

Reformation Day

October 31, 2021 | 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.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



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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

God of light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation. Amen.

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

Gathering

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

PRELUDE Quodlibet on *Erhalt uns, Herr*

By G. Winston Cassler

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 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."

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

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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

1. God, our strength and might - y for - tress, God, our ref - uge
2. In the ci - ty of the Ho - ly, riv - ers flow and
3. Come, be - hold God's match - less won - ders, see the boun - ty
in dis - tress; God, whose prom - ise is de - liv' - rance,
streams run pure; where the Lord a - bides in splen - dor,
of God's hand; gifts be - yond our ex - pec - ta - tions,
God, whose law is right - eous - ness; though the earth with
there God's peo - ple dwell se - cure. In their hearts, God's
works too great to un - der - stand. Sound God's might in
fear may trem - ble, none can shake your faith - ful - ness.
love will flour - ish, through their faith, God's Word en - dure.
songs of glo - ry sung to earth's most dis - tant land.

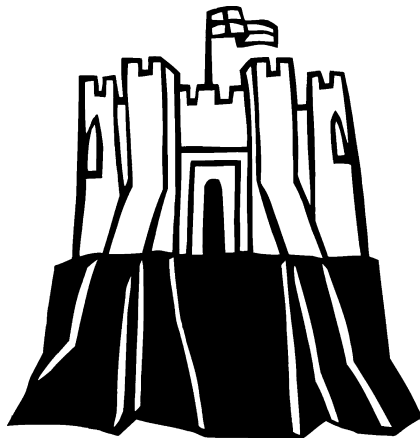
SECOND READING Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For 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.

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.**

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

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

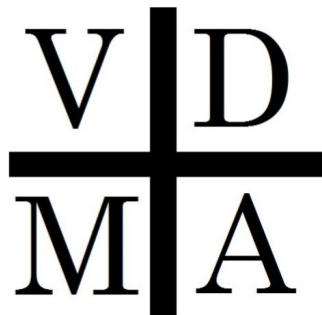
The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet



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.

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, *Eitlich 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

Lord in your 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 and this congregation's ministry. 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, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Setting of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Lutherringers

By John Behnke

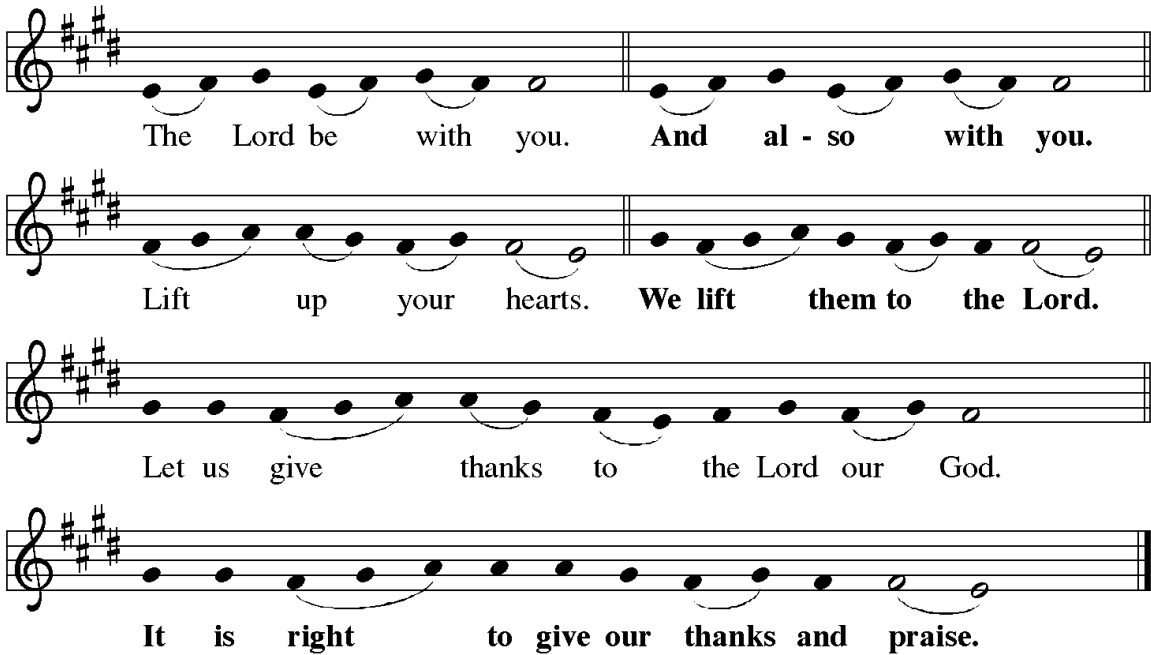
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

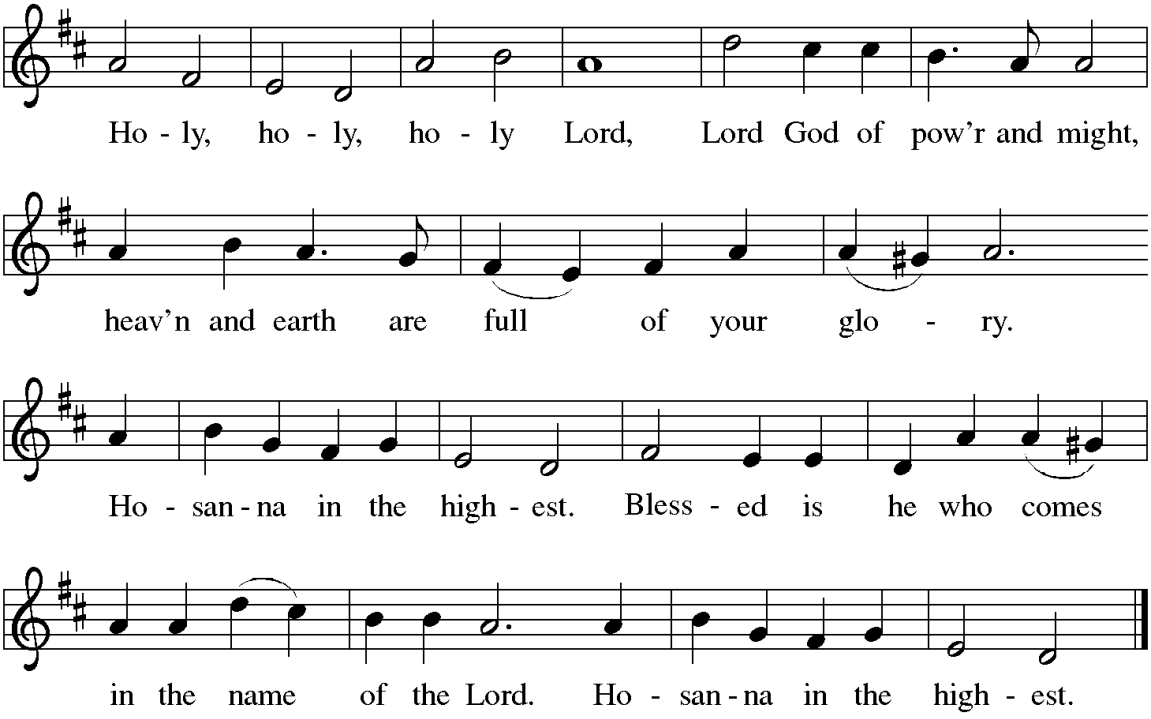
Meal
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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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; 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 and 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 assisting minister serves the wine / grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.

Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.

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

The image shows a three-part musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

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.

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

COMMUNION 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

Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

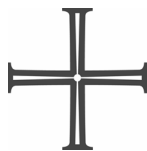


Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, 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.

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 503 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

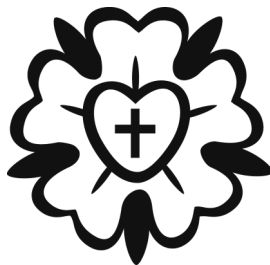
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DISMISSAL

The Church reformed must be the Church ever-reforming.
 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Ein Feste Burg*

By Helmut Walcha



October 31, 2021

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joy Petzinger in memory of George Montague.

TODAY at the 8:00 service, we will celebrate as Sofia Medenica affirms her baptism in the rite of confirmation.

2022 Pledge Update To date, we have received 53 pledges totaling \$275,970 toward our goal of \$450,000. If you have not submitted your 2022 pledge, please do so today by submitting a pledge card to the church office or online.

College Care Packages: The Caring Cards & Calls Committee is looking for donations of \$10 gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks to send in care packages to our college students. Cards can be placed in the envelope marked College Gift Cards in the office by **TODAY**. If you have a college student, please send their mailing addresses to Jama Bowman at jama.b@comcast.net to make sure they get a care package!

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed: Each year on All Saints Day we remember those who have died in the past year and you are invited to submit names of any loved ones or friends who have died in the past year. For more information or to submit a name please email Pastor Blake. Names must be submitted by **TODAY**.

Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway: Donations of coats, hats, scarves or gloves for men, women, and children, may be brought to St. John's by **TODAY**.

All Saints Sunday, November 7: Along with our celebration liturgy on this day, we will have a luncheon following the 10:30 service. The church is providing the main meal. Please sign up in the rear entry to let us know you are attending and to bring a side salad or dessert to share.

Bishop's Challenge Bus Trip: On **Saturday, November 13** our synod is offering a bus trip to visit the African American Museum in Philadelphia and the Mask & Wig Club, originally built by The Rev. Jehu Jones as the first African American Lutheran Church in the United States. \$25 for a round-trip bus and museum ticket. Visit www.njsynod.org/bishopschallengeevents for more information and registration.

Jehu Jones Bishop Challenge: Every congregation has been challenged to help the NJ Synod raise \$50,000 to support the lives of emerging leaders of African descent in our church today. Our council has set our goal at \$3,750 by the end of 2021 and the Anti-Racism Committee will match our goal dollar for dollar. Please make donations to St. John's, memo "Jehu Jones."

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) 2022! We have requested the week of **July 3–9, 2022 in either West Virginia or Virginia**. We are currently looking for teens and college students to participate. Youth volunteers must be at least 13 years old and have graduated 8th grade by the time of the trip. Please email [Laura Snyder](mailto:Laura.Snyder) for more information or to sign up your child. Visit ASP's [website](#) to learn more about this organization that strives to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for Appalachian families!

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Summit Feeding Ministries: [Loaves and Fishes](#) is always in need shelf-stable food items such as canned goods, cereals, and boxed foods. Please leave your donations in the rear entry.