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REFORMATION SUNDAY

*Learning as we worship: (watch for the *** for explanations of the reasons we practice certain parts of the Divine Service):*

+ God Removes our Sin and Guilt +

*** The reason for public confession and absolution is not to drag us down reminding us of sin, but in order that when we gather in the presence of Almighty God we may be honest about our lives and not justify our sins before the face of God who sees all things, including our hearts. When we confess sins, it is not simply for the purpose of confession, although we do receive great blessings in confessing sins. It is ultimately for the purpose of leading us to the perfection and righteousness of Jesus Christ. We stand before God and come boldly to His throne of grace, not because we are able to live perfect lives, but rather, because of our Lord's perfection, given us in our baptism. Therefore, confession and absolution reminds us that our righteousness is not our own, but is the righteousness of another, namely Jesus of Nazareth crucified and risen for the forgiveness of all our sins. His forgiveness inspires us to forgive others in Christ.*

**Our service begins with chanting. After the prelude music, the chanting will begin.*

Chanting from the Altar

Psalm 46:1–7; antiphon v.7

[1]God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
[2]Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
[3]though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
[4]There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.
[6]The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
[7]The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

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.**

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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.

C **Amen.**

+ God Comes To Us Through His Word +

Verse

Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
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.

C **Amen.**

***Please be seated*

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 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. 7 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon *The children are invited to the altar*

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

19 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. 20 For by works of the law no
human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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. 26 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.

27 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. 28 For we hold
that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

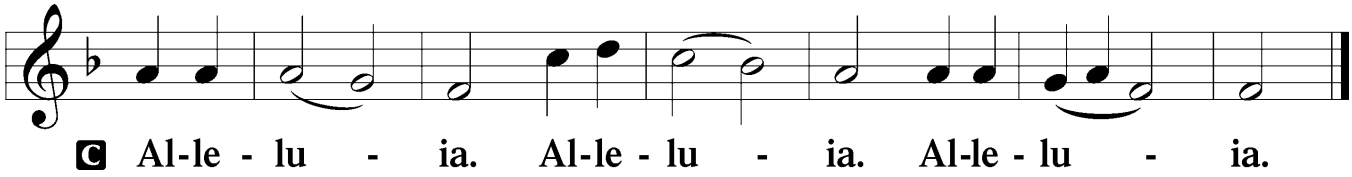
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand if you're able*

Alleluia

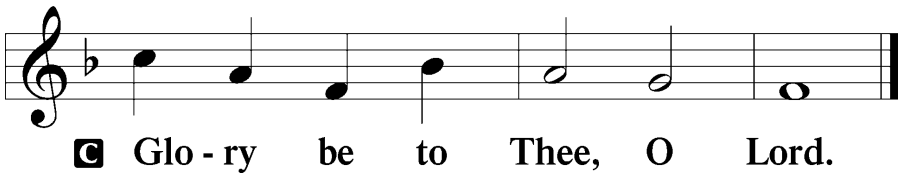
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Holy Gospel

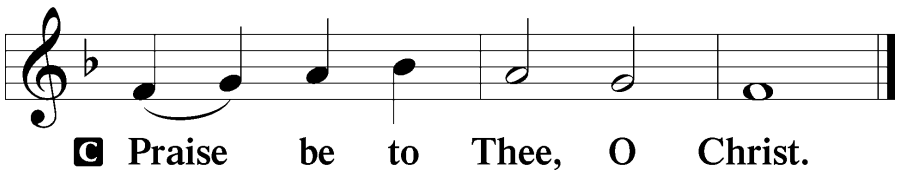
John 8:31–36

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



31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide
in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free." 33They answered him, "We are
offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How
is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"
34Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not remain in the house
forever; the son remains forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you
will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

***Please be seated*

Hymn of the Day
657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *sts. 1–4*

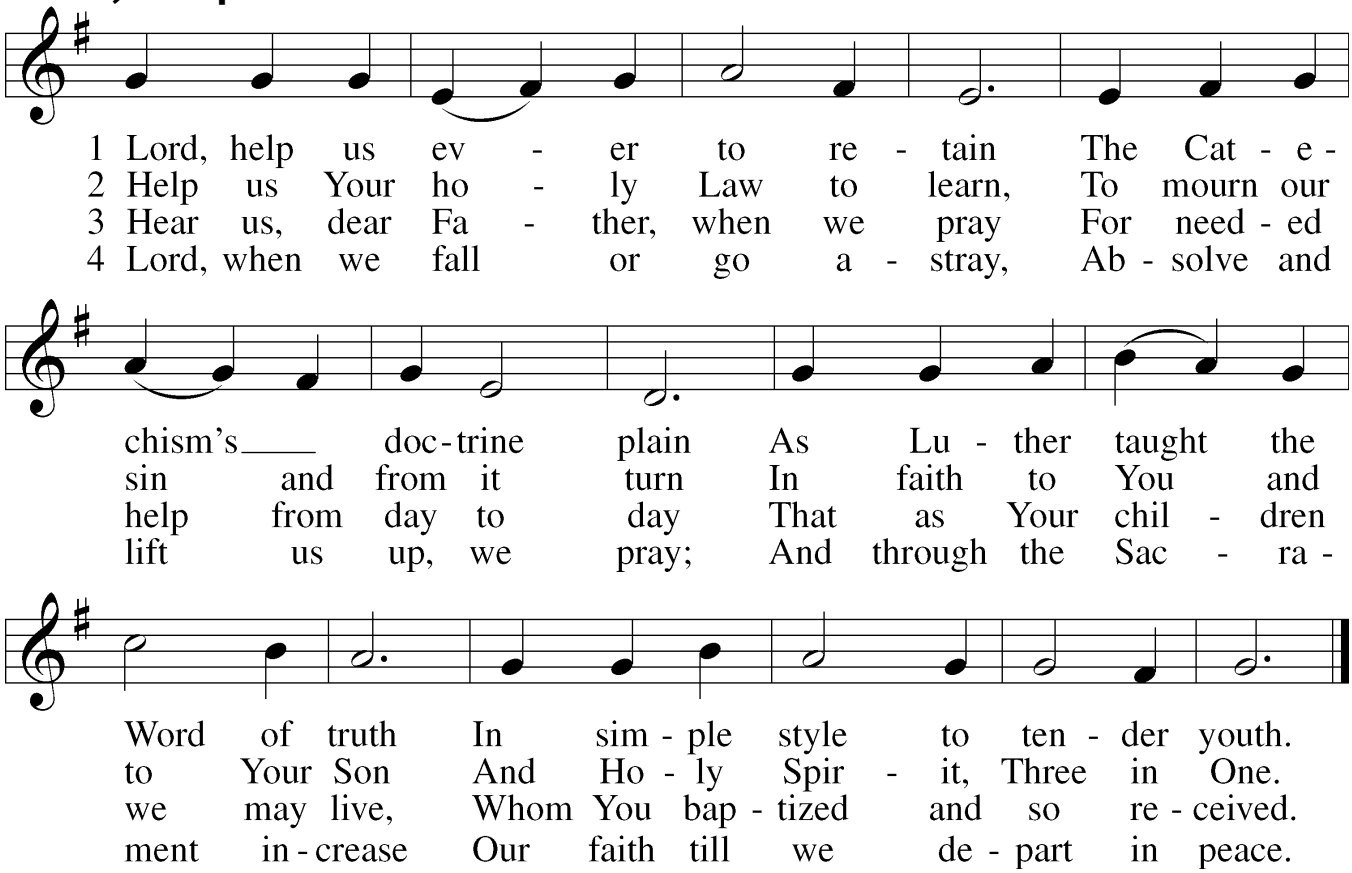
Sermon *Pastor Jason K. Cody*

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Offering *We sing as the gifts are collected and presented*

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain



Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Tune: As hymnodus sacer, 1625, Leipzig Text and tune: Public domain

***Please stand if you're able*

Prayer of the Church *From the altar*

+ God Comes to us in His Holy Sacrament +

****FROM THE PASTOR: Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Jesus Himself won the right for you to take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. However, Holy Scripture gives us very specific teachings about when it is proper for a person to commune, and when it is not. If you are not already a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or have not spoken with me, please kindly refrain from communing with us today. If you are not communing this morning, you are welcome to remain comfortably in your pew and use the time for personal prayer. If you would like to come forward to the altar and not commune, please cross your arms across your chest, as a sign that you are not communing, and I will gladly pray with*

you at the altar. Thanks for being here! Remember Jesus won us the right to commune, but since it was His hard work, let's respect His teaching on when we should and when we should not commune.

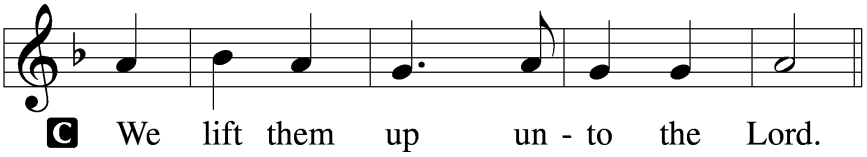
Preface

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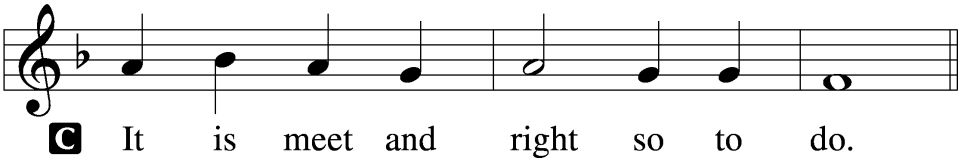
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



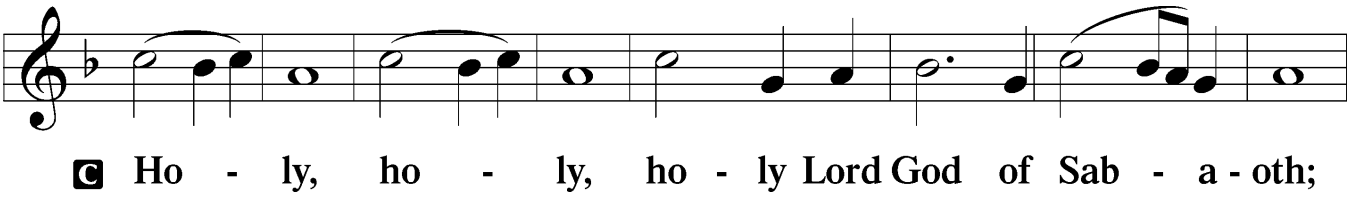
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

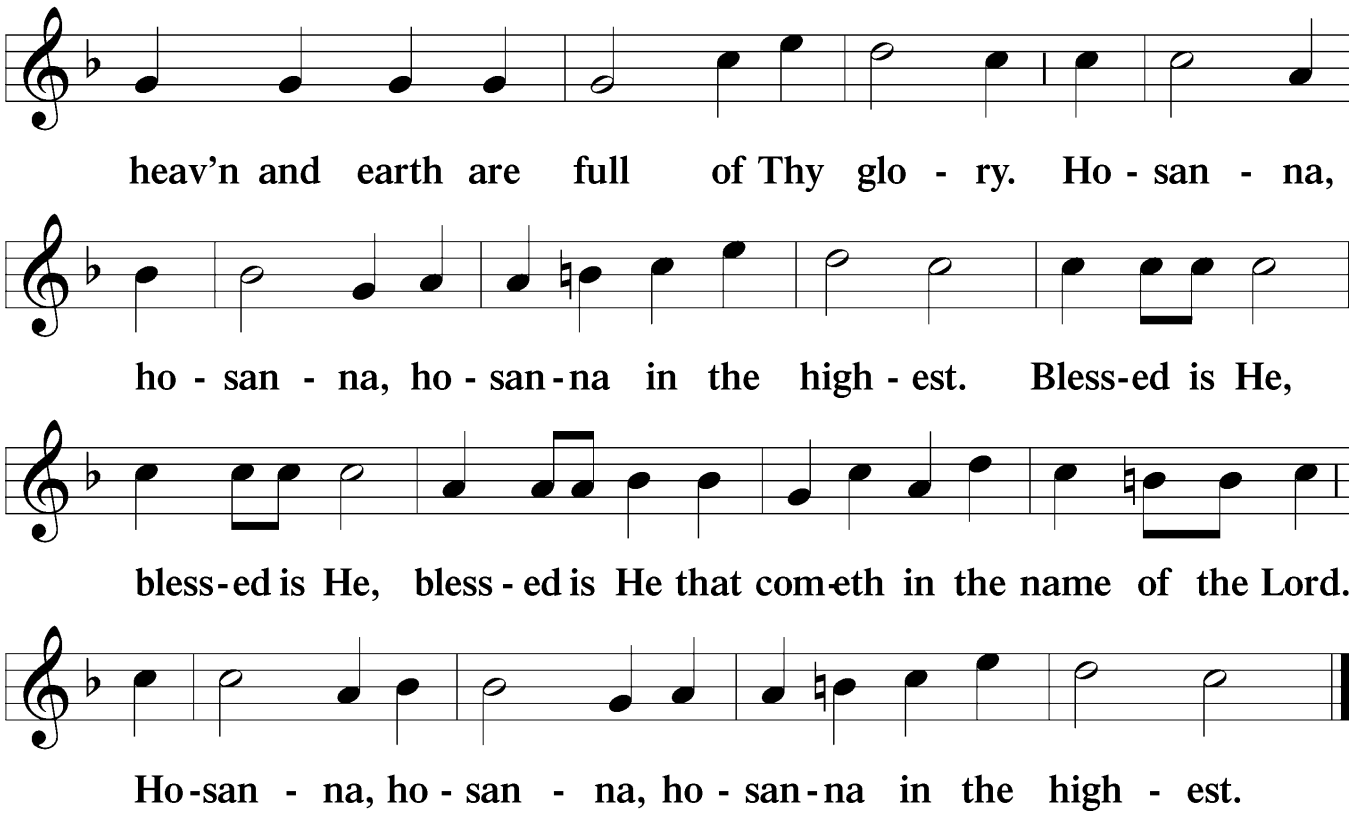


P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 195





Lord's Prayer *LSB 179*

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.

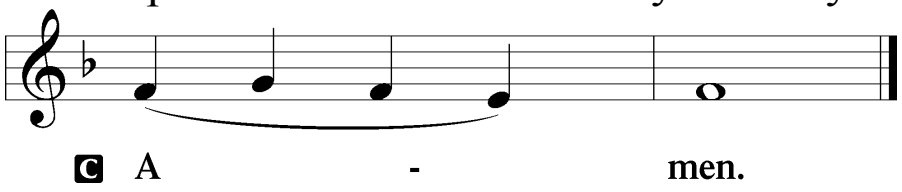
The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

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 + 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 + 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 *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*





***Please be seated*

Distribution Hymns
555 Salvation unto Us Has Come
744 Amazing Grace *sts. 1–5*

***Please stand if you're able*

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*



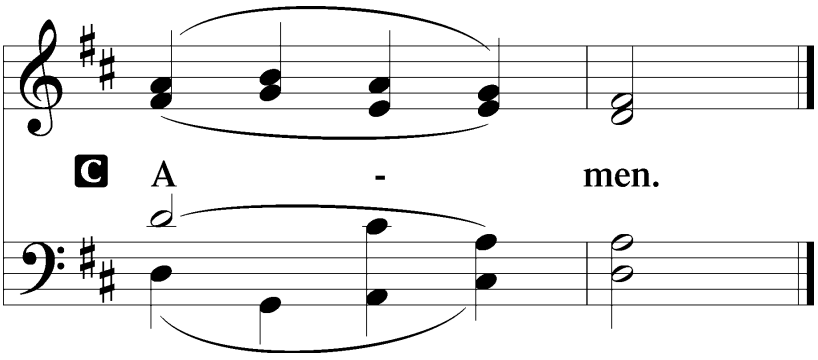


Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

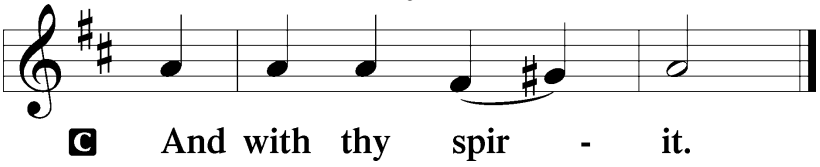
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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.

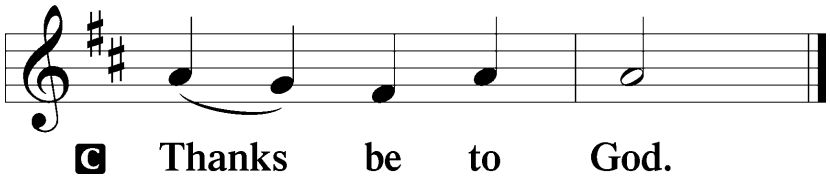


P The Lord be with you.



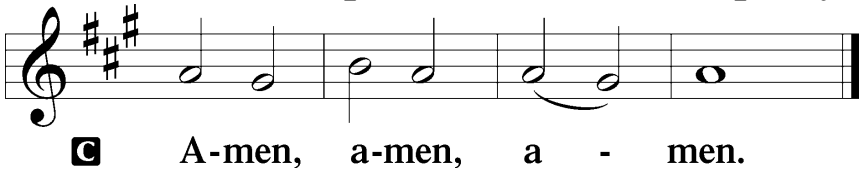
Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.

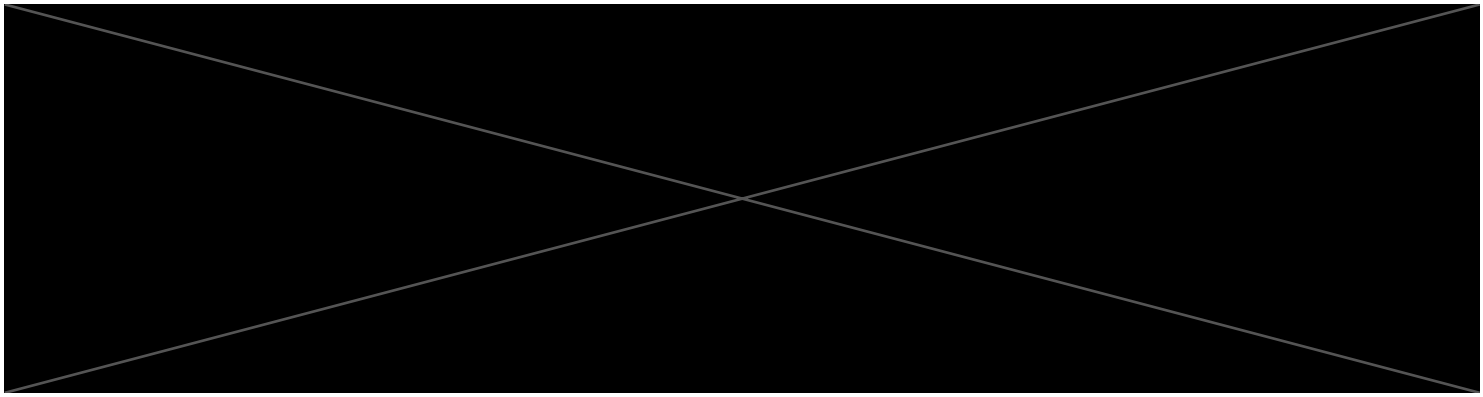


Benediction *LSB 202*

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.



Organist Allen Stolp



Circuit Prayers:
St. John's, Canon City and Pastor Dan Kletke, Bethany & Our Savior in Pueblo as they await a response from the called pastor, Hope Lutheran in Westcliffe, St. Peter's in Monte Vista.

District Prayers:
St. John in Salt Lake City, Grace in Moab UT, Immanuel in Artesia NM, Grace Lutheran in El Paso, TX.

Synodical Prayers:
Prayers for President Harrison and staff

Important Announcements:

October 25th - Reformation Sunday and Potluck. Stay for the potluck and enjoy the fellowship of your church family.

LWML is selling beautiful Christmas wreaths again! The cost this year is $30, see Pat Ford by November 1 to get your order in.

Nov. 1 - Voter's Meeting next Sunday. Pastor Jason has some important announcements, please plan to attend.

Nov. 6 - Please join us for our Family & Friends Dinner at Juanito's at 6pm. Please, let Judith know if you plan to attend.

Nov. 8 - Our school students will join us for our morning service **in honor of Veteran's Day.**

November 9-15 - Pastor Jason and Patricia will be taking a much needed vacation. Please pray for rest and restoration for them both.

Nov. 15 will be a Lay Ministry Service.

It's that time of year again! **Please consider donating to Trinity School and taking advantage of the child contribution tax credit.** If you'd like more information, please see a school board member.

We still need a Sunday School Teacher for our young people.

Prayer Team - How can we pray for you?

Trinity's Prayer Ministry Team is ready to receive your prayer request! You can submit your request directly to one of the team members or through the church website. We would love to have updates and praise reports!
We are excited to see how God will work!

TLC Finances: Sept. 2026

Giving $ 12,513.77 Expenses $ 18,508.74

Check out our website, and remember, our services are broadcast live every Sunday at 10am. If you can't make it to church you can still join us as we worship on KSPK- 100.3 or 104.1 FM

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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