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*We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!*

**DEAR PARENTS:** Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus for life is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family is a vital part of our community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children *ages 4 and under* if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

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***Our vision: experience : connect : reflect***

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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing. Pastor Croom would love to talk to you about receiving our Lord's true body and blood with us!

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

**For Good Health** – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly. Hand Sanitizer is located on each side of the sanctuary in the center windows and on the first pew in the transept.

# Reformation Day (Observed)

## As We Gather

On this day when we observe and celebrate the Reformation, our Readings point us to remember the struggles and eventual insights of Martin Luther. God used these struggles and insights of one man in Germany to reshape the Church and let the true Gospel resound all over the world. Luther struggled as a young monk and professor because he had been taught that he, by his works of righteousness, might possibly then qualify to be loved by God. This teaching caused him nearly to despair entirely. But then he read Romans 3:23–24: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” Struck by God’s Word here, Luther recognized that it is Christ’s work of righteousness—His dying and rising for sinners like Luther—that saves. Today is a celebration of what Christ has done for sinners like Luther and us.

## Pre-service Music

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, R=Assistant, and C=Congregation.*

*LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)*

## Prelude

*Please stand as you are able*

## ✠ Preparation ✠

## Opening Hymn *Thy Strong Word*

*LSB 578*

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*Invocation comes from the Latin “to call upon.” The words “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.*



*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

- P** By works of the law no human being will be justified in God’s sight.  
**C** God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- P** Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.
- C** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.
- P** As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,
- C** reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.

## Confession and Absolution

*Romans 3:23-24; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

*We confess our sins in accordance with our Lord's command and promise to forgive, especially in 1 John 1:8-9. The pastor forgives, or absolves, the sins of the penitent in Christ's stead and in faithfulness to His command in John 20:19-23 and also His gifting the absolving of sins to the church (Matthew 16:19), to be carried out by His called shepherds.*

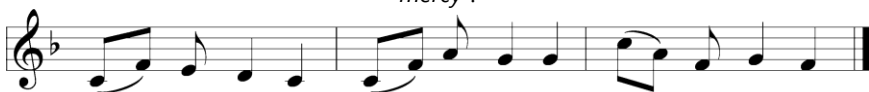
- P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- C** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- P** God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.
- A period of silence is observed for meditation and reflection.*
- P** God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.
- C** Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.
- P** "For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*

*The Kyrie is Greek for "Kyrie eleison" which means "Lord, have mercy".*



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The Gloria in Excelsis is Latin for "glory in the highest," words of promise joyfully spoken by angels at the announcement of Jesus' birth.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for ours on the cross that we now stand righteous before You by faith. Grant us to trust not in our own righteous actions but always in Jesus alone, that we may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

## Revelation 14:6–7

*Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and*

language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## Romans 3:19–28

<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.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Reformation

## **Song**    *In Christ Alone*

1. *In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*
2. *In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*
3. *There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world, by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*
4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
  
/No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand./*

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*Please stand as you are able*



## Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in 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 commits 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## Children’s Message

**Hymn of the Day** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

**Sermon**

**Rev. Michael Croom**

*Please stand as you are able*

## Nicene Creed

*This is one of the Christian Church’s ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. As with the other two Creeds (Apostles’ and Athanasian), the Nicene Creed was written to combat false teachings about God, especially Christ and the denial that He was God from eternity. In this confession, we confess the core teachings of Scripture about God and His relationship with us and work for us. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.*



**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

 *In accordance with the Lord's urging His Church to pray for all people in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the Prayer of the Church includes petitions for a variety of people and their needs, including our own. The congregation actively participates in the prayer with the plea, "Lord, hear our prayer" or "Lord, have mercy," asking that He grant these petitions we pray to Him.* 

**P** Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces [*especially...*], for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who are suffering, [*especially...*], and those we name out loud or silently in our hearts. We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially today Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.



**C** **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*



**P** Peace be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

 *For those who are comfortable participating, we greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to our oneness in Christ.* 

*Please be seated*



## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

 *In faithfulness to our Lord's command and urging in both Old and New Testaments, we return to Him our firstfruits in our tithes and bring our offerings of thanksgiving in support of His ministry and mission to grow us disciples in our faith and to make more disciples.* 



*A Stewardship thought from LCMS: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only by being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free; His blood covers over our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.*

*Please stand as you are able*

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

 If you are visiting with us today, **please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion)** on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page eighteen. 

### Preface and Proper Preface

 The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God. 

**P** The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose perfect righteousness is given to us freely through faith in Him. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

 The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise to God, spoken by angels in Isaiah 6:3. This praise is extended to Jesus upon His entering Jerusalem in Matthew 21:9 on Palm Sunday. 



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



## **The Words of Our Lord** *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Proclamation of Christ** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*



- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **Lord's Prayer** *Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.

## Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



 Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord." What comfort there is in His peace! These are the first words Jesus spoke to His disciples - all of whom had abandoned Him at His arrest - when He first appeared to them after His Resurrection. 

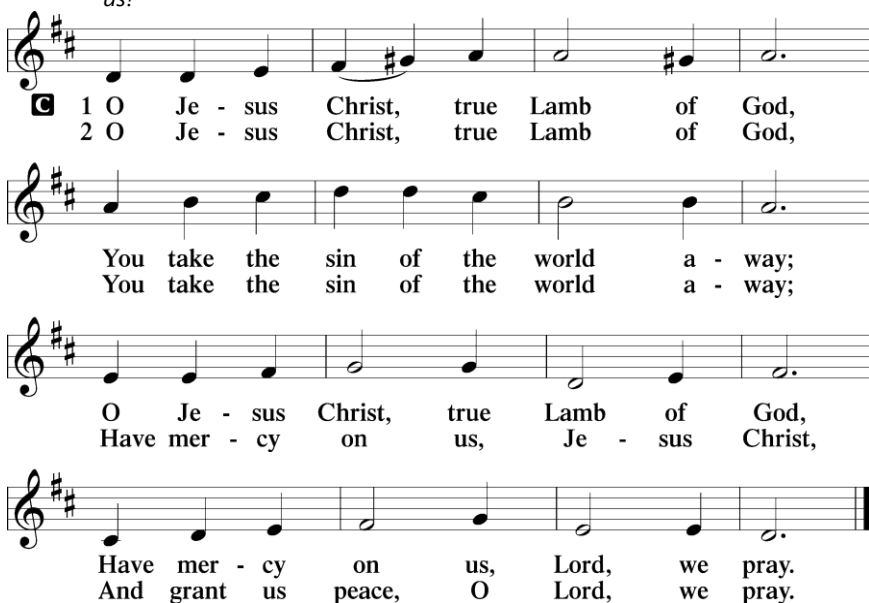
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

 Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words declared by John the Baptist to identify Jesus as the once-and-for-all, final sacrifice for our sins. As the blood of a sacrificed lamb without blemish saved the Israelites from death in the Passover (Exodus 12:1-14), so the blood of our crucified and sacrificed Lord covers and saves us! 



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*



## Communion Distribution

*All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.*

*If you are not currently a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to receive a blessing from the pastor. It is a joy to give the blessing of the Lord! If you are receiving the blessing, you may do so at the rail or with those communing "continuously." Please cross your arms to indicate to the pastor you desire a blessing. Behold the lamb of God who take away the sins of the world!*

*If you are interested in learning more about receiving the Lord's true body and blood with us as His one body, united in our confession of faith as our Lord intends, please speak with Pastor Croom.*

## Distribution Hymns

<i>Glory Be to God the Father</i>	<i>LSB 506</i>
<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i>	<i>LSB 655</i>
<i>By Grace I'm Saved</i>	<i>LSB 566</i>
<i>O Lord, We Praise Thee</i>	<i>LSB 617</i>

*Please stand as you are able*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

You alone, O Lord, are righteous in all Your ways. We thank and praise You for the gift of Christ's perfect righteousness given to us in this Holy Sacrament. What we could never do for ourselves, You have done for us in Christ. Send us from this Table with renewed hearts, ready to serve our neighbors with the love You have first shown us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.


## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service. This is not just "a hope" for you or wishful thinking, but a sure blessing given by God in Numbers 6:24-26 to be declared by His appointed ministers.*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn** *Built on the Rock*

*LSB 645*

## The Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

**✠ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord ✠**

*The altar flowers are given by Diane Schwanke in honor of Cody Schwanke's birthday on October 31 and in celebration of the Reformation.*

## Readings for Sunday, November 5, 2023

Old Testament: Revelation 7:2–17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

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## EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que actualmente no es un miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión. ¡Al Pastor Croom le encantaría hablar con usted acerca de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor con nosotros!

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

**Para Una Buena Salud** - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente. Gel antibacterial de manos se encuentra a cada lado del santuario en las ventanas centrales y en el primer banco en el transepto.

## Our Mission

Connecting people to Christ for life.

## Our Vision

Experience Connect Reflect

- We are a community of faith where you can **experience** a real God for your real life.
- We are a community of faith who lives to **connect** people to Jesus Christ and His growing community of believers.
- We are a community of faith who **reflects** the grace and love of God as we selflessly serve people and joyfully share what God has done for us in Christ.