

# Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022 | 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)  
This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship:** Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings:** St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes.  
For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

## Prayer Before Worship

By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 2*

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Trio & Final (*Grand Partita on 'Ein Feste Burg'*)

Karl Osterland

### WELCOME

*Please stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, imploring in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Almighty God, our maker and redeemer: we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. To you alone do we seek refuge in your infinite mercy. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to us; forgive us our sins, and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of Christ, and by his authority, I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. **Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 503 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,  
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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## APOSTOLIC 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



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

Tune: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–1550

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Please be seated.*

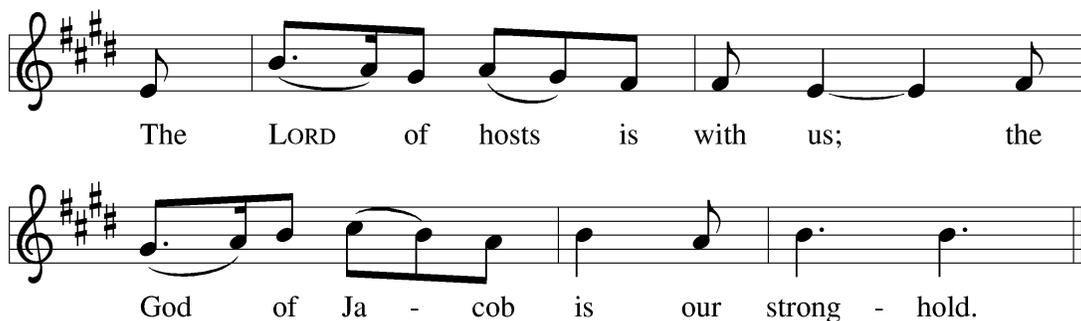
### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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 reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 46

*Refrain sung first by choir; all other times by all. Boldface verses sung by all.*



The LORD of hosts is with us; the  
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

- <sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble<sup>1</sup> with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.
- <sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the<sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>1</sup> melts away. R**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>1</sup> on the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in<sup>1</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>1</sup> shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that<sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>1</sup> in the earth.”**
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold. R

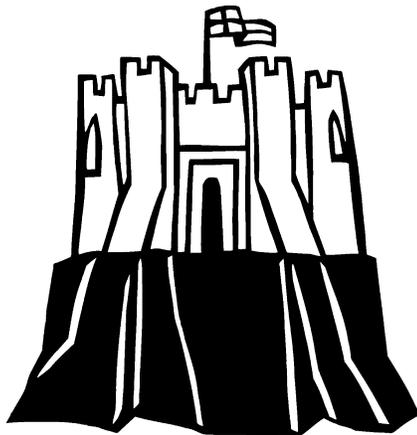
**SECOND READING** Romans 3:19–28

<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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**



God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46: 1, 7

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION ELW 509 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

**GOSPEL John 8:31–36**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 590 Salvation Unto Us Has Come

#### Verses 1-4



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;  
2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;  
3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,  
4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us  
great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -  
we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -  
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for  
vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as  
da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -  
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.  
God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.  
to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.  
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551; tr. hymnal version  
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524  
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### APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org) or scan this code.*



### OFFERING MUSIC Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Walter Pelz

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.*

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.*

The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.*

George Herbert

*Please stand.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Meal**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two measures, the second and third staves each have two measures, and the fourth staff has one measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

**PROPER PREFACE**

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.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

O God before time, O God at the end, we delight in the splendor of your universe. Daily we laud your continuing creation, and we bless your faithfulness in every generation.

We glorify you, now and forever.

**We glorify you, now and forever.**

O God of the covenant, O God of the church, we hear you speaking to centuries of your people. We come as your children to this table, and we give thanks for your presence among Lutheran congregations and communities around the world.

We praise you, now and forever.

**We praise you, now and forever.**

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul, Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon, Henry Muhlenberg and Jehu Jones—let us call out more names—Katharina von Bora Luther, Elizabeth Fedde, Elizabeth Platz, Earleen Miller and all the host of women; Bach, Pachelbel, Handel, Mendelssohn, Distler, Manz, Schalk, the musicians; Nikolai, Gerhardt, Grundtvig, Sandell, Vajda, the hymnwriters; Onesimus Nesib, Nommensen, and Rainio, the missionaries; Kant, Hegel, and Kierkegaard, the philosophers; Bonhoeffer, Tillich, Forde, the theologians; Lucas Cranach the artist; Hammarskjöld, the statesman; Graetz, Herzfeld, and Trout, the civil rights activists; and countless other servants of the Reformation.

We bless you, now and forever.

**We bless you, now and forever.**

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.

We worship you, now and forever.

**We worship you, now and forever.**

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 death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ. Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life. Empower your Reformation people throughout the world to preach and teach, baptize and feed, pray and sing, comfort and heal. Bring an end to our divisions and make one whole church. By your Spirit, preserve what is faithful; reform what is amiss; create in us what is vital and new.

We honor you, now and forever.

**We honor you, now and forever.**

O God before time, O God at the end, Father, Son, and Spirit, we laud you. Glory and praise, blessing and worship, honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**



*Please be seated.*

## RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.*

*The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.  
The vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.*

*The assisting minister serves the wine / grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 652 Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

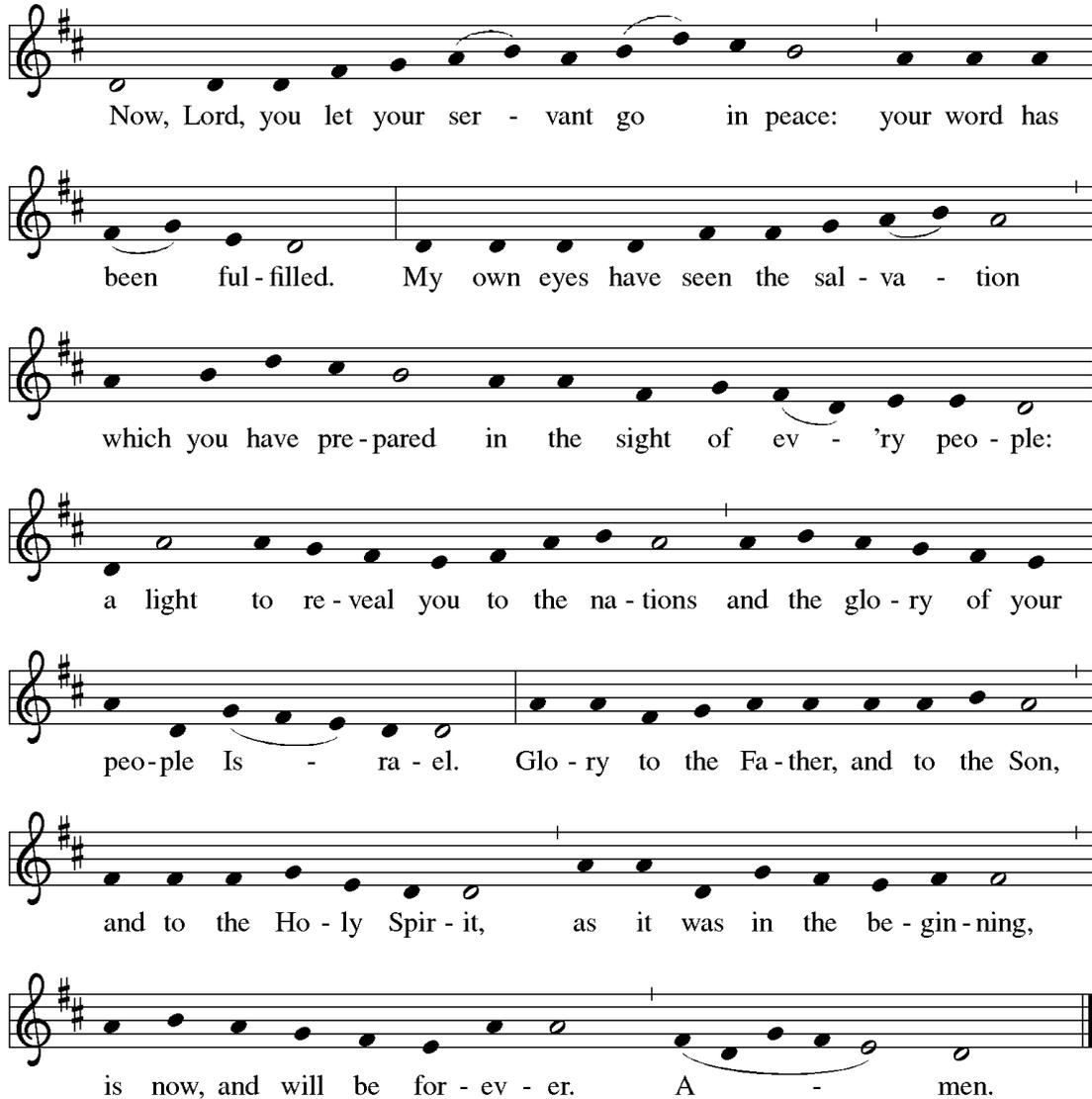
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 "I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

*Please stand.*

## BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR CONNIE AND DAN SCHMALZ**

Connie and Dan, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

*A reading from Isaiah:* Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. *(Isaiah 43:1-3)*

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his church. When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in Portland, ME, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter K. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

**PRAYER**

Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you for Connie and Dan, and for the time we have shared with them. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in F, BuXWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude

**October 30, 2022**

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Greg Opolka on his birthday by Carolyn Rothman.

Thanks to the generosity of Saint John's members, we are pleased to report that to date we have received **42 pledges** for a total of **\$202,780 toward our goal of \$480,000**, and World Hunger pledges are **\$7640**. If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2023, it's not too late, do so today!

**Please give to Lutheran Disaster Response** to aid those impacted by the most recent disasters. Checks can be made out to St. John's, "LDR" in the memo line.

**Children's Choir rehearsals resume TODAY, 9:30 to 10:00 AM** in the Choir Room. All children ages 4 and up are welcome and invited to join us. We are singing again in worship on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> for Advent Lessons & Carols. Choir is followed by Faith Formation in the Youth Lounge at 10:00 AM. For more information, contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings, Director of Music.

**Market Street Mission Coat Drive:** Please donate new and gently used coats, scarves, and gloves by leaving them in collection box in the narthex by **TODAY**.

**RIC Forum, TODAY at 9:00 AM:** We are thrilled to welcome nationally-regarded speaker and LBGTQ advocate, Jamie Bruesehoff. In her role as a mother of a trans youth and a trans rights educator, as well as a life-long Lutheran in our synod, Jamie will share with us her unique insights about inclusion and justice for queer people.

**Appalachia Service Project Youth Mission Trip** to repair substandard housing to make it warmer, safer, and drier, is being planned for July 8–15, 2023 (one week later than usual), and we hope to be assigned to Tennessee (9-10 hours from Summit). At this time we are looking for interested youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are at least 14 years old by the time of the trip, and adults who have an interest in home repair and leading our youth. Contact Laura Snyder by **November 1** for more information and to express interest.

**Book Discussion:** Join the Anti-Racism Committee on **Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 AM** for their second book discussion on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee.

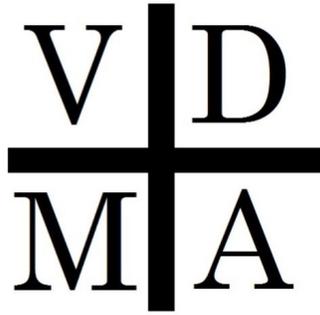
**Thanksgiving Potluck, November 20:** Join us after the 10:30 AM service to celebrate Thanksgiving. We will provide the turkeys, you bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share with your church family.

**Lutheran Summer Music (LSM), June 25–July 23.** As the nation's premier faith-based music academy this four-week, immersive residential performance and training program is for grades 8-12. Students participate in large ensembles (band, choir, orchestra) and chamber music; receive lessons on primary and secondary instruments; and enroll in electives such as chapel choir, church music, handbells, composition, jazz band, conducting, musical theatre, and more. The daily schedule includes morning and evening prayer, classes, recreation activities, and concerts by faculty and guest artists. For more information, visit [lsmacademy.org](http://lsmacademy.org).

**Worship Assistants Needed!** Fall brings the return of two services and the Worship Committee needs YOU to serve as Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Assisting Ministers or to be on Altar Guild. All these jobs are essential to worship. Please reach out to Bev Kaczmariski.

**Families Anonymous meetings** are held at St. Johns Thursday evenings from 7:00–9:00 PM, a peer support group for parents and others concerned about the use of alcohol and drugs in a child or loved one. If you know anyone dealing with a loved one struggling with addiction who needs support, please encourage them to join us.

**Loaves & Fishes:** Help support Summit's food pantry by dropping off shelf-stable foods in the narthex.



## VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM

*“The Word of the Lord remains forever.” This verse from scripture which appears first in Isaiah 40:8 and then again in 1 Peter 1:25, was the motto of the Lutheran reformers. God’s Word is unchanging and God’s promises never come to an end. It is this trust in the faithfulness of God’s Word that has inspired generations of Lutherans.*