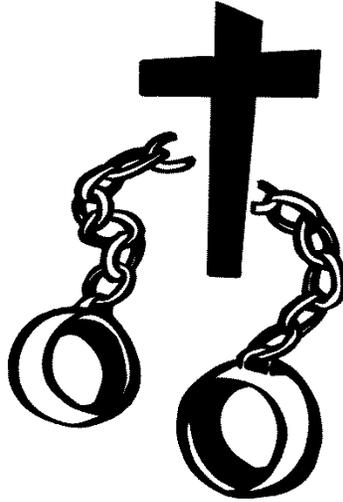


REFORMATION SUNDAY

Charter Sunday

October 28, 2018 ♦ 9:00 am



“You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

☞ **Amen**

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

☞ Source of all life,

☞ **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

**Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.
Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "A Mighty Fortress"



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; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
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?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
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,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
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.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - duces him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

GREETING

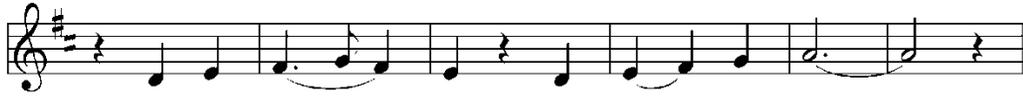
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast . . ." Ⅰ = women and girls; Ⅱ = men and boys



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Ⅰ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Ⅱ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. All: refrain



Ⅰ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Ⅱ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men All: refrain



Ⅱ For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE 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.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by

faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

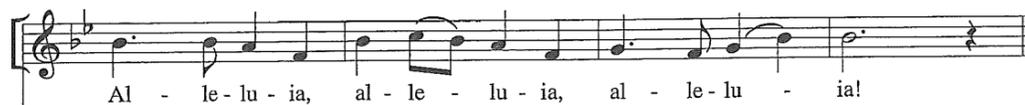
L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Choir *refrain*

All *refrain*



Choir Your words give joy to my heart, your teaching is light to my eyes.

All *refrain*

Choir Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path.

All *refrain*

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Then Jesus 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

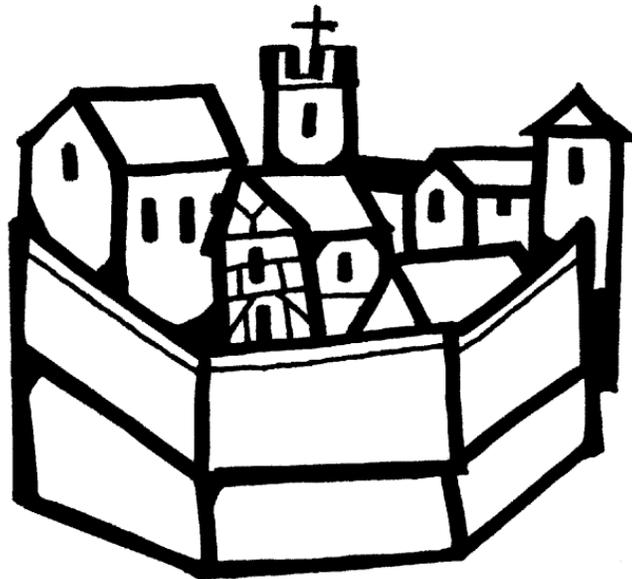
All *refrain*



Choir Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.

All *refrain*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY "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 wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

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

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: AURELIA. Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

SERMON



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.” I invite you now to confess your Christian faith and recommit yourselves to Christ and to His Church.

Do you this day in the presence of God acknowledge the gifts God gave you in Baptism?

Yes, I do.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

I do renounce them.

Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you hold the Holy Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of justification by grace through faith to be faithful and true?

Yes, I do.

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

I do so intend by the grace of God.

Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do so intend by the grace of God.

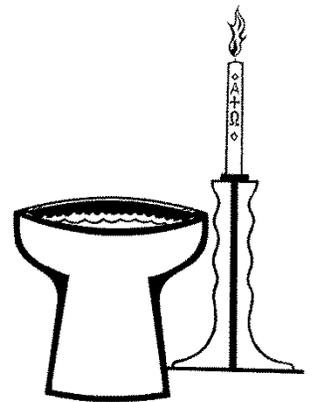
Will you continue to support the mission and ministry our gracious Lord has given his Church with your prayers and the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has given you?

I will, with the help of God.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing us as your sons and daughters to faith in Christ and enabling us to confess his holy name. Grant that by your Word and Spirit we may continue steadfast and immovable in the one true faith until the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

All are invited to come forward to mark themselves with water from the font as a sign and remembrance of baptism



PRAYERS

(response to each petition:)

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord” (Cantate Choir)

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.

One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.

One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all who is in you all.

Though we be many people diverse with various gifts. We are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

☐ God of majesty,

☑ **in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care what you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE;

Now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Thanks and praise to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord who has revealed your righteousness and justified us by grace through faith. By his death and resurrection, he has set us free from the slavery of sin and made us alive with him. Therefore, with saints and angels and with the whole Christian church in heaven and on earth, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy, holy, holy")

☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

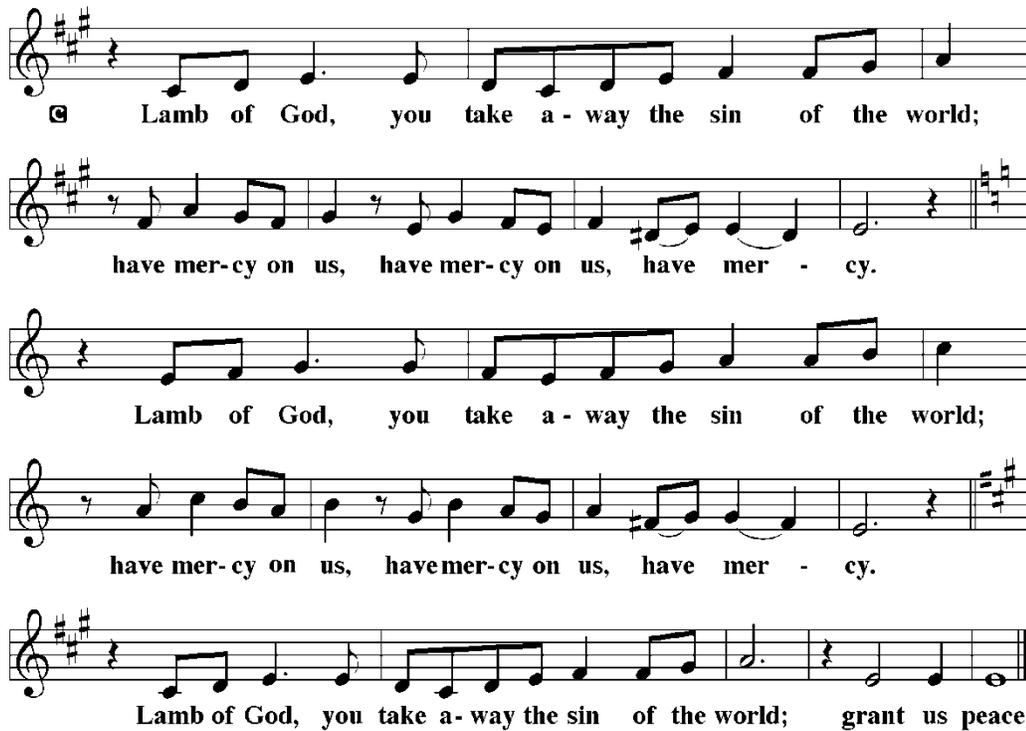
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

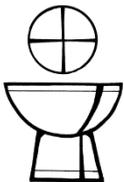
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

COMMUNION SONGS "Thy Strong Word"



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ-teous; bright with thine own
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break-eth forth in



it was done. For cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er beam-eth



while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
 and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who



light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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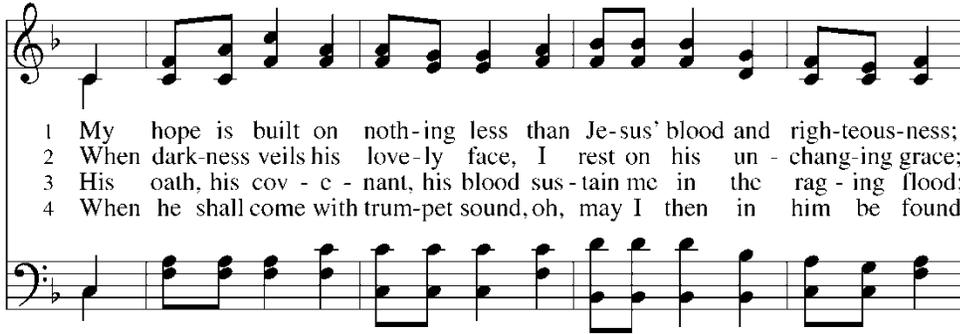


Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, light of light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

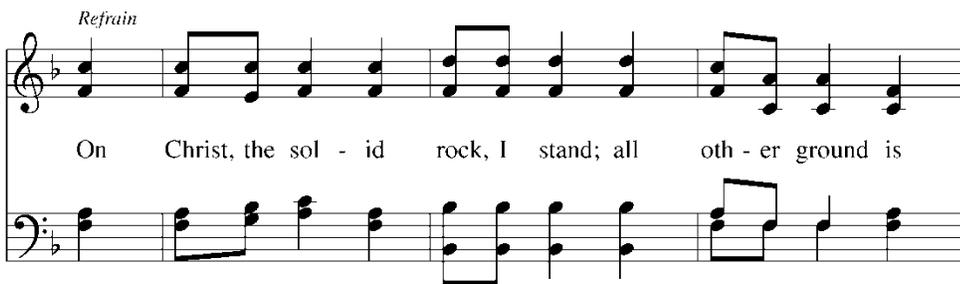


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - c - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

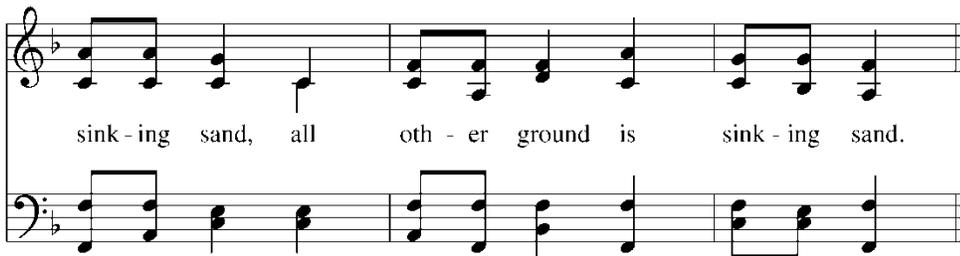


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



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



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874. alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

SENDING

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

C Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

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

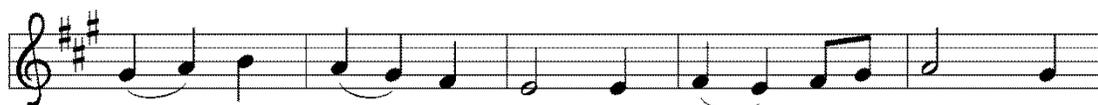
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader and Preacher	Jon Marxhausen
Piano	Mary Dinesen
Cantate Choir Director	Mary Dinesen
Trumpet	Franklin Hotzel
Elder	Tom Schoenberg
Lector	Franklin Hotzel
Ushers	Jenny Hanson/Derek Nutzman
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jake Richter

ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS AFTER WORSHIP
TODAY!

A \$1 suggested donation for treats and coffee helps us to continue to serve our fellowship times!

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

*You can set someone free today just by your love and acceptance!
Take some time to share the liberating power of God's love with those in worship with you today.
Pay special attention to those who are new or someone you don't know well.*



Welcome Friends!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.
Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.

SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

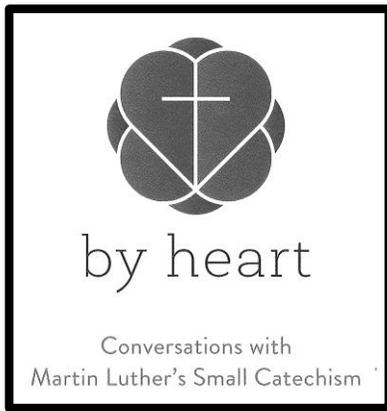
“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors.
That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

Reformation Sunday Grace of God Charter Sunday

LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

It's a CHILI COOK-OFF!





ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY!
NEXT SUNDAY at 10:15 am**

We are looking at Luther's Small Catechism with fresh video intros, a companion book and conversation about the catechism's meaning for TODAY!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEW "LUNCH BUNCH"!

**Thursday, November 8
11:30 – 1:30**

**For anyone available during the day.
Need a ride? We'll help with that! Let Cindy Bartz know.**

Lunch + a fun activity here at church!

GRACE OF GOD'S
Lunch Bunch
You're invited

FILL THE BINS IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA

Help for the Youth Connections Drop-In Center!

You may be thinking...what is that?!

The Youth Connections Drop-In Center located in Stillwater is a safe space for youth ages 13-24 who are homeless or unstably housed. Between 4% and 9% of youth in Washington County experience housing instability.

Drop-In Center services for youth include: Basic needs – hot meals, showers, laundry facilities, computer lab, charging stations, food and personal care items to take with them.

For the remainder of September and during the month of October we're collecting items needed at the Drop-In Center. Please consider purchasing and donating the following items to help fill the bins we've provided.

Questions? Contact Kathy Rehbein or Audrey Gilman

Items sized for youth ages 13-24:

- ✓ Sports bras
- ✓ Boxers
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Shower flip flops

Food items:

- ✓ Fruit/fruit cups/plastic spoons
- ✓ Granola bars or energy/protein bars
- ✓ Snack size of chips, dried fruit or fruit snacks, cookies, crackers
- ✓ Nuts/trail mix
- ✓ Cereal cups

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

October 30 – November 3	TEAM 7
November 6 - 10	TEAM 8 Evenson Family/Dinesen Family
November 13 - 17	TEAM 9 Shirley Muelken/Errol & Cindy Bartz/Eileen Ocone

Holiday Poinsettia Sale

The Youth are selling poinsettias to decorate the church and your home. This will help fund their next mission trip

ORDER TODAY! (Last Sunday to order)

There are 6 1/2' and 8" available in white, red or ice crystal
Plant card are available also - they never expire and make a great Christmas gift

They will arrive at the church on December 12.

grace happens

October 28 – November 4, 2018

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am REFORMATION SUNDAY
Fellowship time after worship
CHILI COOK OFF ~ LUNCH FOR ALL

Tuesday, October 30

9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, October 31

No classes tonight!

Sunday, November 4

9:00 am ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Life is a precious gift

Here's who's celebrating birthdays this month!

Ethan	Onken	November 03	Sandy	Pruesser	November 14
Nichole	Frazer	November 05	Errol	Bartz	November 21
Phil	Hennemann	November 08	Randy	Henderson	November 24
Erik	Benson	November 10	Rachael	Clark	November 26
Nancy	Prigge	November 10	Audrey	Gilman	November 28
Kassidy	Mackie	November 13	Angie	McMorrow	November 28
			Chris	Fallert	November 30

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