

Reformation Sunday

Augustana Lutheran Church



October 25, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today. Yes, we're talking to YOU! If you are new to our church, here are a few notes we hope help you feel at home.

- **ALL ARE WELCOME** in our faith community: Whether you were in church last Sunday, last year, or this is your very first time; no matter who you are or what your life experiences are; no matter your background, address, age, or income. We're glad you're here!
- In our Lutheran tradition, it's all about grace! Everything begins with the freely given gift of God's love for us and for all creation. We hope you find that reflected in our worship and preaching today.
- In our Lutheran tradition, we think a lot about the words we use for and with God, and we tend to use a lot of words in worship. You are invited to participate by joining us in saying any part printed in bold and singing. Sit/stand where indicated if it's comfortable for your body.
- Please do not feel obliged to make an offering as a visitor. If you would like to give anyway, you can do so by putting your contribution in the offering plate or giving electronically (see our announcements for instructions). We know that financial offerings are only one way people give back to God.
- Hymns can generally be found in the red hymnal in your pew, listed by number. Hymns are printed for you in large print bulletins.
- All are welcome at the table of Holy Communion. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor before or after worship.
- If you are new to us, and are so inclined, we would love to have your contact information. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in our pew and put it in the offering plate. We promise not to spam you!
- Our church isn't open only on Sunday mornings! See the announcements for a hint of everything going on.

GET IN TOUCH!

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Please Pray For:

Spencer
Ken
Rocco—cancer
Ryan
Jerry—recovering from surgery
Courtney—cancer
Sister Nora
Barbara
Joel—cancer
Larry
Elizabeth—recurring cancer
Rachelle
Deb
Kathy
Jeanne—cancer
Roy
Jane—cancer
The Steglemann family
Military Service Members

Worship Server Schedule

Pastor – Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Accompanist – Ethan Ford

Assisting Minister – Ed Williams

Lector – Ed Williams

Acolyte – Cayden Abner

Technology Server – Mark Moyer

Ushers – Deb Rowland & Emily Moyer

Altar Guild – Nancy Tinder

helpers – Deb Rowland & Heidi Paston

Children's Church 10/25

Jane W. and a friend!

Children's Church 11/1

Diane E. and a friend!

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Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, October 25, 2026 thru Sunday, November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after
Reformation Sunday

Wednesday, October 28 ~ 4 PM – Middle School Youth Group at Grace
~ 4:45-5:45 PM – Confirmation Class at Grace
~ 6 PM – Bible Study at Grace

Thursday, October 29 ~ 4 PM – Holy Communion at Grace

Sunday, November 1 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after
All Saints Sunday ~ 1st Sunday Dinner after Worship
~ Worship & Music Committee after Worship

All Saints Day will be observed Sunday, November 1st. Names of those family members and friends, whose names you would like to be read during the service, should be turned in to the office today by filling out the included form and putting it in the offering plate.

Join us for 1st Sunday Dinner after worship next Sunday, November 1st. We will have Baked Spaghetti. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet available at the back of the sanctuary.

Altar Flower update: \$25 total We apologize for any confusion or miscommunication over the past few months as we have sorted out prices with Martins regarding altar flowers. The donation price to dedicate both vases is \$25. If you have given \$50 in recent months, please just let us know if you'd like us to credit you for another donation. Thanks for your understanding!

Halloween Candy Donations are due today! If you are interested in helping to pass out candy, please speak with Diane Erickson or Pastor Emily. Thank you!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

+ GATHERING +

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

GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our year of listening!

At Augustana Lutheran Church we are amid a year of listening. During this year we are taking intentional time to listen more closely to the voices of God, one another, and our neighbors.

In worship, this means spending time in quiet as we begin to center ourselves and prepare to listen for God's voice. We will start with song, sit in silence, then be called to worship by the singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation). Of course, during this time we anticipate some noise and wiggling from little ones. If you need guidance to begin, consider placing both feet firmly on the floor, gently closing your eyes, and taking long, deep breaths. You may also choose a word (such as a name for God) to return to during the time of quiet whenever your mind begins to wander to other things.

You are invited to sing with the leader:

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line to the second line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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We sit together into an extended moment of silence. The singing bowl calls us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Adapted from Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable, and to face our baptismal font.

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C. Amen.

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

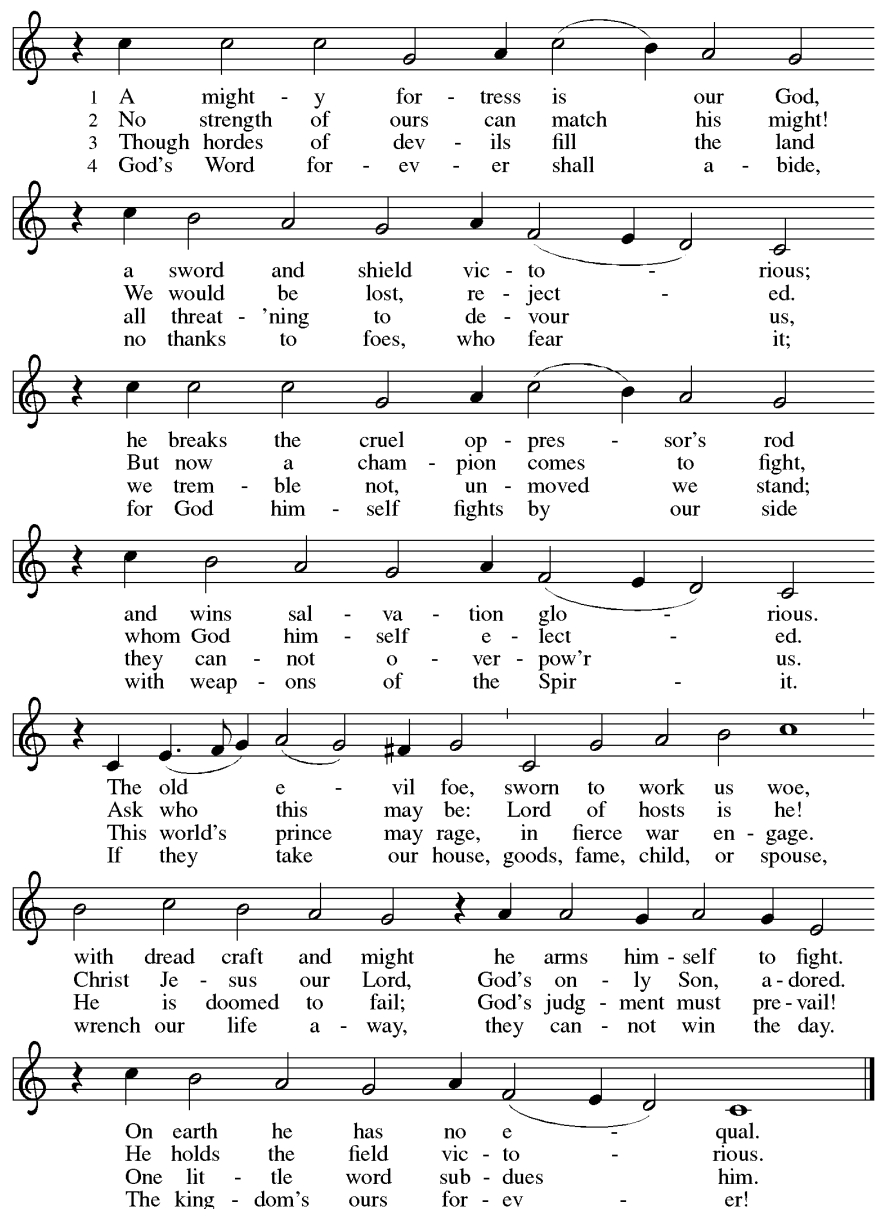
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Gracious God,
- C. we, poor sinners, confess before God that we are guilty of sin.
We have not cared for the children entrusted to us;
we have cursed and set a bad example for others;
we have injured our neighbors by speaking poorly of them,
and by not reaching out to them in time of need.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
those we know and those we don't realize.
Turn us again to you, and empower us by your Spirit,
so that we may trust in you and serve you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
- P. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith!
- C. Amen!**
- P. Do you believe that this forgiveness is the forgiveness of God?
- C. Yes, we do!**
- P. Be it done for you as you have believed.
According to the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
I forgive you your sins in the name of ✝ the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

You are invited to join in singing and face the cross as it is carried in.

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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REETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You are invited to join in singing.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's 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

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you...*the pastor continues...*
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A. A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ 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.

³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 46

*The psalm for the day is read responsively, with the congregation reading **bold** text.*

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A. A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith.

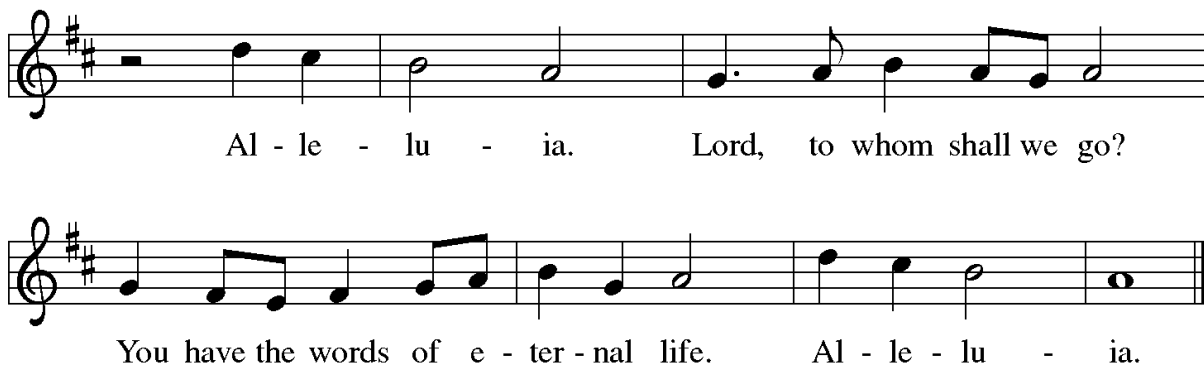
²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You are invited to stand as comfortable and to sing to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL – Matthew 22:34-40

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. ³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come to the first pen for a teaching moment especially for them.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Here I Am, Lord*

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable and sing.

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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APOSTLES' CREED

A. With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**C. 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

A. Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,
we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P. Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives
into your loving hands. We offer these prayers
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

PEACE

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then please be seated.

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OUR OFFERING

*We offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God in thankfulness for all that
God gives us. Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches are grateful for the many
ways our friends give to the work of God in the world!*

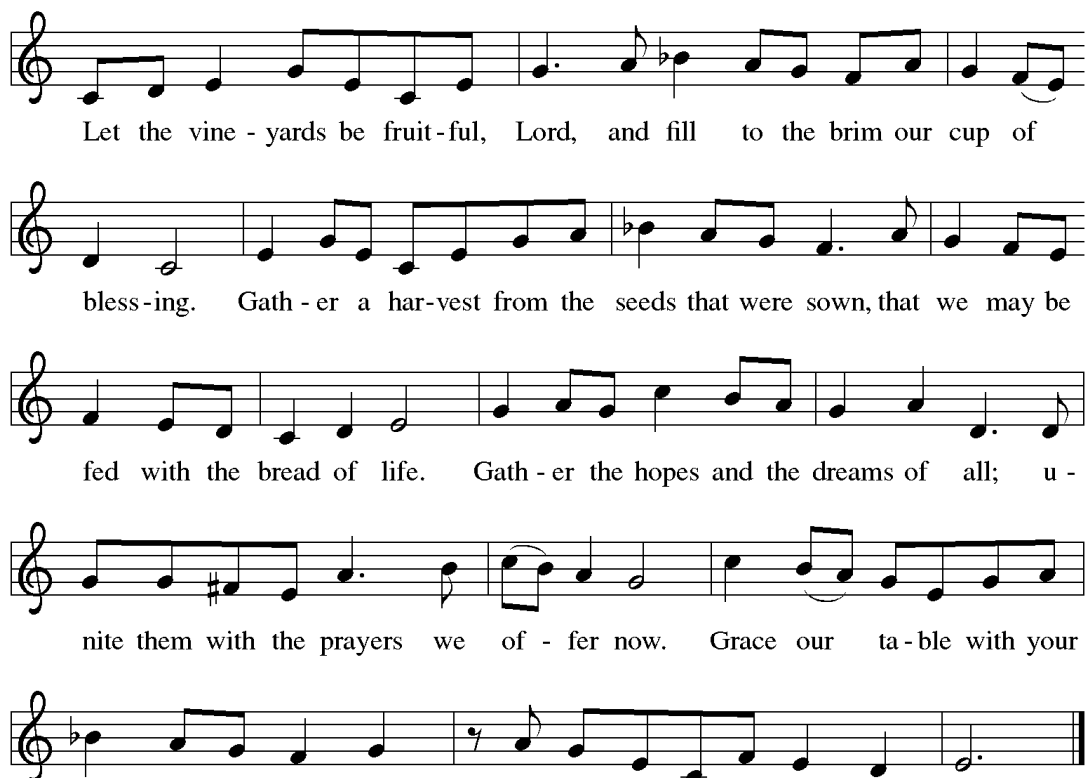
OFFERING MUSIC

As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.

OFFERING SONG – *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Once the offering is collected, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable and join in singing.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. God of creation...*the leader continues...*
to serve you through loving care for our neighbors.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right...*the pastor continues...*join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are invited to sing.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. O God most mighty...*the pastor continues...*

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C. Amen!

P. Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C. Amen!

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

C. Amen!

P. O God, you are Breath...*the pastor continues...*life in you,
now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C. 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C. Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you.

An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants can show you what to do if it is your first time with us. If you prefer to receive only a blessing today, you may cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

LAMB OF GOD

You are invited to sing as Holy Communion is prepared and distributed.



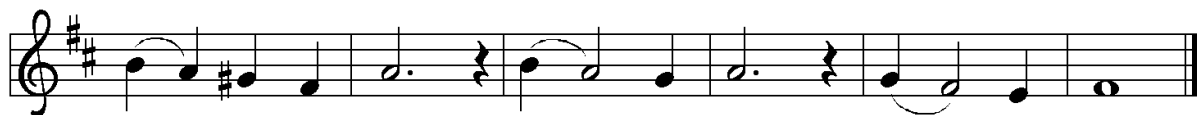
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION – *How Great Thou Art*

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cle-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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When Holy Communion has concluded, you are invited to stand as comfortable.

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Sustaining God...*the leader continues...*
in whose name we pray,

C. Amen.

+ SENDING +

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

BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C. Amen.

SENDING SONG – *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

You are invited to sing and to face the cross as Jesus leads us into the world.

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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DISMISSAL

A. We share our mission statement:

**C. As the body of Christ, we are called to love all,
serve all, and welcome all!**

A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!



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