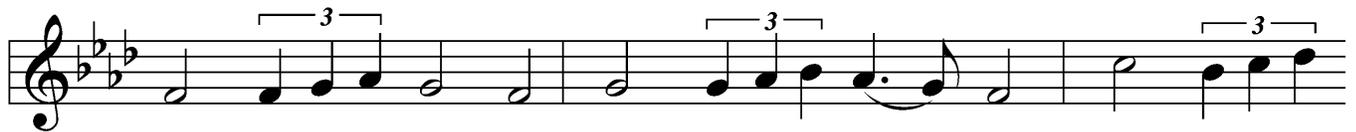


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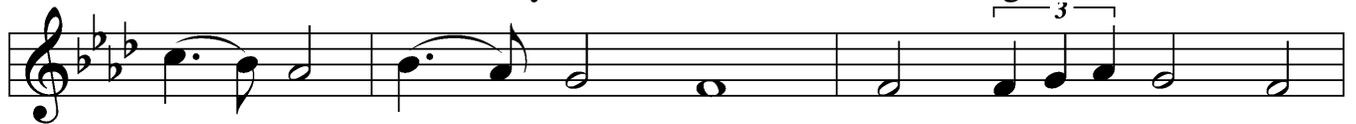
Reformation Day

Opening Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



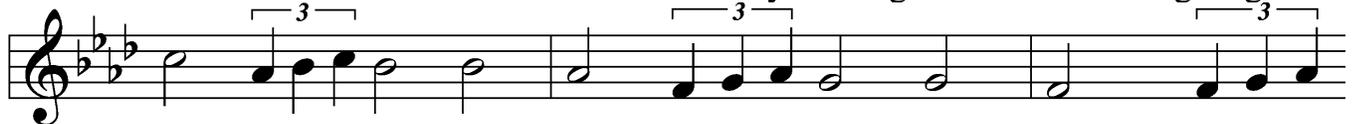
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



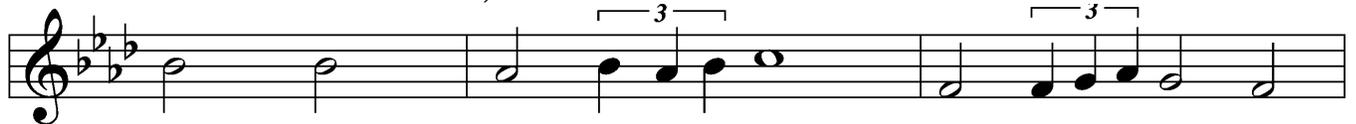
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 185

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

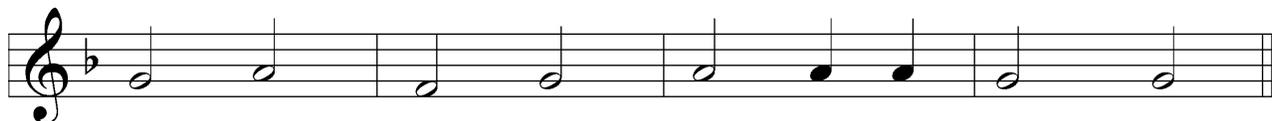
## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186



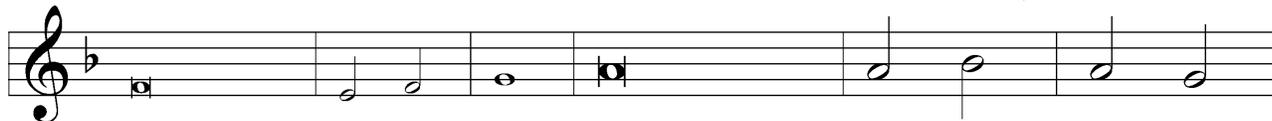
**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

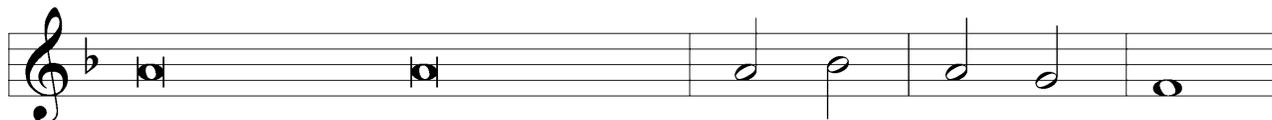
Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



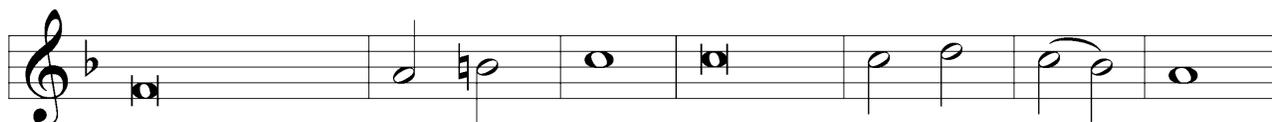
**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

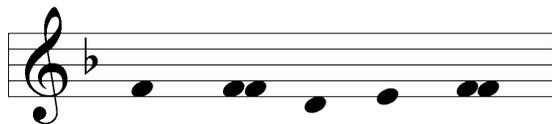
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

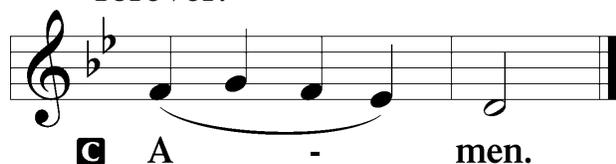


**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6-7*

- A** The first Reading is from Revelation, chapter 14.

<sup>6</sup>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.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.

- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a*

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
**in the city of our God!**

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,  
**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**  
 that you may tell the next generation  
**that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

## Epistle

*Romans 3:19-28*

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

<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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

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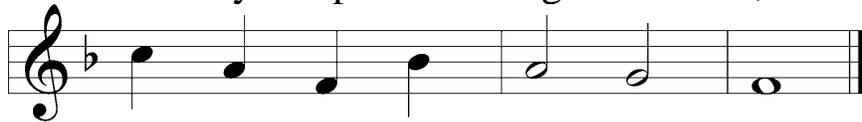


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Announcements

# Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.



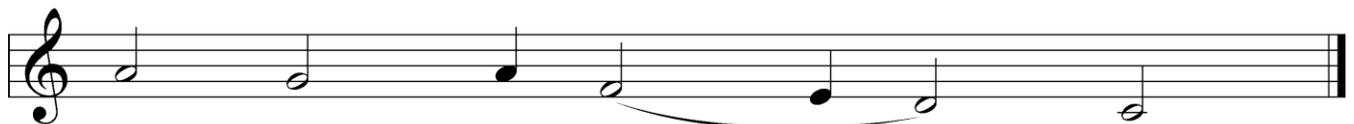
The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
And there's none oth - er God; He holds



is the not his e - qual.  
the field for - ev - er.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
 All eager to devour us,  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
 They shall not overpow'r us.  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none.  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain  
 Nor any thanks have for it;  
 He's by our side upon the plain  
 With His good gifts and Spirit.  
 And take they our life,  
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
 Though these all be gone,  
 Our vict'ry has been won;  
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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## Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

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## Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12 LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

## Offering

*Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain Your Church. Deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of Your Gospel, that it would resound to every nation, tribe, people and language and that all may fear and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all ministers of Your Word. Help them rightly to preach Your Law so that all are held accountable to You without excuse and joyfully proclaim Your Gospel, that all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, look with compassion on all who are blind to the bondage of their sin. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus and grant them the true freedom of sonship and a permanent place in Your household. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all civil authorities, especially our president; Congress; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices and grant them wisdom and courage to serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, be near to all who cry to You for healing of body and soul [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them release from their afflictions according to Your will. Sustain their hope in the full and final healing that awaits them at the day of Christ's appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, bless all who come to the altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Grant them repentant hearts that seek to amend their lives, and by Your Spirit align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them and bring us at last to our heavenly home to see our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13 162*

**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 Words of Our Lord

**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."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19 LSB 197*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
  - Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
  - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
  - Kneel or stand as you are able.
  - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
  - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
  - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any questions.

# Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 1-5



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

# Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 sts. 6-10



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-  
 7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be  
 8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science-  
 9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
 △ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
 bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No  
 strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
 ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
 Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
 false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your  
 sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
 love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
 glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
 pre - cious name, My faith can - not be  
 Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
 jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
 heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
 put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.  
 ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
 and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
 sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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# Distribution Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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*Stand*

## The Dismissal

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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199*

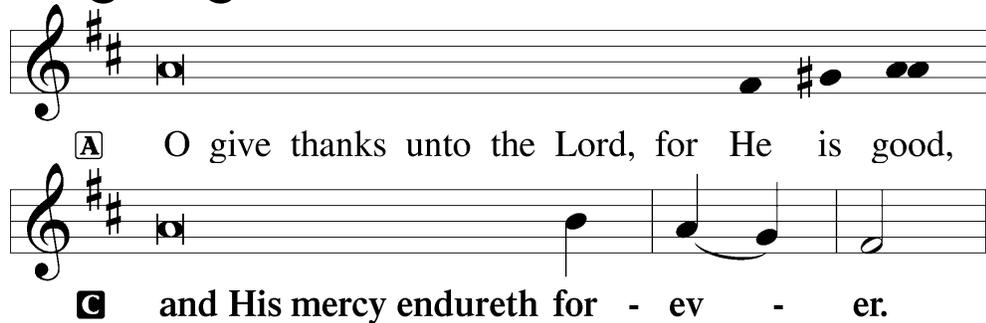
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

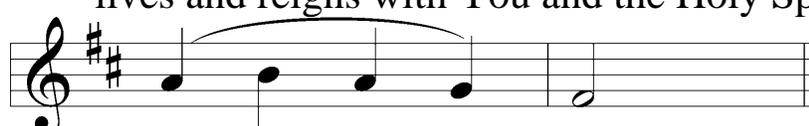
*Psalm 107:1 LSB 200*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

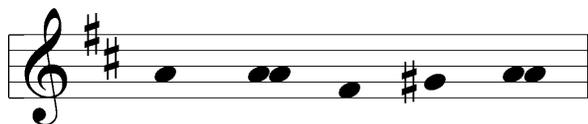
**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22 LSB 201*



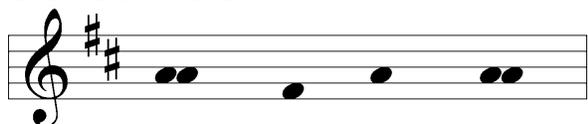
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalms 103:1 LSB 202*



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
 In tribulation's furnace tried,  
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
 The Father's heart is open wide.  
 Where could I help and strength secure  
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
 For though I know my heart's condition,  
 I also know my Savior's voice.  
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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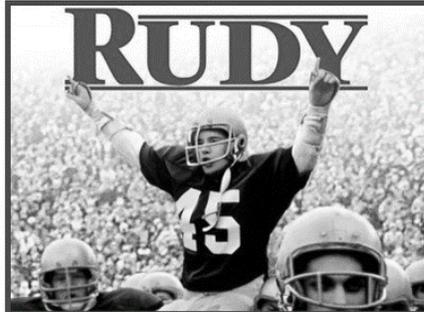
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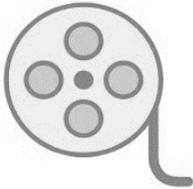
**Tailgate Theme Potluck**



**Bring your best  
Chili, Wings & Dips**



**Nov 17th  
6:00pm**



**Men's Movie Night  
FAITH + FOOTBALL  
Double Feature**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Monday	6:00 PM	Confirmation
Tuesday	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Youth Group

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION** Sunday School age children who would like to participate in the Christmas Program this year will need to turn in a participation slip that may be found in your church mailbox, or, at the Welcome Center. You may place these slips in the offering plates and the Elder's will give them to Audrey Harris. Christmas Program practices will start on Sundays in November during Sunday School time. Sunday, December 3rd is the first rehearsal with a pizza lunch at 11:45 AM – 2:00 PM. Sunday, December 10th will be the second rehearsal at 9:15-10:15 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Harris. Thank you!

**YOUTH GROUP** is this Wednesday, November 1st for grades 6-12 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15th. Questions? Please contact Pastor Chris Streeper at 330-441-0502.

**TO BE THE HANDS & FEET OF CHRIST** Please prayerfully consider volunteering on either Thursday, November 2nd, or, Saturday, November 4th for those work days at Zion Lutheran Church, Downtown Cleveland to help prepare space for the new Campus Ministry. Volunteers are needed for cleaning, wall preparation, painting, lunch servers, and some electrical work if an electrician is available. Lunch is provided between the morning and afternoon sessions for volunteers. Contact Walter Dill at 330-304-6153 for further information.

**TIME CHANGE** Don't forget to set your clocks back this coming Saturday night, November 4th; Daylight Savings Time ends.

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**GENTLE REMINDER** You are welcome to take home your Worship folders, otherwise, you may place all worship folders in the blue plastic tub in the Narthex Hallway. **We do recycle the black combs** for the Large Print bulletins. (Please do not place your used tissues in this tub.) Thank you.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP** Please take a moment to collect your worship folders, filled out, or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

**COLLECTION FOR VETERANS** LWML is once again collecting men's hats, gloves and scarves for veterans now to November 12th. Please drop it in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your help. Any questions, please contact Len Maver.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** the 2023 Oct.-Dec. devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take your copy home today.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

**WIGGLE BAGS** Please help yourself to these goody bags that hold activities that kids may engage and participate in worship service. Hopefully this will help alleviate stress for parents who are worried about their child making it through the whole service, but more importantly, they help teach kids that "big church" is for them too. Please take a moment to collect all the contents of the Wiggle Bags and return it to the "Used Wiggle Bag" plastic bin after the Worship Service. We are grateful to Sandy Turner and Jean Wadle who are keeping-up with providing clean Wiggle Bags each week. Your donated supplies may be given directly to Sandy Turner or Jean Wadle. Thank you.

**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

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### **COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future. Check the posted times for “walk-in” communion below.

Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

#### **“Walk-In” times at Church:**

Sundays, 12 – 2pm

Tuesdays, 5 – 7pm

#### **Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:**

To schedule a time other than the walk-in times

Call Pastor 440-458-0189

Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click “Book with Pastor” to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
2. Mail your contributions to the church.
3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
4. Visit [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) and click on “Give Online” - you’ll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or [www.spvc.org](http://www.spvc.org) – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to [prayer@spvc.org](mailto:prayer@spvc.org) (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

**ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATE** If your mobile app needs updated and it’s asking for an “online code” please use “SPVC” and that should reconnect the app.

## October 2023

	SERVICE	October 1 SUNDAY  Communion	October 8 SUNDAY  Communion	October 15 SUNDAY  Communion	October 22 SUNDAY  Communion	October 29 SUNDAY Reformation Sunday Communion
ELDER	8am	Steve Kato	Steve Kato/Tim Wadle	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle/Chris Duran	Steve Kato
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Jim Jackson/Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic	Jim Jackson/ Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic
USHERS	8am	Dave Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Joe Bennett	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth	Erich Gottl	Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Elder	Dean & Beth Bremke	Elder	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Elder	Barb Pijor	Elder	Joe Bennett

## November 2023

	SERVICE	November 5 SUNDAY All Saints Day No Communion	November 12 SUNDAY  Communion	November 19 SUNDAY  Communion	November 22 WEDNESDAY Thanksgiving Eve Communion	November 26 SUNDAY  Communion
ELDER	8am	Chris Duran	Tim Wadle	Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Jim Jackson	Chris Duran
	10:30am	Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic		Steve Kato
USHERS	8am	Jim Rafter	Mark Gordon	Dave Hesketh	Elders to find volunteers	Jim Sherry
	10:30am	Joe Bennett	Rich Proeschel	Brian Dearth		Jay Moser
GREETERS	8am	David & Mackenzie Duran	Steve & Colleen Kato	Dean & Beth Bremke		Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes
	10:30am	Rich & Jenny Proeschel	Joe Bennett	Barb Pijor		Rich & Jenny Proeschel
ELDER INFO	Stephen Kato 330-242-7183	Tim Wadle 216-214-7109	Jim Jackson 330-391-6393	Sam Jakabcic 216-789-1076	Chris Duran 216-577-5164	

## Prayers for Worship

### On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

### After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.