

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

9:30am

GATHERING

Prelude

Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

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 Hymn:

“Built on 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
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



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
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



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
prom - ise is bring - ing: “I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



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.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

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 us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us 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

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

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.

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Children's Time

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

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

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 of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song:

“Thy Word”

Chorus

***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
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

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

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these *people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*Stacey DeLaney
Whetherly and Nicolas Gharzouzi
Pamela Howell
Rev. Peter Klotz
Kathleen Ratajczak
Linda Sweet
Karen and Richard Wang
Richard Weiss*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

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**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

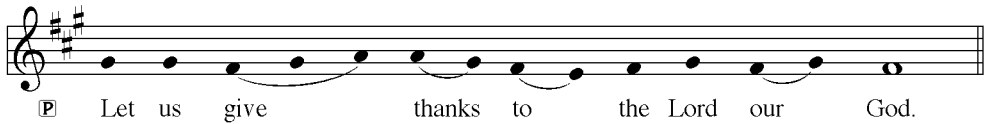
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Offering/Ministry Opportunities/Invitation to Communion

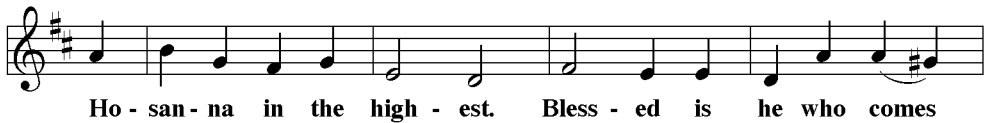
Prayers of the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song: "Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

PRE CHORUS:
SO REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE
REMEMBER YOUR CHILDREN
REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE O GOD

Chorus

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

PRE-CHORUS ***Chorus 2X***
PRE-CHORUS ***Chorus***

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 46

God is our Mighty Fortress,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

Therefore, we won't be afraid.

Let the Earth tremble in the mountains tumble into the deepest sea. Let the ocean roar and foam, and it's raging waves shake the mountains.

A river and its streams bring joy to the city, which is a sacred home of God Most High

God is in that city and it won't be shaken. He will help it at dawn.

Nations rage! Kingdoms fall! But at the voice of God the Earth itself melts

The Lord All-Powerful is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come! See the fearsome things the Lord has done on earth.

God brings wars to an end all over the world. He breaks the arrows, shatters the spears and burns the shields.

Our God says, "Calm down, and learn that I am God! All nations on earth will honor me."

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Sending Hymn:

"A Mighty Fortress"

No. 228 & 229

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.

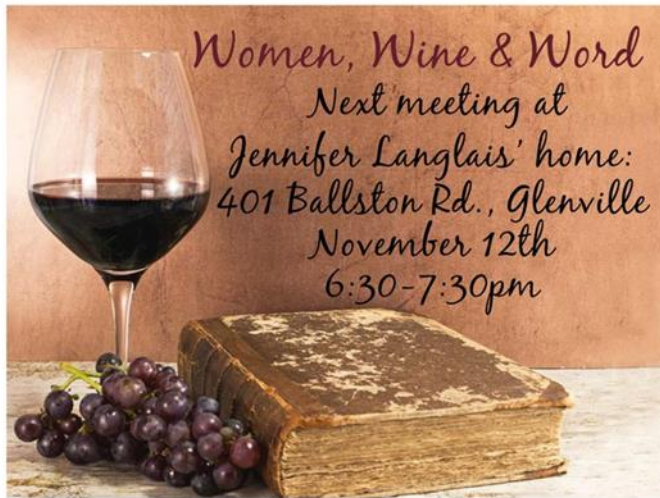
Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Monday, November 4th, 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.



Women, Wine & Word
Next meeting at
Jennifer Langlais' home:
401 Ballston Rd., Glenville
November 12th
6:30-7:30pm



Bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blowers, etc.

Thank you to all who helped with Trunk or Treat!!!!

Sunday School is preparing for the **Christmas Pageant** and looking for volunteers to assist with costumes and Saturday rehearsal Dec 14th 2-4 pm.
Contact Jenn at trulyblessed@live.com if you'd like to help!

Good Shepherd Book Club

October: Discussion to be held Tuesday, October 29th at 7pm.
All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr. pub 2014.

October Mission of the Month

(ELCA) <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>

For more than 80 years, Global Refuge has provided the resources, guidance, and community to help forge a way forward for New Americans.

Thanks to the Fellowship Team and all the donors that raised \$677 for **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Hurricane challenge...let's raise this number to \$1000.00, mail a check or drop it in the Sunday offering.

Blessing Box

This week we could use : rice, cereal, granola bars, canned fruit, laundry detergent, boxed milk, microwave meals, infant formula, shampoo/conditioner

*Today's altar flowers were donated
by the Bruette Family in celebration of Nicole's Birthday
and by the Abels in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*



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