

Holy Communion

(Be seated while you wait to be invited forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Those who prefer to drink from an individual cup may take one from the tray as they proceed into the half-circle; a few cups are pre-filled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to the seat by the side aisle, placing any empty cups in the tray provided there. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.)

+ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD +

Post-Communion Canticle - LBW p. 116 *Lord, now you let (We stand and sing once everyone has received the sacrament. In this song or chant, we offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and promised to do for us in the future.)*

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction - LBW p. 117

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Congregation (chanting): Amen.**

Recessional Hymn - LBW Hymn #365 – *Built on a Rock*

KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

(We stay standing and sing. As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God's word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-2pm First Friends

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day/Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Dr. Mario Aschauer, Organist and Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

The Rev. Edwin Peterman, Pastor Emeritus

WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Alejandro Acosta

Edward Scott

Eric Olson, Mark Baird, Tommy Wade

Carolyn Hokanson, Elise Daulley

Leslie Rodriguez

Mario Aschauer

Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Crucifer/Server

Ushers

Altar Guild

Audio/Video

Organist

Liturgist, Preacher



REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

+ WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP +

Upon entering the nave, please prepare for worship by attentively listening to the prelude.

Organ Prelude

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness - LBW p. 98 *(stand)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Ringing of the Bell

Introit *(Choir)*

(We stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church as the choir sings. "Introit" means "to enter." Here we begin our church service with the theme of the day announced.)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. V. Give thanks to the Lord: proclaim his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Processional Hymn - LBW #228 – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

(We stand as the hymn is introduced and turn to face the cross at the back of the church. As we sing, we turn to follow the cross as it moves toward the altar.)

Greeting and Kyrie - LBW p. 99

Hymn of Praise - Hymn #166 *All Glory Be to God on High*

Prayer of the Day - LBW p. 36

Pastor: Let us pray ...

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Sermon

(Children are invited forward for a message just for them. After the message, they can go next door to the nursery with Mrs. Bella.)

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD +

First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody ~ Psalm 46 *(chanted responsively)*



- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,***
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of
the sea;
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- ⁴ **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁶ **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;***
God shall help her at the | break of day.
- ⁷ The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*,
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- ⁸ **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁹ Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- ¹⁰ **It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;***
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the |
shields with fire.
- ¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*,
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- ¹² **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

The Second Lesson ~ Romans 3:19-3:31

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. 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. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gradual ~ Hymn #239 *choir only, God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

The Gospel ~ John 8:31-36 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #374 – *We All Believe in One True God*
WIN GLADDEN ALL

(This hymn will serve as both the hymn of the day and our recitation of the Nicene Creed.)

The Prayer of the People

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response.)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us as you are comfortable.)

The Offering

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by C. Graupner, arr. by M. Aschauer

All my comfort, all my gladness

Rests in you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In your joy I find my sweetness

Where a heart is truly blessed.

Let your gentle radiance bear,

Lest my heart sink in despair.

Let me, Lord, in you find healing,

Jesus, come, yourself revealing

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #565 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR +

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 109

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 110

Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 111

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

Agnus Dei ~ Hymn #103 *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*