

GATHERING

PRELUDE **The Church's One Foundation (arr. Truax);** with organ, Loren Barker, trumpet;
Nathan Miller and Barrett Loof, trombone

WELCOME *Sarah*

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome Deacon Lidixe! Welcome musicians!
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Deacon Lidixe*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** **632:1, 2, 5, 6**

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| 1 | O God, our help in ages past, | and our eternal home: |
| | our hope for years to come, | |
| | our shelter from the stormy blast, | 2 Under the shadow of your throne |

your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

dies at the op'ning day.

- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



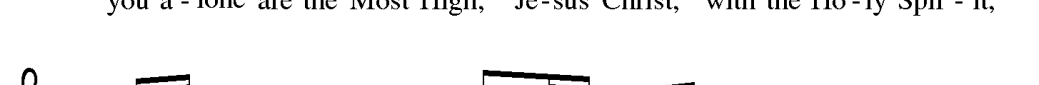
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

God is about to renew God's covenant with God's people. This renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets. A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Romans 3:19-28**

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY A Mighty Fortress is Our God 504

1 A mighty fortress is our God,

a sword and shield victorious;

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| | he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal. | 3 | Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
| 2 | No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious. | 4 | God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! |

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APOSTLES' CREED *Deacon Lidixe*

Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the restoration of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Teach us to honor and care for the earth and its many habitats. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air that they may thrive. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and compassion to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who are in need this day. Provide aid to those who are experiencing housing or employment insecurity. Advocate for those who lack access to medical care and other resources. Protect those who face discrimination based on their race, gender, or sexuality. Comfort those who are grieving and relieve the burdens of those who are sick or suffering; especially Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine, Kris Lemke, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel, Church Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide all who seek to know you, that they may come to find their hope and rest in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude, we remember the lives of all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, sustain us in our lives of faith until you bring us with them into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE *Deacon Lidixe*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Sarah*

MEAL

OFFERING God Is My Refuge and Strength – OSL Choir and Brass**OFFERTORY As the Grains of Wheat 465:1***Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

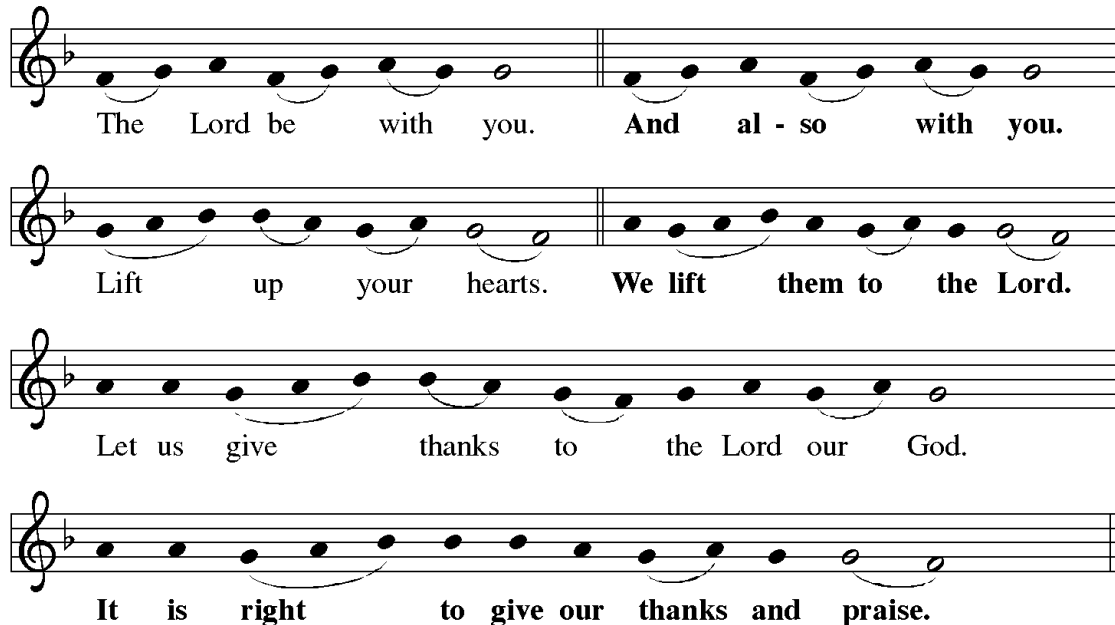
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OFFERING PRAYER Sarah

Let us pray,

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in
love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING Sarah

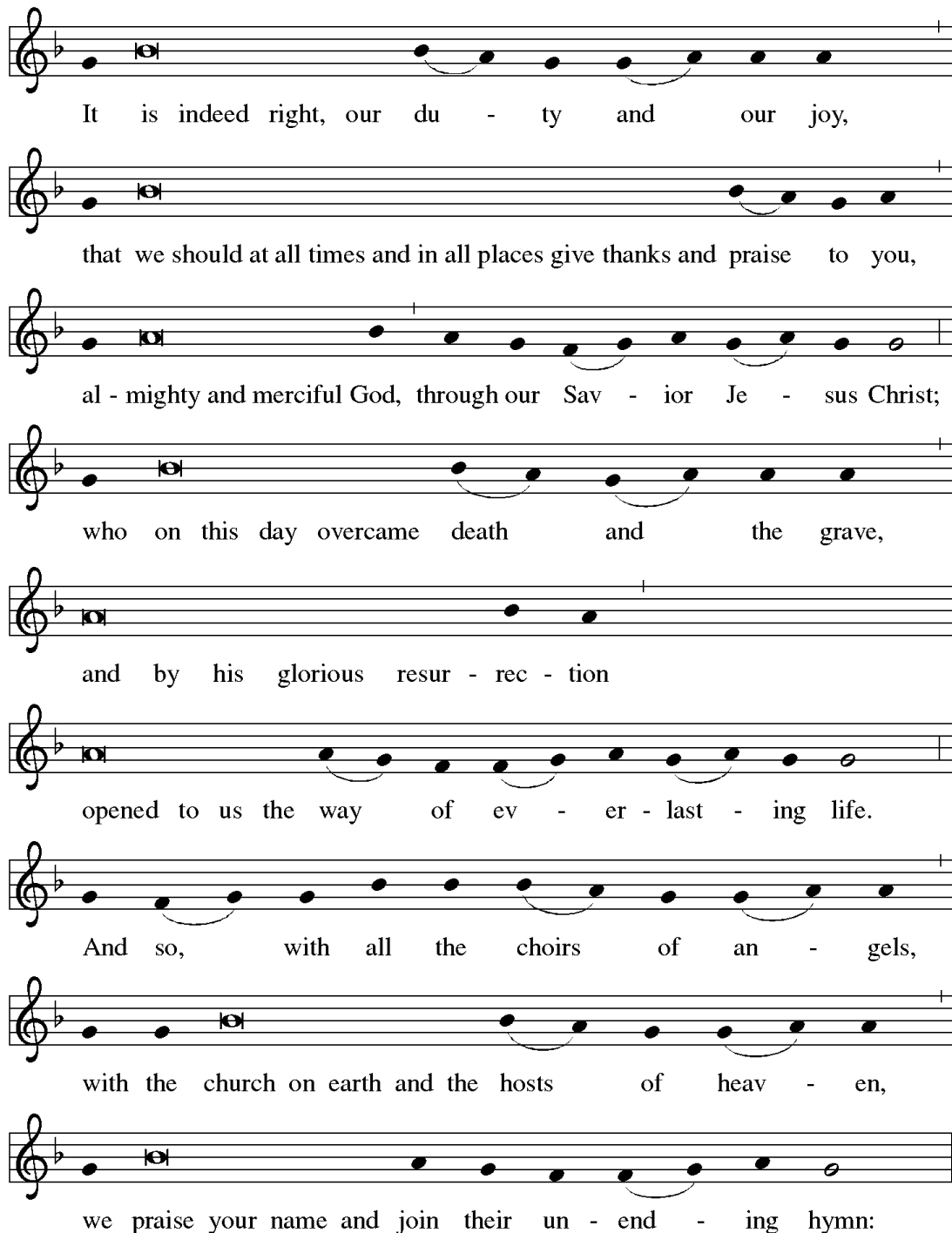
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

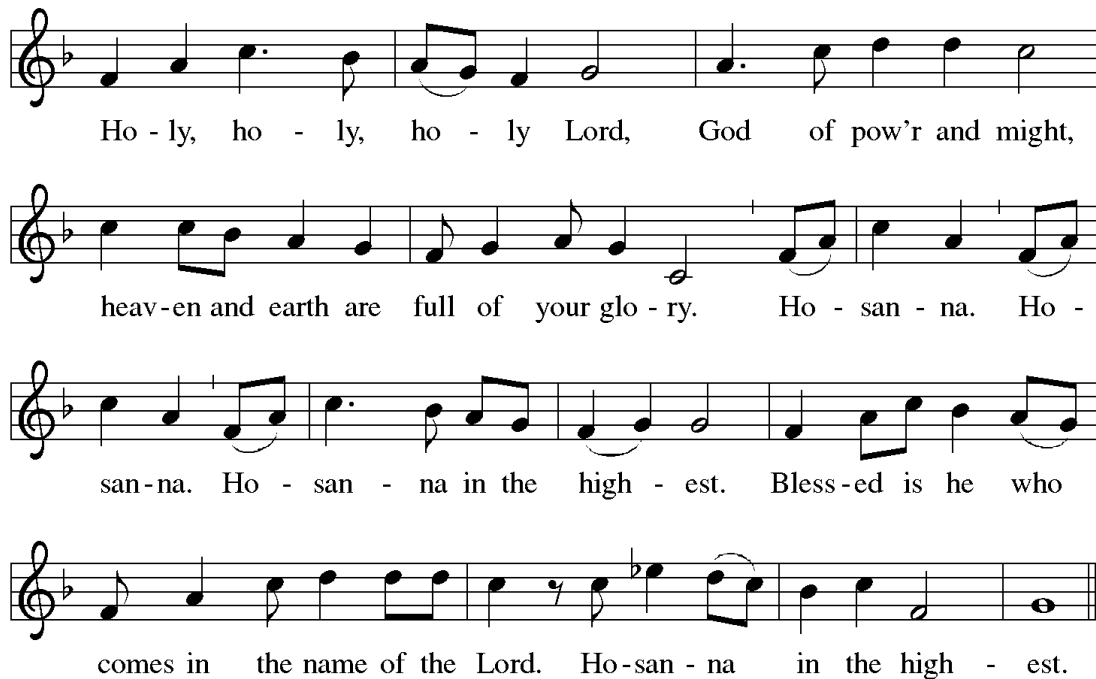
PROPER PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** *Sarah*

Holy God, you have gathered your people from the ends of the earth, bringing us to your table, and setting an abundant feast before us. We give thanks for the gift of your dear Son, who is at the heart of human life, near to those in need, beside the sinner, among the vulnerable, and with us now.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

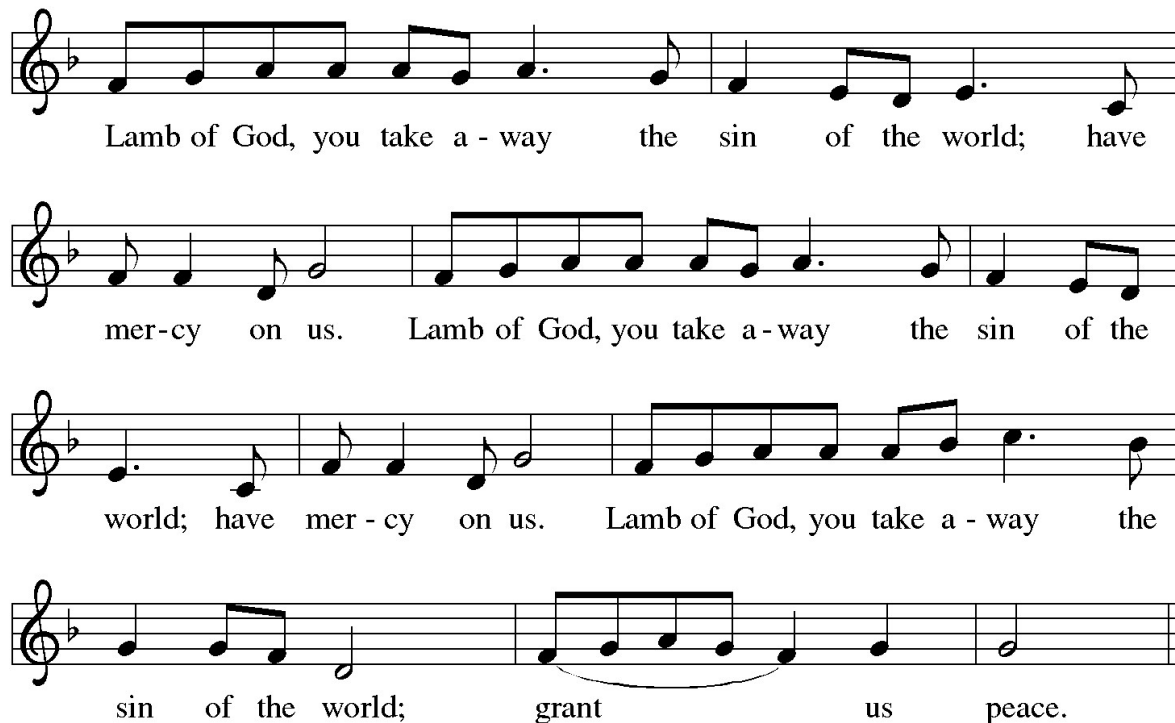
Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church without end. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sarah*

Gathered in to one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us. .

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**Lamb of God**


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.

Ask the Complicated Questions ACS 1005

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| <p>1 Ask the complicated questions.
Do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt.</p> | <p>3 Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale,
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail.</p> |
| <p>2 Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom,
for in tension new life grows.</p> | <p>4 For in struggle we discover
truth both simple and profound;
in the knocking, asking, seeking,
we are opened, answered, found.</p> |

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

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Amazing Grace 779

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| 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come; | 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun. |

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER*Sarah*

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

Let us pray,

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING**BENEDICTION** *Deacon Lidixe*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN The Church of Christ in Every Age 729:1, 2, 3, 5

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. |
| 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |

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DISMISSAL

Gathered Ones: Go out in joy. Scatter the love of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress is our God; organ and brass

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine (sister to Donna Lark), Kris Lemke, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel (sister to Kim Holten), Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan.
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish.

Join us today in the conference room immediately following the worship service for a book study led by Deacon Lidix Montoya on the book: **White Fragility** by **Robin DiAngelo**.

LCM Spaghetti Dinner – Today, 5-7pm. This meal is for those who purchased advanced tickets on Oct 11 & 18. Enjoy a spaghetti, garlic bread, desserts, and a chance to participate in the 50/50 raffle.

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday. On this day, we will remember and give thanks for all the saints who have shaped our lives and now rest in God's presence as we light candles in their honor. Be sure to join us for this meaningful service.

Sunday School Christmas Program Director Needed. Seeking someone to lead this year's program with a commitment beginning 4 weeks prior to Dec 20 performance. Responsibilities include helping with casting, running lines, assigning costumes, and rehearsing. If interested, see Denise for details.

The donations for The Little Church will go to the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry for the month of October.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Oct 25	Worship, Reformation Sunday, 9:00 Sunday School, 10:15 Adult Ed, Deacon Montoya Coffee Fellowship, 10:15 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for LCM, 5:00-7:00
Monday, Oct 26	Women in Action, 8:00
Tuesday, Oct 27	NODC, 3:30
Wednesday, Oct 28	Confirmation, 5:45 High School, 5:45 Choir rehearsal, 6:30
Thursday, Oct 29	Vibrant Voices, 1:00 OSL Bell rehearsal, 6:30
Friday, Oct 30	
Saturday, Oct 31	

Thank you to Deacon Lidix Montoya for helping lead worship today!

Thank you to our musicians for their special music today; Loren Barker, trumpet; Nathan Miller and Barrett Loof, trombone, the OSL Choir and Catherine Gulsvig, organ.

Facility Rekey Update – The Church Council has approved a full rekey of the building following our recent key audit. This process will help us maintain a safe and well-managed facility. Watch for upcoming information on key issuance and the return of old keys.

Our Saviors' Women gratefully acknowledge the over \$800 received on Thankoffering Sunday in support of the Women of the ELC. Your gifts will be forwarded to WELCA to support their ministry.

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	Mar-Sept	Sept
Income	\$236,690.65	\$32,864.86
Expenses	\$196,240.33	\$23,610.18
Over/short	\$40,450.32	\$9,254.68

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