

Scripture Alone

Grace Alone



Faith Alone

Glory to God Alone

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

October 27, 2024 | 8:00 and 10:30am

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Thornville, Ohio

**VISITORS**

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We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We're glad you are here.

**OUR WORSHIP**

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Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. In turn, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

**PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN**

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

**PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

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*We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Watchword: The Lord has done great things for us. – Psalm 126:3 ESV*

### PRELUDE | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

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### Confession and Absolution

#### INVOCATION

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*The people stand.*

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

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P: 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.

*The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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**

#### ABSOLUTION

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*The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.*

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*The people stand.*



### Gathering

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

Green Book 369

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## REFORMATION DIALOG

A: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

A: There is one Body and one Spirit;

C: **There is one hope in the God who calls us;**

A: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

C: **One God and Father of all.**

A: If God is for us...

C: **...who can be against us?**

A: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

C: **It is God who justifies!**

A: Who is to condemn?

C: **Christ Jesus is the One who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.**

A: I have been crucified with Christ.

C: **It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

A: 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!**

**one** LORD,  
**one** Faith,  
**one** Baptism....

EPHESIANS 4:5

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

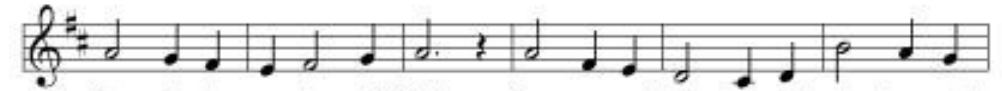
A=Leader; C=all voices



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



C Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

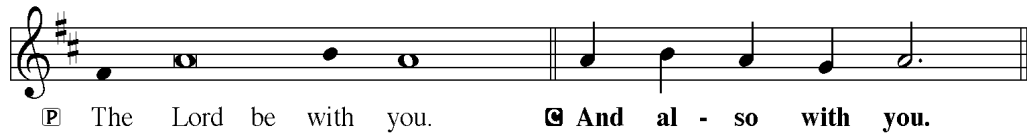


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: Let us pray. O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

*Men of Grace (10:30 only) : "Sanctuary"*



## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant that God will make with His people, marked by closeness, with God's law written on the hearts of the people.*

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his

neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY

*Psalm 46*

*The verses are chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation.*



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,\* a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,\* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,\* and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**The Lord of | hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\* the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;\* God shall help her at the | break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken,\* God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord of | hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,\* what awesome things he has | done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>**It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;\* he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.**

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;\* I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted | in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>**The Lord of | hosts is with us;\* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Romans 3:19-28*

L: A reading from Romans.

*How do we see God's righteousness? By His grace as a gift through Jesus Christ. How to we grasp it? By faith.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

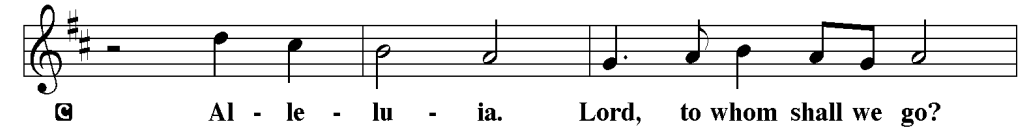
<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE VERSE

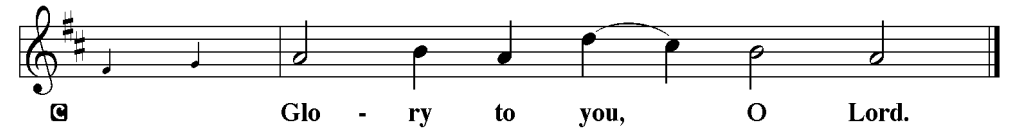
*The people stand.*



## THE GOSPEL

*John 8:31-36*

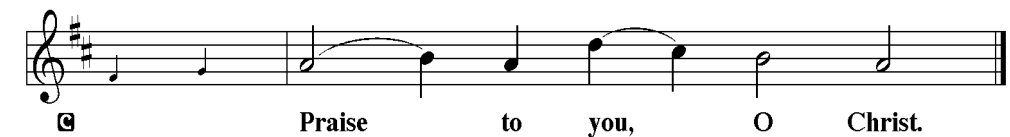
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>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?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.



**SERMON**

Pastor Tom Jacobson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*     Green Book 317

*The people stand.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** (8am only)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (8am only, then continue with the Peace, pg 14)

*After each petition:*

*A: Lord, in your mercy,    C: hear our prayer.*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



*The Rite of Confirmation* (10:30 only)

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:*

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

*Brody Allen Barrera - Brayden Lewis Large - Grant Edward McCallum -  
Stella Marie Rockey - Caleb Thomas White*

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**R: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: that they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That the Holy Spirit may keep their hearts in your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For all who are in need; for all who are ill, whether in body, mind, or spirit; for all who mourn, especially for the loss of loved ones; and for all those who need your comfort, especially... fill them with your Spirit of compassion and strength and healing, that they might know they are never alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated as the minister addresses those making affirmation of their baptism.*

P: You have made public 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 his Word and share in his supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

P: People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister prays the following blessing over each confirmand:*

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering, and bring *him/her* to everlasting life. Amen.

*Please stand.*

P: Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life that God gives us through baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Presentation of gifts to Confirmands.*

*All return to their places.*



## The Liturgy of Holy Communion

### THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

### OFFERING

*Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also highly encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.*

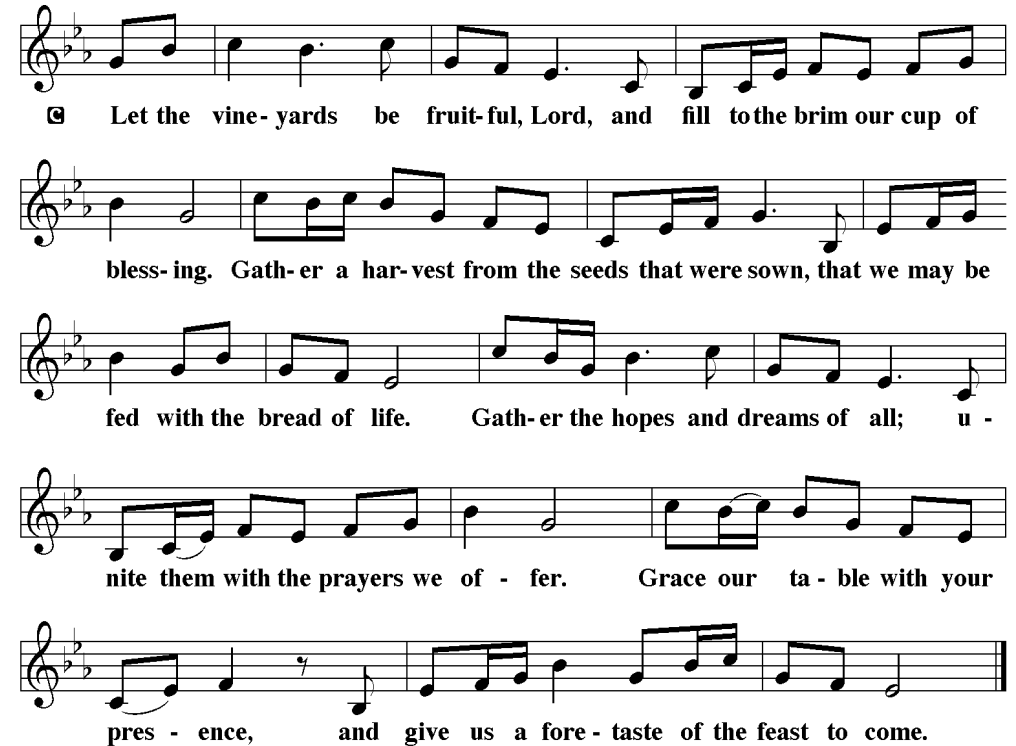
*Men of Grace (8:00 only) : "Sanctuary"*

*Choir Anthem (10:30 only) : "God of Grace and God of Glory" w/ GraceNotes Handbells and Trumpets (Dave Fazakas, Grant McCallum, Noah Pennybacker)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*The people stand.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

## THE FRACTION

P: Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, now and forever!**

*The people may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

*Hymns during distribution: Green Book 212, Blue Book 783, Blue Book 699*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The people stand.*

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

C: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



## Sending

### THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and . . . . . ☩ give you peace.



☩ A - - - - - men

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### SENDING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Green Book 229

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### THE POSTLUDE

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*We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.*

### PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

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*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen*

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

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As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

- OCT. 28 ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES
- OCT. 31 REFORMATION DAY
- NOV. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ALL SAINTS (November 3)**

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Isaiah 25:6-9  
Revelation 21:1-6a

Psalms 24  
John 11:32-44