

# Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025 9:30am

# **GATHERING**

#### Prelude

# Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

#### Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

Amen.

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace** (Please remember to fill out an attendance sheet) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

#### Gathering Song:

#### "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 her char-ter of sal - va - tion one by schisms. rent a - sund - er, by she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with

wa - ter and the word. Lord, one faith, one birth: her - e - sies dis - tressed, peace for - ev - er - more; those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and one ho - ly name she yet saints their watch are till with the vi - sion Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly

ame and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; ame she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, ratch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, eav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



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

## 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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.

Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WORD

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

# Anthem

"God is Our Refuge and Strength"

Psalm 46

## **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 will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the 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 the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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#### Children's Time

#### Alleluia Verse



## **Holy Gospel**

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

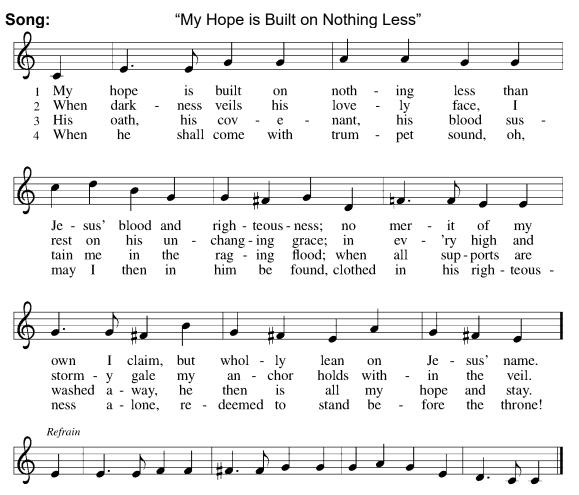
Glory to you, O Lord.

<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 of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People God of grace, receive our prayer.

## MEAI.

Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion

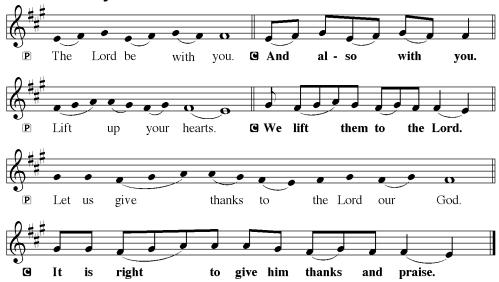


# Offering Prayer

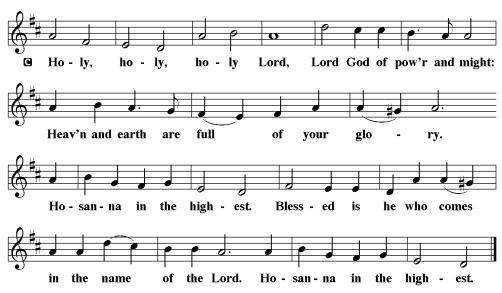
Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# Blessing of the Bread and Wine

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

# **Distribution of Holy Communion**



**Q** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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# **Communion Song:** "Thy Word is a Lamp"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path And a light unto my path You're the light unto my path

# SENDING

# **Post-Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

## Sending Hymn:

## "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; ject - ed. vour us, fear it:

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



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



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. God's on - ly Son, a - dored. God's judg-ment must pre - vail! 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!

#### Dismissal

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through inclusive worship and fellowship.

**Together** 

We embrace and value all people and serve our broader community with compassion.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

# **Blessing Box**

We are running low on: soup, peanut butter, beans, pasta, rice, tomato sauce, cereal, crackers, canned fruit, baby formula, boxed milk, laundry detergent, tea/coffee, pancakes, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, feminine care products, tooth care, deodorant, hand/dish soap.

# October Mission of the Month: Global Refuge (ELCA)

Includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, and much more.

## **Adult Education**

This Fall Good Shepherd is digging into the difficult topic of the millenniums old Conflict in the Middle East. We often pray for peace and an end to violence; but we rarely take the time to truly dig deeper into causes and the lasting effects. We will hear firsthand from Palestinian Christian pastors and special guests who have recently visited the West Bank.

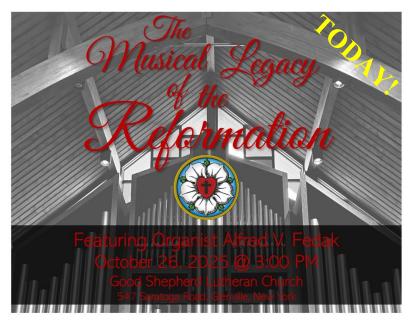
Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

## God's Work - Our Hands

Fall Clean-Up at Double H Ranch

(supports children & their families living with chronic and serious illnesses)
Saturday, Nov. 1st, 8:30am – 1:30pm 97 Hidden Valley Rd, Lake Luzerne, NY
Sign up in the foyer. Bring Gloves & Rakes.

Our **Good Shepherd Book Club** selection for October is <u>The Stolen</u> Marriage by Diane Chamberlain. We will meet for discussion at 7pm on Tuesday October 28, 2025 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.





Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast following the service on November 16th.

Today's altar flowers were donated by Walter & Cathy Stoeckl in celebration of their anniversary and by the Bruette Family in celebration of Nicole's birthday.



Monday, November 3rd, 7 -8 pm Bros, Bibles & Beer Event Pizza Works 720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills

Guys are invited to this casual bible event discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.









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