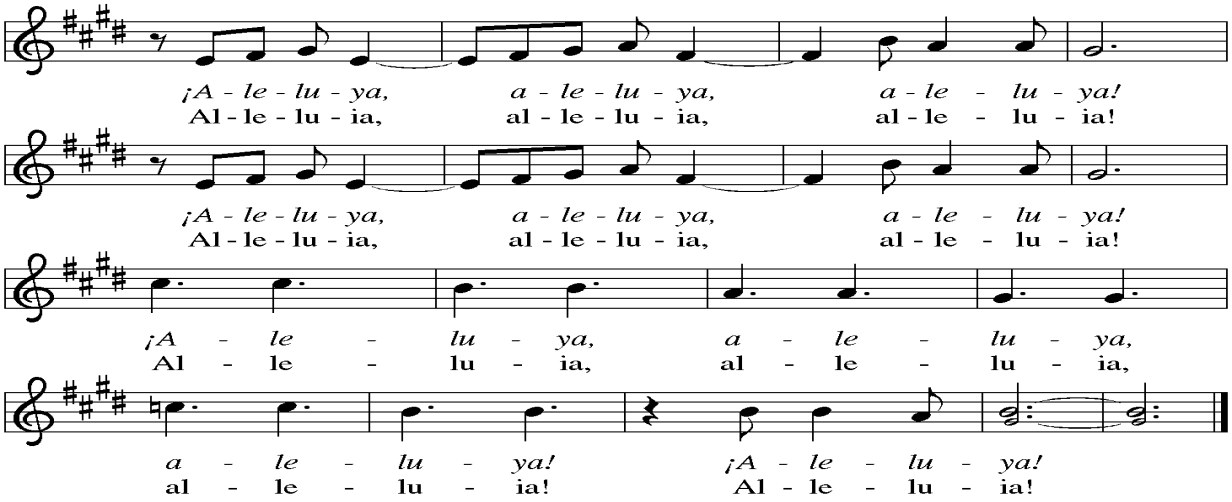
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the
Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they
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.

(We stand as we are able)

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Rev. Dr. Derek M. Hoven

(We stand as we are able)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response: **I renounce them**.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response: **I renounce them**.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

CONFIRMANDS:

Wyatt Chicco: John 3:16
16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Sawyer Chicco: Psalm 9:1
1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Noah Yungman: Romans 12:10
10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Andrew Yungman: Philippians 4:13
13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Ethan Yungman: Psalm 5:8
8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

Gabriel Mandrick: Jonah 2:2
2 saying,
"I called to the Lord out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

Gideon Mandrick: Deuteronomy 31:8
8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Jaine Paiz: Proverbs 31:25
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER OF BLESSING

Affirmation

P: You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response*:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support our fellow workers in the Kingdom of God and pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?

Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in these young adults the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

CONFIRMANDS, we rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(We are seated or we kneel)

A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (LED BY JAINE)

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places harmed by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give hope and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or silently *(brief silence)*. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you are our sure foundation and rock of salvation. Draw near to all those who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others, especially our military personnel, first responders, and those in the medical field.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace.)

PEACE (LED BY GIDEON)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *(Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

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OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER (LED BY SAWYER)
(Please stand for the offertory prayer)

P: Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (LED BY WYATT) (SPOKEN)

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
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *(Holy communion is a gift of God's grace and is open to all. Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers to receive the host from the pastor. Gluten-Free option is available. Receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Grape juice is available in the center ring. Return to your seats by the side aisle placing empty cups in receptacle.)*

COMMUNION CANTICLE

COMMUNION SONG **ELW 708**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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COMMUNION SONG **ELW 477**

I Received the Living God

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

COMMUNION SONG **ELW 800**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (LED BY SAWYER)

A: Let us pray,
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING (LED BY GIDEON)

P: Please receive this blessing. May God be with you all, above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, within you to bring you to eternal life. May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.
Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING SONG **ELW 631**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL (LED BY ALL CONFIRMANDS)

Go share the good news!

With Gods help!

POSTLUDE

Please inform Pastor Ben in writing or by phone of any

1) *Upcoming medical interventions in which you desire pastoral prayers and/or visitation,*
2) *Changes to the prayer list,*
3) *Announcements for the bulletin.*

Pastor Ben can be reached by cell at 904-556-6687

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