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REFORMATION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
October 26, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am

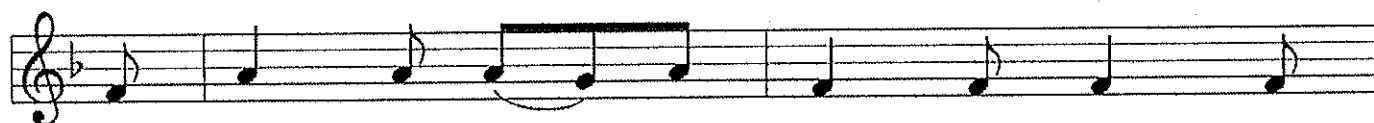


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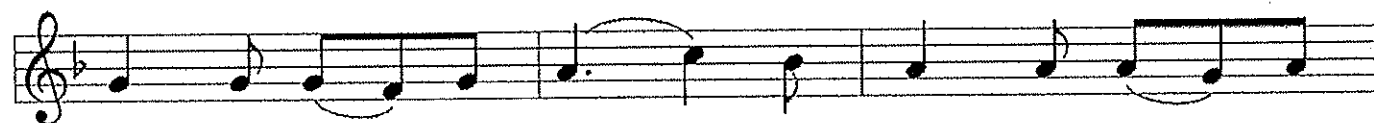
The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

By Grace We Have Been Saved



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -

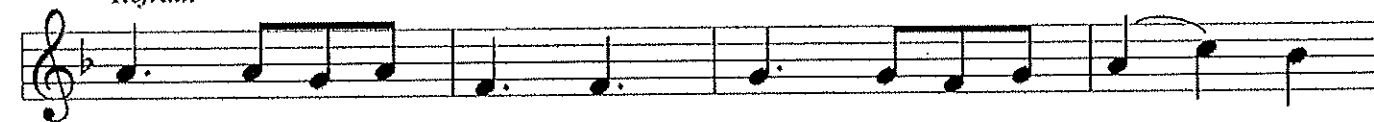


not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live,
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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WELCOME

Pastor Katie

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Intro — Band | Stanzas 1 and 2 — ALL | Interlude — Band | Stanza 4 — ALL

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

Romans 3:19-28 (The Message)

Whatever is written in these Scriptures is not what God says *about others* but *to us* to whom these Scriptures were addressed in the first place! And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else? Our involvement with God's revelation doesn't put us right with God. What it does is force us to face our complicity in everyone else's sin.

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this.

Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured. This is not only clear, but it's *now*—this is current history! God sets things right. He also makes it possible for us to live in his rightness.

So where does that leave our proud insider claims and counterclaims? Canceled? Yes, canceled. What we've learned is this: God does not respond to what *we* do; we respond to what *God* does. We've finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting him set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A leader sings the words in parentheses

Refrain (Listen now for the gospel!) ♪ Alleluia! |
(It is God's word that changes us!) ♪ Alleluia!

♪ **Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost,
confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost. *Refrain***

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹⁻¹² He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: 'Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.'

¹³ "Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, 'God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.'"

¹⁴ Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Katie

The assembly remains seated.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for the following young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism:

Timothy Biltcliff	Maria Bowman	Sophia Bowman
Elsa Bowman	Junia Hershey	Jack Neiswender
Quinn Orzechowski	Hannah Raifsnnyder	Maxwell Romig
Gwenyth Wetzel	Adebimpe Precious Johnson-Agiri	

Following the prayer, the assembly stands.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

The assembly is seated.

Following the individual affirmations...

People of God, do you promise to support these youth and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Following the individual blessings...

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes ... God of grace, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

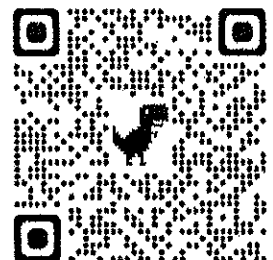
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERING SONG

Our Confidence Is in the Lord

♪ **Our confidence is in the Lord, the source of our salvation.**

Rest is found in God alone, the author of creation.

We will not fear the evil day, because we have a refuge;

In every circumstance we say, our hope is built on Jesus.

God is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

God is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

God is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

God is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

We will put our trust in God. We will put our trust in God. *Repeat from beginning.*

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The assembly stands.

HOLY COMMUNION

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper.

for the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their animals,

for friends and strangers and family, for homes and businesses and schools.

We praise you for your covenant people, for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,

and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil,

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

The assembly is seated.

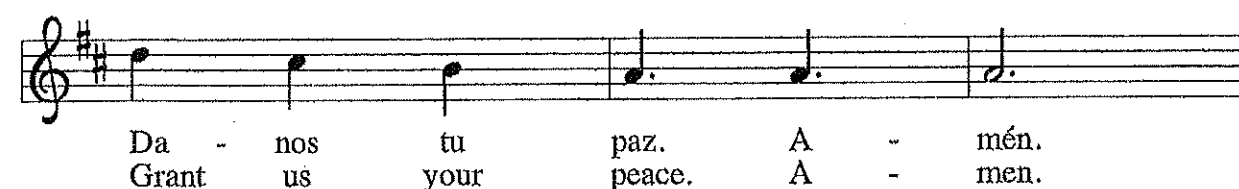
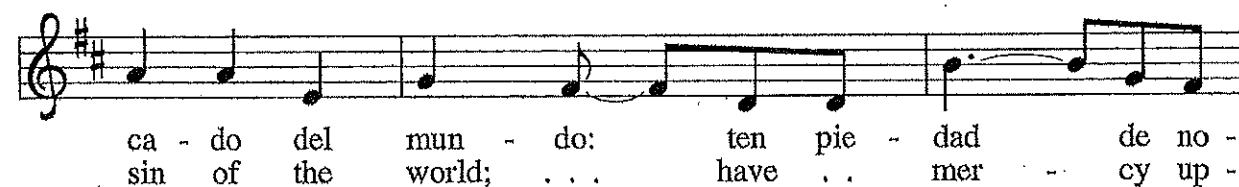
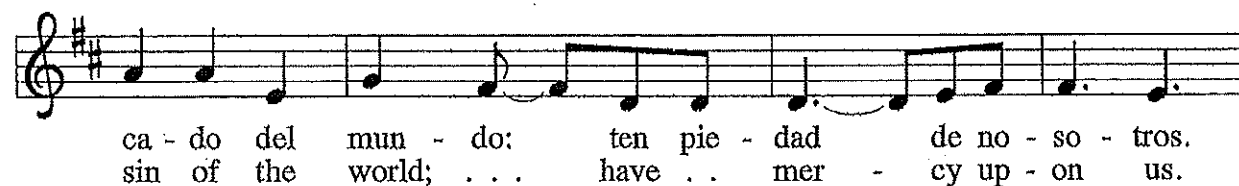
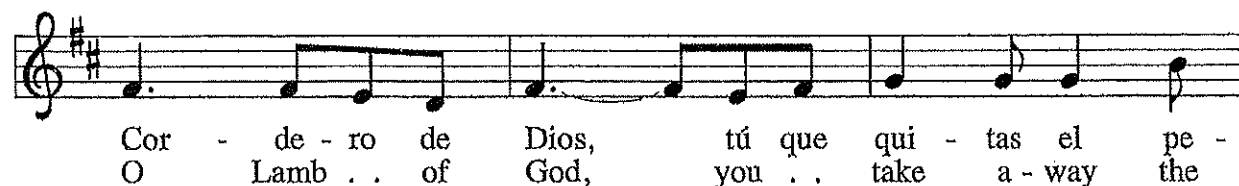
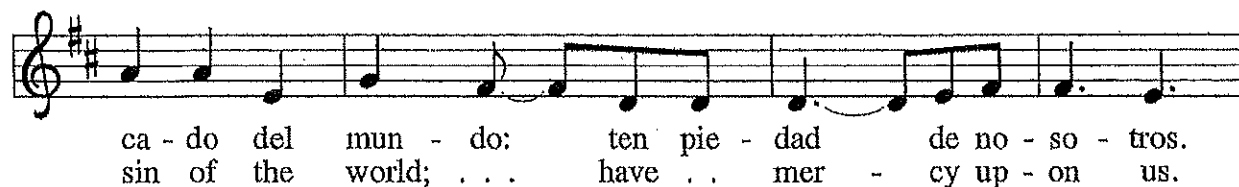
DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, then check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God - Sing in Spanish or English



Reformation Song

Band: Your Word alone is solid ground; the mighty rock on which we build.
In every line the truth is found, and every page with glory filled.
Through faith alone we come to you. We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone. Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

Band: In Christ alone we're justified. His righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied. His perfect work has set us free. *Refrain*
By grace alone we have been saved. All that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved, now by your power have been made new. *Refrain*
And on this Reformation Day, we join with saints of old to sing.
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King. *Refrain*

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Thy Word

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **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.

Band: 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. *Refrain*
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, and I will love you to the end. *Refrain*

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The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, 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

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

Band: 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.

Refrain (all sing):

♪ **So remember your people, remember your children,
Remember your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.**

Band: 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. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Atonement Choir

Atonement Praise Band

WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have trouble hearing the service—ask an usher or stop by the sound booth on your way into the worship space.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

CHURCH NURSERY for preschool aged children and younger is in Room F126 during worship.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space. A FAMILY RESTROOM with a changing table is also located in the Privacy Room at the back of the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Monday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm, or by appointment.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION continues this fall, 8:45-9:45 am in room F122 at 8:45am; we continue our journey of reading the Bible and are now in the New Testament!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45, in the choir room.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788 if you would like to join the team.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code **50244** when you make a donation.

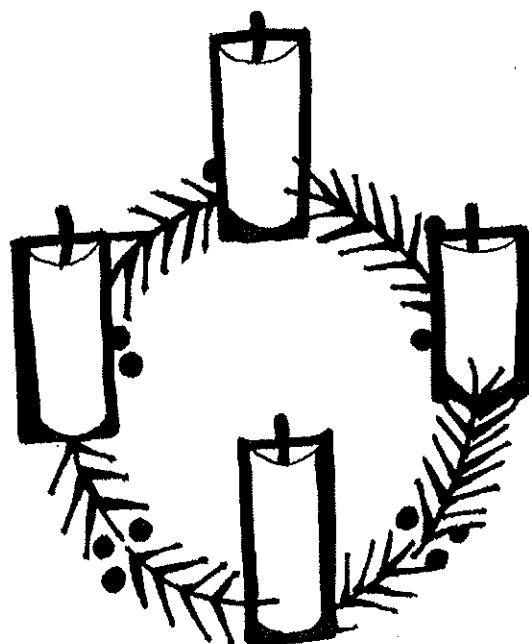
DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex. You can also donate using our Amazon wish list, available by going to atonementwyo.org and selecting Common Ground from the top menu of the home page.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER will be served every Wednesday at 6pm in Lundin Hall, followed by Common Ground worship at 7. Everyone is invited!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those who wish to make their Atonement membership official will be November 9 and November 16, with the new member welcome during worship November 23. Contact the office with questions.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR for children in Kindergarten through grade 6 continues today after worship in the choir room. See Deacon Tom if you have questions.

ADVENT WORKSHOP at Atonement will be Sunday, November 30 during the Faith Formation hour, 8:45-9:45am. If you have GREENS to donate for wreath-making, please plan to bring them to the church parking lot the during the week of November 23. Details will be provided in the November newsletter.



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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2025



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 2 at 10:00am. If you have a loved one who died since All Saints Day in 2024, please call the office to have their name(s) added to our list of saints.

BASIC'LY BRASS will provide music during this service.

GATHERING HYMN 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Intro – Band

Stanzas 1 and 2 – ALL

Interlude – Band

Stanza 4 - ALL



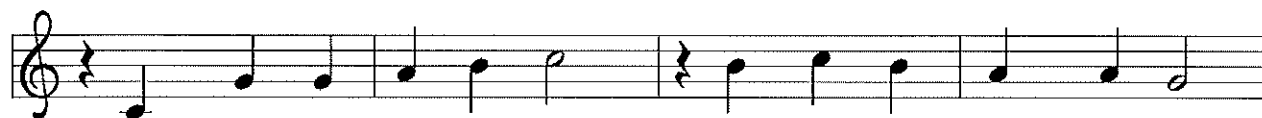
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!