

Traditional Worship

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Affirmation of Baptism

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.

PRELUDE

Chorale & Variations on EIN FESTE BURG

- J. S. Bach – J. C. Bach – K. T. Kosche

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN #504 *

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose mercy is everlasting and whose love and grace endure forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection.

Leader: Almighty God,

**Assembly: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us.
Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us of all of our sins.
By the promise of the gospel,
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

All Glory Be to God On High

First verse of Martin Luther's setting of the "Gloria in excelsis deo."

All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
praise you for your glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious Father,

we give you thanks for your holy church and the gift of new life in baptism.

Fill your church with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;

where it is in need of reform, renew it; where it is right, strengthen it;

where it is divided, reunite it.

Renew us in the promises of baptism, that, trusting in your grace,

we may live in the freedom of the gospel and serve your world in love;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

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

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



HOLY 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.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

Assembly: **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."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #517 *

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

APOSTLE'S CREED (8:00) *

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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:10) *

*As our Confirmands' names are read,
we invite each of them to come forward with their families.*

Anika Ferrel

Alec Smith

Parker Smith

Lilly Staub

Luke Swinehart

Jay Verhoff

Leader: Today we celebrate the gift of Baptism
and join with these young people in affirming our faith
and renewing the promises made at our Baptism.

Anika, Alec, Parker, Lilly, Luke, and Jay, called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to affirm the promises made at your baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Leader: Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Leader: People of God, 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?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Assembly: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**Assembly: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Assembly: 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.**

The leader addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

Leader: 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 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?

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

The leader addresses the assembly.

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

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

Those making affirmation may kneel. The leader prays for God's blessing.

Leader: 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.

*Each Confirmand is draped with a prayer shawl as a sign of community with the congregation.
The leaders and family members may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

Leader: Stir up in *(Name of confirmand)* 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.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

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

**Assembly: 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.**

A sign of acclamation by applause is appropriate.

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in “Hear us, O God.”

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.”

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: And also with you!

The assembly greets each other with “peace be with you...and also with you.”

You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.



8:00 – *Speak, O Lord* - arr. Lloyd Larson

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds.
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

11:10 – *With a Voice of Singing* – Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands!

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

OFFERTORY *

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

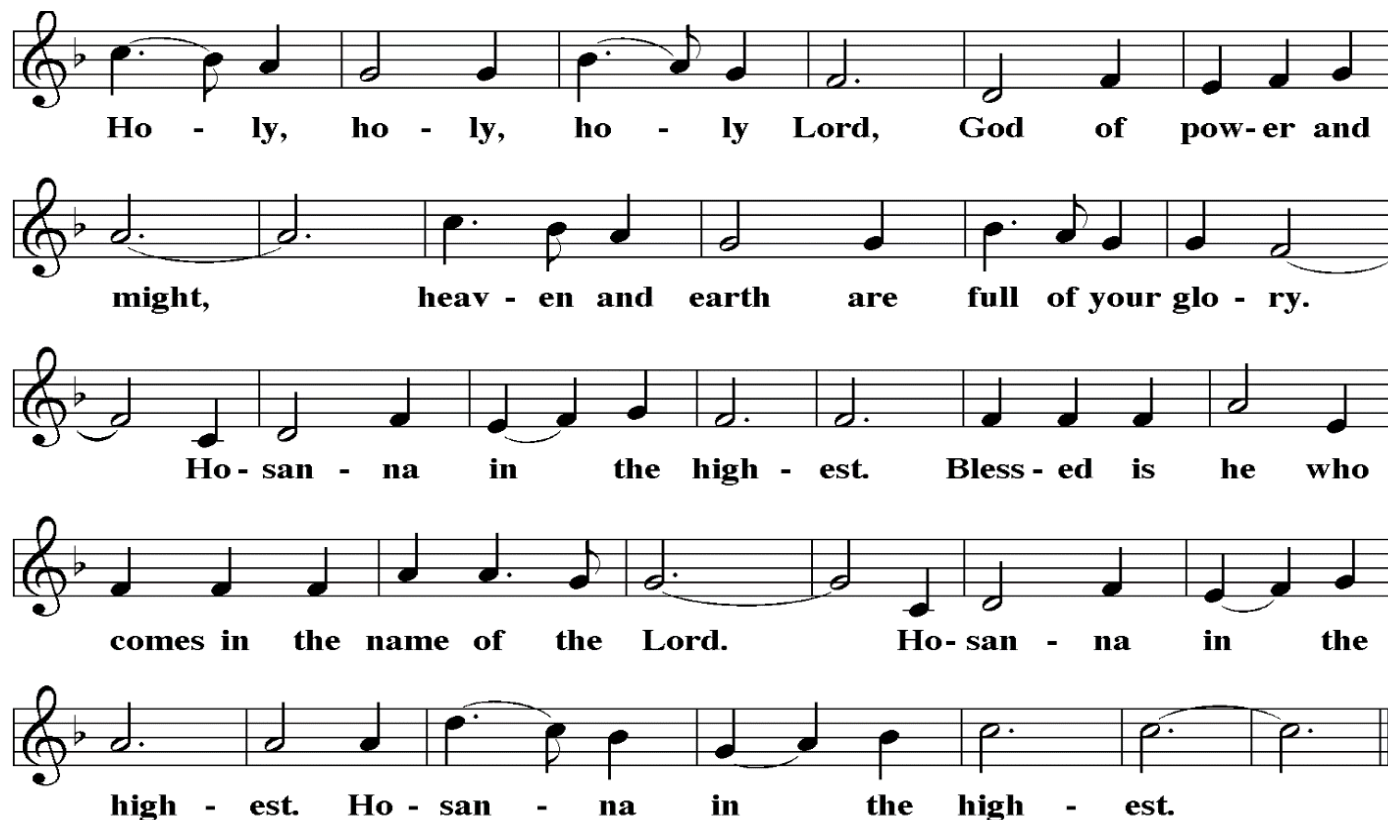
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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.
By the gift of your word, you reform and renew your church;
in the waters of baptism, you claim us as your own
and call us to newness of life.
And so, with all the saints and the whole company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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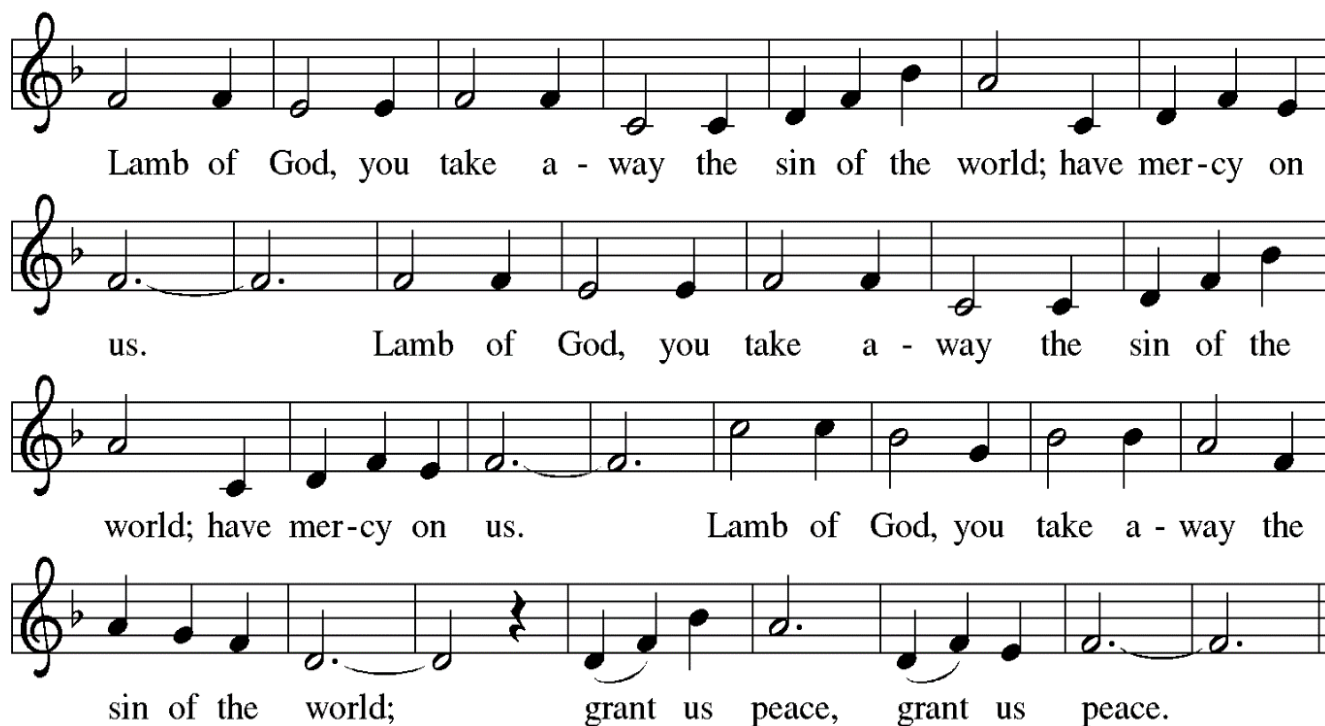
Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available

in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Leader: Christ extends the invitation to all people to come and feast.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution – *Word of God, Come Down to Earth*
Mediation – arr. Paul Manz
Hymn #510

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
 we give you thanks for feeding us with the body and blood of Christ.
Renew us in the promises of baptism, strengthen us in faith,
 and send us forth to live in the freedom of your gospel,
 serving our neighbors with love and sharing the good news of your grace;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
 In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING CANTICLE *

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.

Live in the freedom of Christ, renewed in the promises of baptism.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *

Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 157 – Dietrich Buxtehude

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor
Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor
Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family
Jim Davis, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00
Bev Sapienza, Lector & Communion Assistant 11:10
Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music
Robin Terschak, Cantor
Jane McFadden, Chancel Choir Accompanist

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