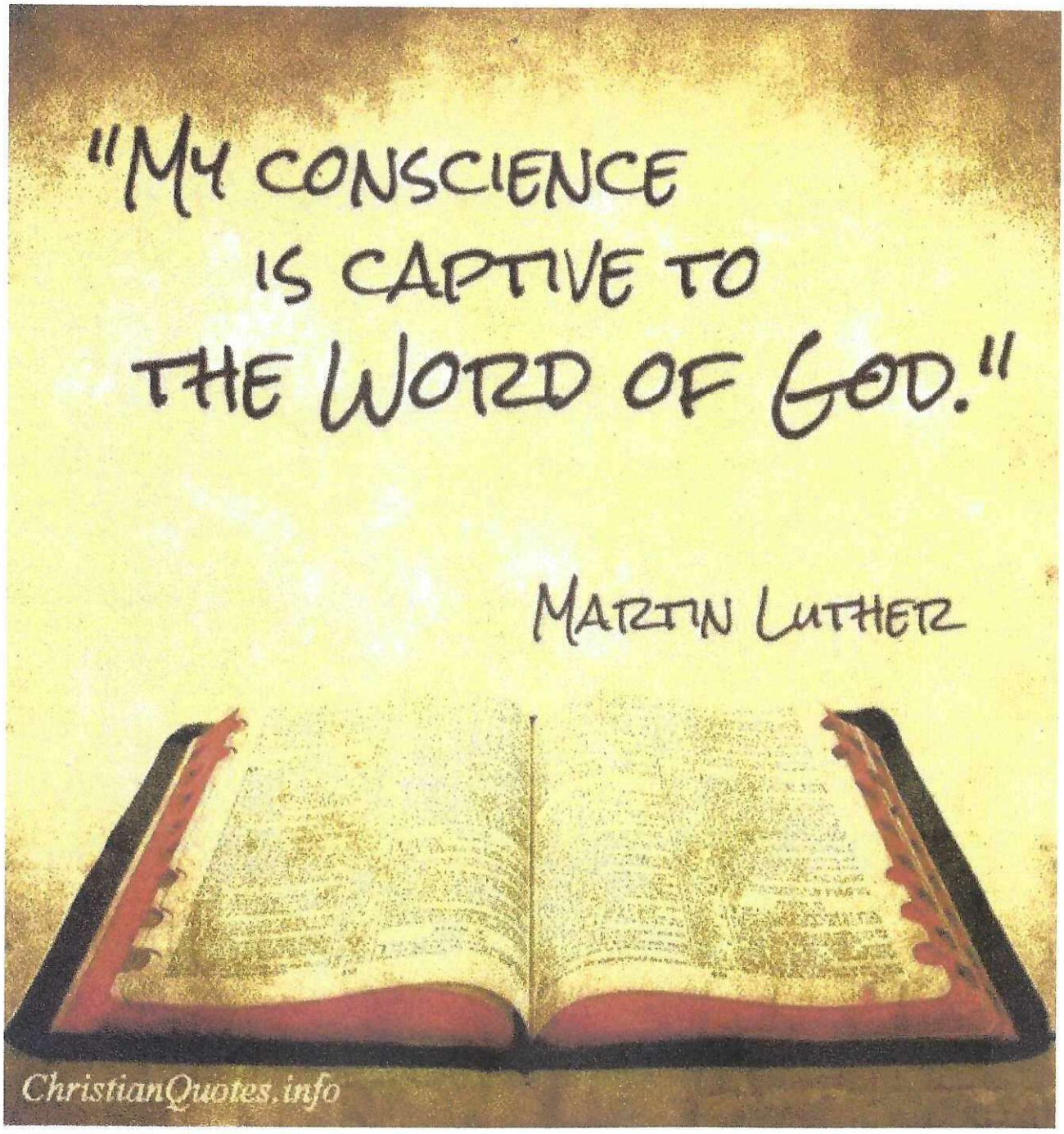
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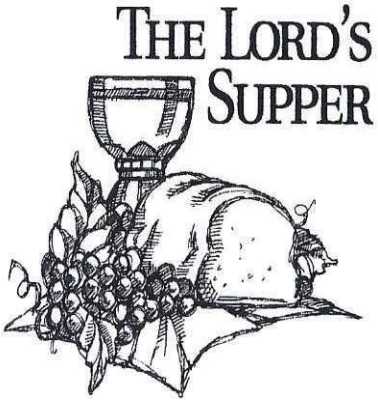
Reformation Sunday

HERE WE STAND!

October 25, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: HERE WE STAND!

On October 31, 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther posted a list of 95 theses which criticized the non-Biblical teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the selling of indulgences and the power and authority of the pope. Luther's writings sparked the Reformation and brought back to the church the Biblical teaching that we are saved from the eternal punishment we deserve for our sins, not by our works or by anything we can do or purchase, but solely by God's grace through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus won full forgiveness and eternal life for us and all people through His suffering, death and resurrection. Luther stood on God's Word and the gospel of Jesus, and with him, we say, "Here we stand!"



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.
1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way: (1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper". Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✙ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✙

["Divine Service: Setting Three" from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now outpoured.
On each believer's mind and heart, Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light, in holy faith Your Church unite.
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue, this to Your praise, O Lord our God be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Light, guide divine. Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright, and call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free. Let none but Christ our master be,
That we in living faith abide, in Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will Your work to do,
And in Your service to abide. Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart, and to our weakness strength impart,
That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You our Lord ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins *Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. *Psalm 124:8*
C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. *Psalm 32:5*
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P: 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; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he has called them the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

ALL: Grant this, Lord, to us all.

ALL: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV] Psalm 46

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

C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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

C: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

P: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reformation Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word. Curb those who by deceit or sword,
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son, and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone.
Defend your holy church that we, may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life.**

Salutation *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

Opening Prayer

ALL: Heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and all who belong to you through faith in your Son. Keep us steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all enemies of your Word, and give us your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV] Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word. [LSB 655]

Epistle Reading [ESV] Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word. [LSB 655]

Gospel Reading [ESV] John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.
C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" LSB 585

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, for round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light, shine forth undimmed into the night.

In these last days of great distress, grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness.
That we keep pure till life is spent, Your holy Word and Sacrament.

To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold, speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace, into each dark and loveless place.

May glorious truths that we have heard, the bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, bold, unified in act and song.

Restrain, O Lord, the human pride, that seeks to thrust Your truth aside,
Or with some man-made thoughts or things, would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

Stay with us Lord, and keep us true. Preserve our faith our whole life through.
Your Word alone our heart's defense, the Church's glorious confidence.

Sermon HERE WE STAND!

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes . . . For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
Romans 1:16-17 (Habakkuk 2:4)

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offertory *(sung)* *Psalm 51:10-12*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer [LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy. Holy. Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - - - men.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)* *John 1:29*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands, can fulfill Thy Law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know. Could my tears forever flow.
All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring. Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress. Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly. Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath. When mine eyelids close in death.
When I soar to worlds unknown. See Thee on Thy judgment throne.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood, support me in the raging flood.
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

"How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove,
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love.
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless. My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit. Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth.
His death did for our sins atone, and we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit, that Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace and grace alone, that brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain. As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, what in His Word our God commands.
Our faith in what our God has done, depends on grace – grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure, if grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying. In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown, since I am saved by grace alone.

Nunc Dimittis *(sung)*

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. *Psalm 107:1*
C: *(sung)* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we would serve you at all times; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. *Psalm 103:1*

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" LSB 657

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious.
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod, and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe, has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might, he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he.
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord. God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand. They cannot over-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage. In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail. God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.
For God himself fights by our side, with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN! We are a FAMILY LIVING and GROWING in God's Word, sharing God's love by TELLING others about Christ and SERVING them in His name.