

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples"

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FIVE – Luther's German Mass

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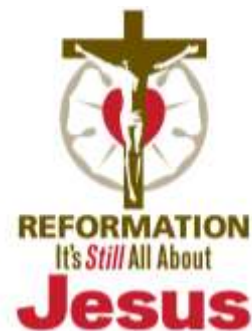
STANDING STRONG + REACHING OUT + GROWING TOGETHER

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

## AS WE GATHER ON REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice and find rest in the justice that has been fulfilled through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).



**GATHERING MUSIC** "By Grace I'm Saved" by Jacob Weber David Garcia, organ & Stephen Heimer, trumpet

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

### MISSION PRAYER FOR REFORMATION

*Heavenly Father, today by Your grace we remember and celebrate Your Holy Spirit's renewing and reforming power through Your people in every age. We thank and praise You for missionaries of renewal like Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Jeremiah, Paul, Augustine, Francis, Luther and millions of other reformers whose names and deeds we do not know but whom You have given to breathe new life and love into Your Church. We ask again this day for Your grace to give us both the passion for Your Word and the compassion for Your lost ones that we might continue Your Spirit's reforming mission in His Church and to Your world. In the Name of Him Who is Your renewing and reforming presence in every age, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 477

### INVOCATION

*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.

### CONFESSION

- 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** 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

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 22; antiphon: Ps 119:46



**I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.  
I will bless the LORD at | all times; \*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.  
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants; \*  
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

### KYRIE - PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Lord, Have Mercy" One and All Rejoice (OAR) 362

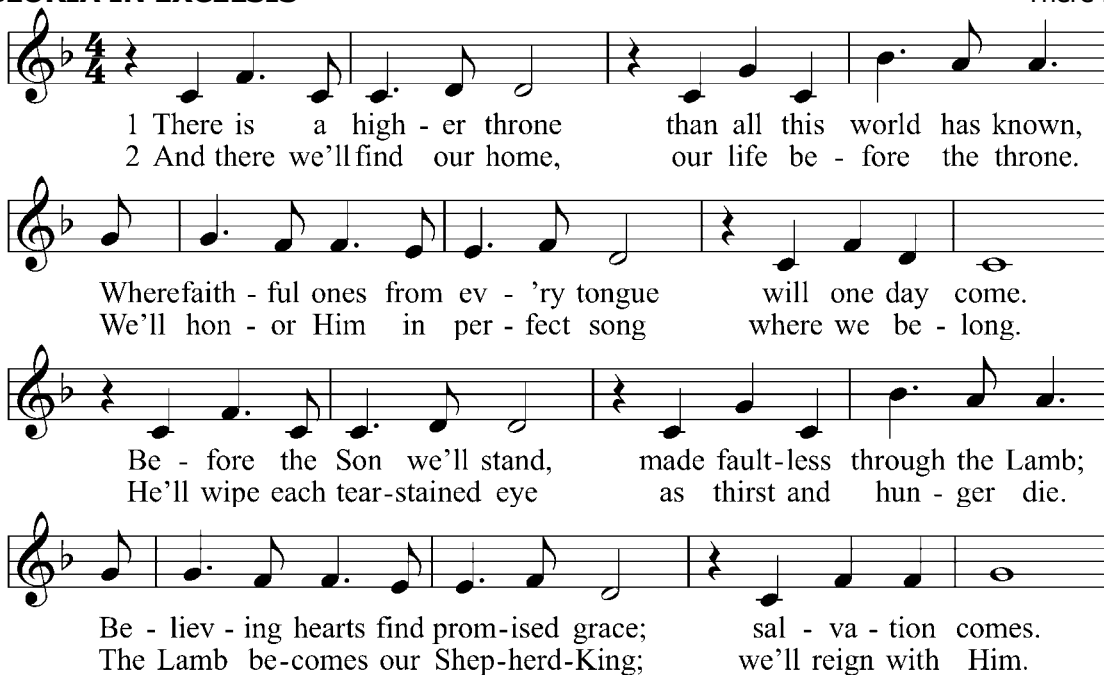


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"There is a Higher Throne" OAR 269



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne.

Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.  
We'll hon - or Him in per - fect song where we be - long.

Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die.

Be - liev - ing hearts find prom-ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
The Lamb be-comes our Shep-herd-King; we'll reign with Him.

Refrain

Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings.  
Through em-'rald courts and sap-phire skies their prais-es rise.  
All glo-ry, wis-dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are to  
God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.
- C** **Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and, through the abiding Word of Your Son, set us free from our sin that we may know Your saving peace;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

(The Gospel is eternal and must be proclaimed everywhere.)

Revelation 14:6–7

<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.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalms 46; antiphon v.7

- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.
- C** **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**EPISTLE**

(The righteousness of God comes through faith in Jesus Christ.)

Romans 3:19–28

<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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"In Christ Alone" OAR 241



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh, Full - ness of  
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and righ-teous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 day Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus' truth will set you free.)

John 8:31-36

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

**G** **Glory to You, 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.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

sung to the tune of "All Praise to Thee" v. 6 OAR 326

- In God the Father I believe, Made heaven and earth and all we see.  
Loved He the world so that He gave His Son that we all may be saved.
- In Jesus Christ, I do believe God's Son the Spirit did conceive  
In Virgin Mary, born to die, Then rise to reign and judge on high.
- In God the Spirit I believe and all God's Holy Church are we.  
His "saints" by grace through faith we live Forever in victory over the grave

*Sing the final verse two times "in canon" beginning with the Left Side (organ side) and then the Right Side (piano side)*

Canon

△6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye  
heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## SERMON

"Rest in Christ's Justice"

## OFFERING

"The Day of Resurrection" by Sandra Eithun

Zion Handbell Choir

## OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" v. 1, 3 LSB 784

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

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## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### THE LORD'S PRAYER & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*A responsive setting of the "Our Father" written by Dr. Martin Luther to assist God's people in preparing for reception of the Sacrament*

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**
- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Thy kingdom come,**
- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend \_\_\_\_\_ and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,**
- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Give us this day our daily bread,**
- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Lead us not into temptation,**
- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Deliver us from evil,**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.**
- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### SANCTUS

sung to the tune and chorus of "There is a Higher Throne" OAR 269

All earth and heaven rejoice,  
Sing Holy Holy Holy Lord our God of Power and Might  
Hosannas sing!

Blessed is He who comes,  
in God's great name, the Father Son and Spirit, God most high,  
Hosannas ring!

ref Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor  
are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

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### PAX DOMINI

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

### AGNUS DEI

"The Lamb" v. 1, ref, 3-4 OAR 242

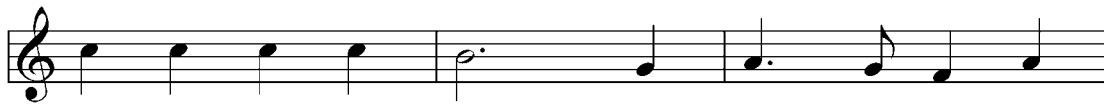


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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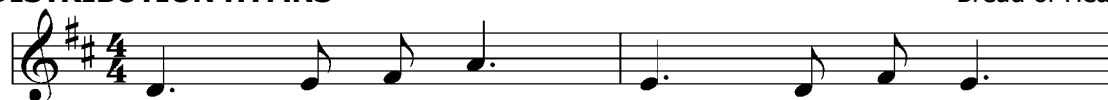
Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess: † **I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.** † **I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.** † **I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life,**

and salvation. † Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.

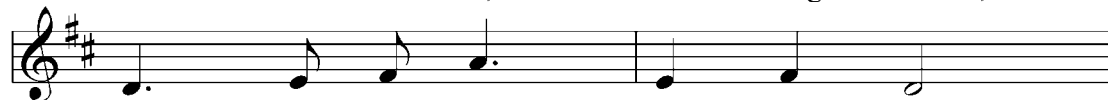
Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. A non-alcoholic wine for the sacrament is available upon request when you come forward. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

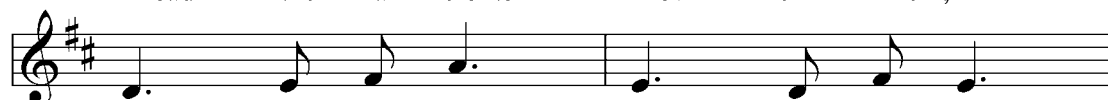
"Bread of Heaven, Living Manna" OAR 257



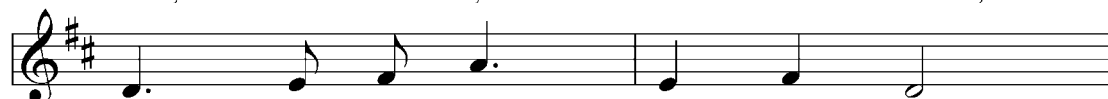
1 Bread of heav - en, liv - ing man - na,  
 2 Bread of heav - en, liv - ing man - na,  
 3 Bread of heav - en, liv - ing man - na,



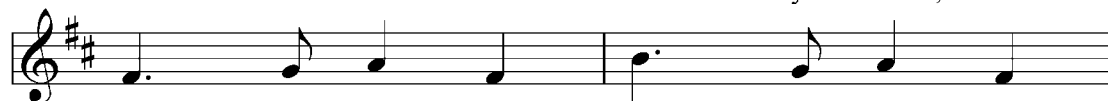
Love and mer - cy You ex - ude;  
 Sure Your prom - ise— faith - ful, true:  
 Bread the an - cients nev - er knew;



Per - fect of - f'ring, free - ly giv - en  
 "Take and eat; this bread here bro - ken  
 You, Lord Je - sus, came from heav - en,



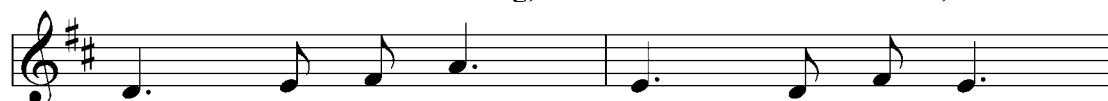
On the blood-marked Pas - chal rood;  
 Is My bod - y giv'n for you.  
 That our world be fed by You;



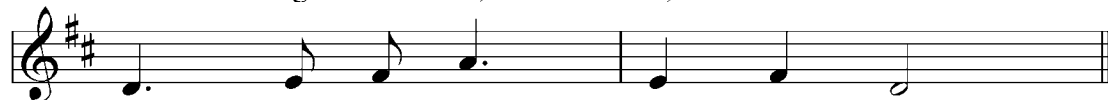
Bread un - leav - ened, Lamb un - blem - ished,  
 Take and drink; this cup of bless - ing  
 Now in You we nev - er hun - ger,



Free - ing sin - bound slaves from strife:  
 Is My ver - y blood out - poured."  
 And be - liev - ing, thirst no more;



Feed us on our des - ert jour - ney,  
 With thanks - giv - ing— sins for - giv - en—  
 Liv - ing in You, Lord, we ev - er



Ho - ly Je - sus, Bread of Life.  
 We will ev - er bless You, Lord!  
 Have our be - ing and a - dore.



**(DISTRIBUTION HYMNS CONTINUED)**

- + "What is this Bread" LSB 629
- + "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849
- + "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King" v. 1, ref, 7 OAR 334

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
 △7 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless And  
 up your voice with us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness. Oh, praise Him!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, praise the Fa - ther, praise the  
 beam And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One.  
*Refrain*  
 Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have nourished our bodies and souls through Your Holy Word and through the gift of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that we heed Your Gospel call to share throughout the world the message of Him who alone sets us free; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS**

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Martin Luther) LSB 657

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

David Garcia, organ

### Offerings

*You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:*

**In-Person donations:** You can place your donation in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary or in the secure box as you exit after the service.

**Online donations:** You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at [www.zionelpaso.org](http://www.zionelpaso.org). We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

**Mail donations:** Mail your check to the Zion church office at 2808 Pershing Drive, El Paso, TX 79903. The mail is checked every day.

**Donations via an app:** If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

*Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!*

**Offering Envelopes.** If you would like a box of weekly offering envelopes for 2022, please call Shirley Batts or the church office at (915) 566-4667.

**Altar Flowers** today are given in celebration of Marge Barrett's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday! Thanks be to God for His countless blessings!

**Join us for our Reformation Day Celebration!** Join us **after today's worship service** for a German bratwurst reception in the Auditorium and Courtyard! We will also have a silent auction of baked goods to raise funds for our Youth Group! Enjoy your German meal today and bid on a mouth-watering dessert to take home!



**All Saints' Day. Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>,** we will observe All Saints' Day. We will use this day to honor Zion's members and loved ones that have passed away in the past 12 months. A bell will ring as we read each person's name aloud. Please call the church office if you have any friends or family who died in the past 12 months whose names you would like included in our service. There will also be a time to remember all our loved ones who have entered their eternal life in Heaven.

### **Christmas Toy Collection to assist the Ysleta Lutheran Mission in their Christmas Gift**

**Distribution:** LWML will begin their annual Christmas Toy Collection to assist YLM in their Christmas Gift Distribution, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, continuing through mid-December. With the help of a Thrivent Action Grant, toys will be purchased to start the collection; LWML members will donate toys, also; and **we are inviting the members and friends of Zion to join us** in this special Christmas Outreach project. Toys you wish to donate may be placed in the designated area in the Auditorium. Thanks, in advance, for your support and help in making Christmas a little brighter for families in need!

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# Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 31, 2021



In the evening of October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed a paper with "95 Theses" to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. His intention was to initiate an academic debate over abuses and errors in the church at that time. However, his words sparked not only a debate, but an entire movement aimed at reforming the whole church. While some embraced the Reformation, others resisted it. In the end, the Roman Catholic Church split, and our Lutheran Church became a separate organization. Along with the Lutheran Church, a number of "Protestant" Churches were formed on Reformation principles. Also, the Reformation moved the Roman Catholic Church to effect some of their own reforms (although to our minds there are still some fundamental errors which need to be corrected).

The Reformation called people to leave behind their unfounded ideas and their human traditions about God, and to return to Biblical principles. The Reformation emphasized that God saves us purely out of love (not because of our works), through faith in Jesus Christ. The slogans of the Reformation continue in our Lutheran Church today: Sola Scriptura ("the Scriptures alone"), Sola Gratia ("by grace alone"), and Sola Fide ("by faith alone"). Today we celebrate the anniversary of the beginning of this Reformation. We give thanks to God for having renewed His Church, and we ask that He reform our hearts so that we may follow Him as faithfully as our forefathers in the faith.



## What Does Luther's Seal Mean?

*Martin Luther's Explanation of his seal:*

"The first [part of my seal] should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that

faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels... Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal."

# "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

*This list of prayer requests is updated and provided for your prayer time each week.  
If you would like someone added to or removed from this listing, please contact our church office.*

**LORD OF THE NATIONS WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GIVE OUR LEADERS** wisdom, strength, and vision in all of their duties; guide and inspire our President, Joe Biden, the Congress of the United States of America, our Governor, Greg Abbott, our Mayor, Oscar Leeser, and all elected leaders in our city and county, and throughout this nation in their responsibilities.

**LORD JESUS CHRIST GREAT PHYSICIAN OF BODY, MIND, HEART, AND SOUL, WE PRAY YOUR** strength, healing, and the deep sense of Your comfort and presence for: Alycia Zander (daughter of Pastor Howard & Marilyn Patten, Addison's disease & Lupus); Shawn Blackiston (seizures); Jan Borschnik (recovery, hip replacement); Jim McVay (cancer); Glenn Nathan Jr. (recovery, car accident); Julia Duke (recovery, shoulder surgery); Debra Mosley (heart pains); Bill Server (recovery, dental procedure); Chelsea Shaw (ileostomy recovery); Kathie Eyerma (multiple sclerosis); Alicia Charro (car accident recovery); Hannah Jackson; Marianne Helmick (recovery, hip replacement); David Ninke (heart issues); Marge Barrett (fractured pelvis); Charlie Rotche (nephew of Jim Smith, heart surgery recovery); Delia Rodriguez (covid-19); and Karen Server (surgery recovery).

**LORD OF HOSTS WE ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR NATION'S ARMED FORCES.** We remember members and friends of Zion's congregation stationed at Fort Bliss, and all of their families: Wellington Overman, James Hauter, Gavin Chase, Sean Roddick, and all our nation's military personnel and their families throughout the United States and the world: Steve Higgins (Washington DC); Jonathan Shaw (Kansas); Joseph Kellogg (North Carolina); Jon Lorenz (Honduras); Rickie Meers (Washington); Matthew Christensen (South Carolina); Zach Newman (South Korea); and Isaac Lorenz. Surround them with Your protection in all their duties. Strengthen the ministry of military chaplains.

**WE CONTINUE IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS** for our members and friends who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Robert Ahrens, Amy Bodey, and Hedie Jacobs.

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## **ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE**

<b>Preacher &amp; Celebrant:</b>	Pastor Stephen Heimer
<b>Organist:</b>	David Garcia
<b>Reader:</b>	Peggy Djerf
<b>Elder:</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Camera Operator:</b>	Jaden Heimer
<b>Sound Director:</b>	Brenna Rodriguez
<b>Offering Counters:</b>	Jim Smith
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Peggy Djerf, Brenna Rodriguez

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

11/1	Monday	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
11/2	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Rio Grande Circuit Pastors Meeting
		5:15 PM	Confirmation Class
		6:30 PM	Mariachi Rehearsal
		7:00 PM	"Priesthood and Ministry" Bible Study
11/3	Wednesday	10:30 AM	Worship Service in Mexico
11/4	Thursday	6:00 PM	New Member Class
		7:00 PM	"Gospel of John" Bible Study
11/6	Saturday	9:00 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11/7	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	<b>All Saints' Day Service with Communion</b>

## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

### ***Birthdays:***

11/1 Skyeler Martius      11/3 Liz Carreon      11/5 Marge Barrett      11/6 Sarah Grunow

### ***Anniversaries:***

11/1 Derek & Brenda Schulz      11/6 Tim & Cheryle Kludt