

God is our refuge and strength



Psalm 46:1

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Dear Father, I pray for myself and all the world: Keep us steadfast in Your Holy Word, and do not take it from us because of our sin, laziness, and ungratefulness. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Send us true and right workers in Your harvest, who will be devout pastors and preachers. Give us all grace that we may humbly hear, receive, and honor their Word as Your own, and heartily thank You for it. Amen
(M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed at the 8:00AM service, but will be during Bible classes and 10:45AM service. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

As a Family in Christ, we care about all who commune with us. We are deeply concerned that all who come to the Lord's Table do so for their benefit and renewal of faith in Christ. Scripture says that we are to "examine ourselves" so that we receive Christ's body and blood rightly and not drink judgment on ourselves at the Lord's Table.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. (1st Corinthians 11:27-29)

We take our responsibility in this regard very seriously. Communing with us indicates unity with what we believe, teach and confess. For these reasons, if you have not been instructed in the beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we request that you talk to our pastor about attending a class of instruction about what our church believes before communing.

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:00 AM

Divine Service II – *LSB 167*

Prelude

“Fanfare in E Flat”, *arr. John Folkening*

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“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 field his e - qual.
the for - ev - er.

Choir only:

- 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.*

All:

- 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.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 167

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.

Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

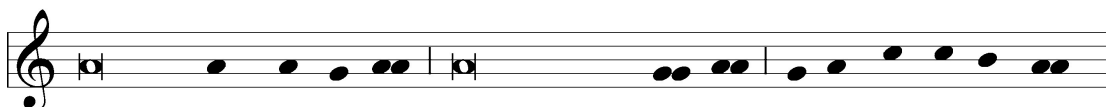
Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



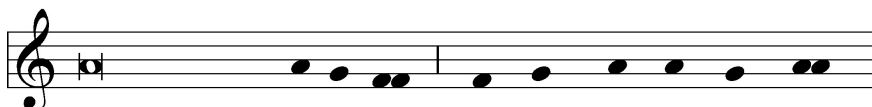
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



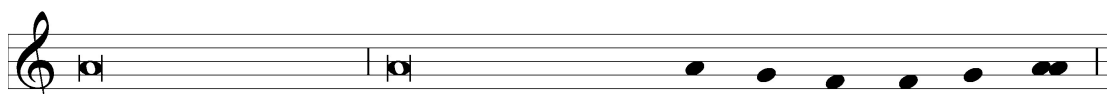
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



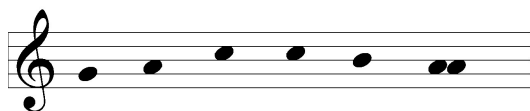
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast,” *LSB 171*
Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



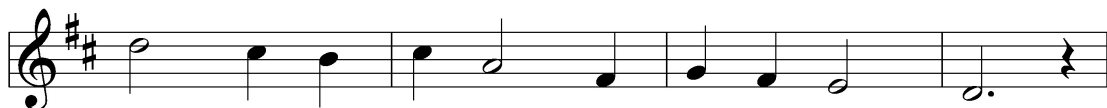
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 172

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

“Psalm 46, paraphrased JAB,” Behnke (ASCAP)

Choir Only 1st Time: Antiphon

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

Choir and congregation:

Antiphon

God is our re - fuge and our strength, our
on - ly help in trou - ble.

Choir: We will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

God is our refuge and our strength,
our only help in trouble.



Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

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

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

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For 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 and Verse

LSB 173



Holy Gospel

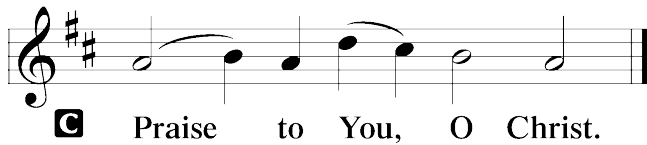
Luke 18:9–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



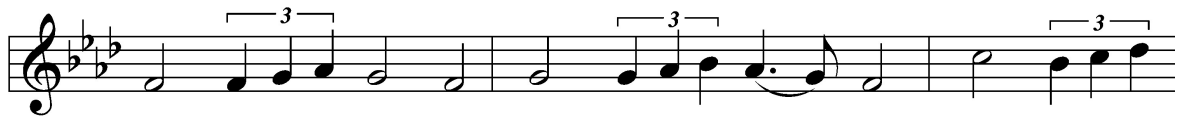
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Hymn of the Day

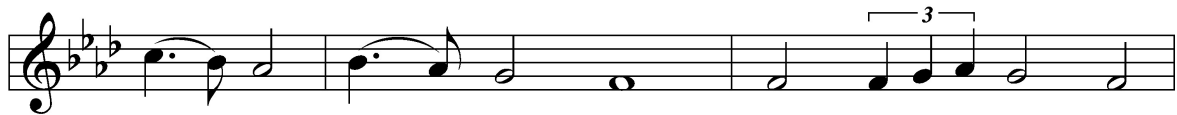
“Thy Strong Word”
LSB 578

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Choir Only: 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!



3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



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! May the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



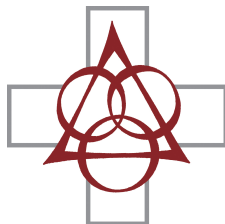
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



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 - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

Sermon

Stand



Apostles' Creed

LSB 175

**☐ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)



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New Elder Installation

Eric Wilde

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176

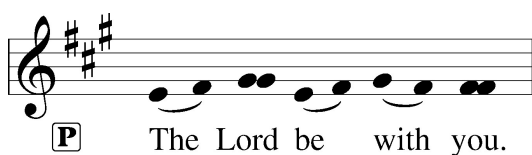


+++Service of the Sacrament+++

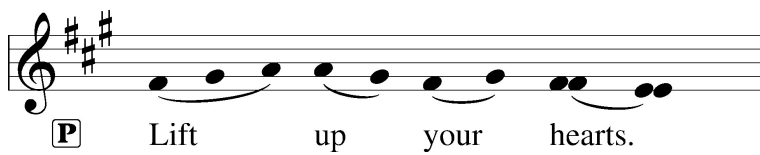


Preface

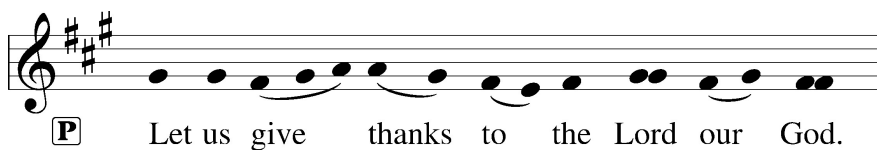
LSB 177



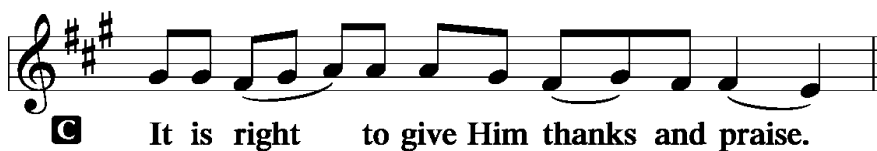
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colosians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

- 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, 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 178

C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 179*

- 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.”

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

- 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

John 20:19; LSB 180

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

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 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.

Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

My Heart Ever Faithful
The Church's One Foundation
By Grace I'm Saved

J. S. Bach arr. Jack Schrader

LSB 644

LSB 566

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thank the Lord”, *LSB 181*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 jice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

- P** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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; LSB 183

- 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** A - men.

Recessional Hymn

“How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ”

*Katherine Dubke****



1. How could I stand, if not for Christ Who calls me to be
2. I stand on what I can - not see, Yet I am not for -
3. The place I stand is ho - ly ground Be - neath a cro - ss's
4. Now bold - ly in Christ's love, I stand, For He a - lone is



faith - ful? I scoffed at truth and sa - vored lies Un -
sa - ken. For Christ has strength - ened my weak knees And
shad - dow Where Christ en - dured a bru - tal crown, And
a - ble. In life, in death, the time at hand - Lord



til His Word en - a - bled My soul to yearn for
I will not be shake - en. Though all the world quakes
bore my sins and sor - row. What else could change this
help me to be faith - ful! Yes, I will see Him



Liv - ing Bread, My will to seek His
in dis - stress, I lean up - on His
blem - ished soul In - to God's chi - ld,
face to face And stand with all who



will in - stead. His Word a - lone is a - ble.
prom - i - ses. By faith a - lone I'm a - ble.
pure and whole? His grace a - lone is a - ble.
lived by grace. To God a - lone all glo - ry!

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

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

*****Katherine Dubke** was commissioned by Lord of Life in 2017 to write a hymn for us in honor of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses. She crafted the words to “How Could I Stand, If Not for Christ” and we sing it this morning to the tune of *Es Ist Das Heil*.



Please come help us celebrate the Reformation at our annual Oktoberfest potluck hosted by Family Ministry. It will be immediately following this service.



Reformation Day

About the Cover: Martin Luther's seal symbolizes the rock-solid confession of the Reformation. It was not about Luther. It was about Christ and His cross at the center of everything. Christ enlivens our hearts, makes us holy, gives us joy, and has won eternal life for us. We have a firm foundation of refuge and strength to stand on because Christ is our rock.