



Our Saviour
Lutheran Church

Order of Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025



PRELUDE - Linda Strohmenger

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(from *The Muhlenberg Liturgy*, Ministerium of Pennsylvania -Philadelphia, PA - 1748)

Beloved in the Lord! Thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. "I dwell in the high and holy place, with Him also that is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. I will not always chide, neither will I keep anger forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God."

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Accompany me therefore in making confession of sins, saying:

I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father that I have grievously and in various ways sinned against him; not only by outward and gross sins, but even more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despondency, impatience, pride, selfishness, carnal lusts, avarice, envy, hatred and malice, and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in the sight of my Lord and God, but which I, alas cannot fully understand. But sincerely repent, in deep sorrow, for these my sins; and with my whole heart I cry for mercy from the Lord, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, being resolved, with the help of the Holy Ghost, to amend my sinful life. Amen.

Lord God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. Lord God the Son (+) Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Lord God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace. **Amen.**

THE GATHERING RITE

ENTRANCE HYMN – Built on a Rock, v. 1, 4
(Written by Nicholai F. S. Grundtvig – 1837)

[KATHY INSERT MUSIC - Built on a Rock – ELW #652]

Apostolic Greeting

(From Ephesians 1:2)

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(From *The Service Book and Hymnal (LCA)* - 1958)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favorably on your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and, by the tranquil operation of your perpetual Providence, carry out the work of our salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Amen.

TEMPLE TALK: Confirmands Celebrate the Reformation

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-15; 53:1-6

The prophet writes, “See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (*Sung responsively.*)

(Choir Introduction)

The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Refrain: (All People)

The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Verses: (Choir Only)

God is our ref-`uge and strength,

A very present `help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the `earth be moved.

And though the mountains shake in the depts `of the sea.

Though its waters `rage and foam,

And though the mountains tremble `with its tumult.

[Refrain]

There is a river who streams make glad the ci-`ty of God,

The holy habitation of `the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall `not be shaken;

God shall help it at the `break of day.

The nations rage, and the `kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth `melts away.

[Refrain]

Come now, regard the works `of the Lord,

What desolations God has brought up-`on the earth.

Behold the one who makes war to cease in `all the world;
Who breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burn the `shields with fire.
Be still, then, and know that `I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted `in the earth.

[Refrain]

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

St. Paul writes, "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. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; 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. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law."

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, v. 1
(Written by Martin Luther – 1541)

[KATHY INSERT MUSIC - Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word – ELW#517]

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent

place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE SERMON – SONGS OF FAITH: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Pastor Frank Waugh

HYMN OF THE DAY – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Written by Martin Luther – 1529)

[KATHY INSERT MUSIC - A Mighty Fortress is Our God – ELW #504]

Statement Concerning Faith, Good Works and Righteousness

(From The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, III:32 – 1577)

“It is correct to say that in this life believers who have become righteous through faith in Christ have first of all the righteousness of faith that is reckoned to them and then thereafter the righteousness of new obedience or good works that are begun in them. But these two kinds of righteousness dare not be mixed with each other or simultaneously introduced into the article on justification by faith before God. For because this righteousness that is begun in us – this renewal – is imperfect and impure in this life because of our flesh, a person cannot use it in any way to stand before God’s judgment throne. Instead, only the righteousness of the obedience, suffering, and death of Christ, which is reckoned to faith, can stand before God’s tribunal. Even following their renewal, when they already are producing many good works and living the best kind of life, human beings please God, are acceptable to him, and receive adoption as children and heirs of eternal life only because of Christ’s obedience.”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

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.

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

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **hear our prayer.**

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

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC RITE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC – OSLC Handbell Choir – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

OFFERING CANTICLE -

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(From Lutheran Book of Worship (LCA)-1978)

Let us pray. Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

(From Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELCA)-2006)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

(from the *Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church* (ULC) – 1917)

It is truly right and salutary, that we should at all times, in all places, give thank unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

THE SANCTUS -

(From *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LCA)-1978)

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

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

(From *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LCA)-1978)



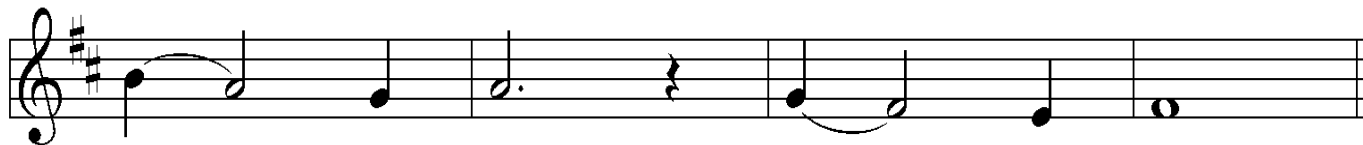
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

COMMUNION MUSIC – Linda Strohmenger

POST-COMMUNION

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

Amen.

CANTICLE – Now Thank We All Our God – v. 1

(Written by Martin Rinkhart – 1636)

[KATHY INSERT MUSIC – Now Thank We All Our God – ELW #840]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(From Liturgy for Christian Congregations of the Lutheran Faith – William Loehe – 1902)

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, everlasting Son of the Father, we give thanks to you that you have given us, your unworthy servants, grace to fulfill our ministry and to distribute and receive the lifegiving gift of your Body and Blood. We beseech you that this feast may minister to the salvation of those whom you have admitted to it. Grant that it may be unto us a shield of faith and the power of right and holy lives. Receive our prayer, through your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING RITE

BLESSING

(from The Muhlenberg Liturgy, Ministerium of Pennsylvania -Philadelphia, PA - 1748)

Receive the blessing of the Lord. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN – Thy Strong Word, v. 1-4

(Written by Martin H. Franzmann – 1636)

[KATHY INSERT MUSIC – Thy Strong Word – ELW #511]

DISMISSAL

(from The Muhlenberg Liturgy, Ministerium of Pennsylvania -Philadelphia, PA - 1748)

And now let us depart in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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