HOLY COMMUNION Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

8:00 am and 10:30 am

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.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Fanfare on 'Ein Feste Burg'

Lehenbauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Printed on the next pages.





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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

 we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand GREETING

- 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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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.

C Amen.

Sit Later service only: CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 reading from Jeremiah.

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.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 46 The Choir will sing the Psalm today.

¹ God is our ref- uge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
³ though its waters rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
⁴ The Lord of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- y of God,*
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁶ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;*
God shall help her at the break of day.
⁷ The nations make much ado, and the king- doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
⁸ The Lord of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,*
what awesome things he has done on earth.
¹⁰ It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
¹² 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 the 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 reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

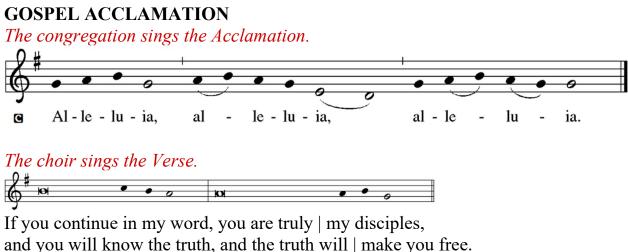
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

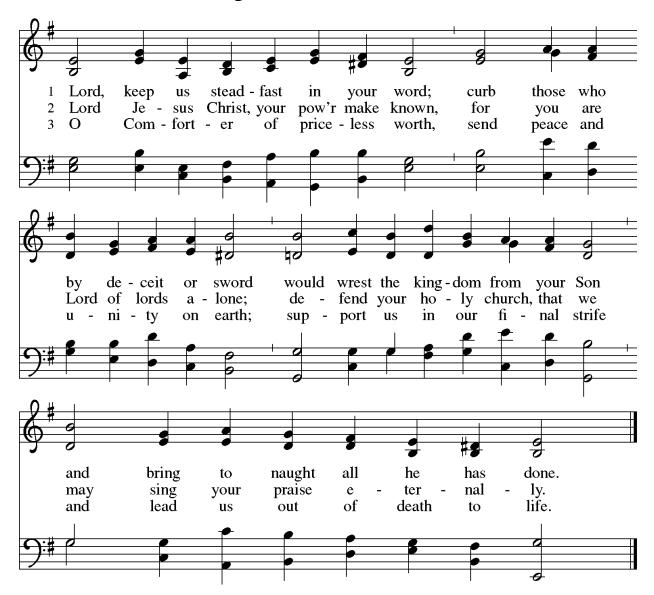
<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Weleck

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Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Printed on the next page.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

NICENE CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
 - We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

■ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

 \mathbf{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

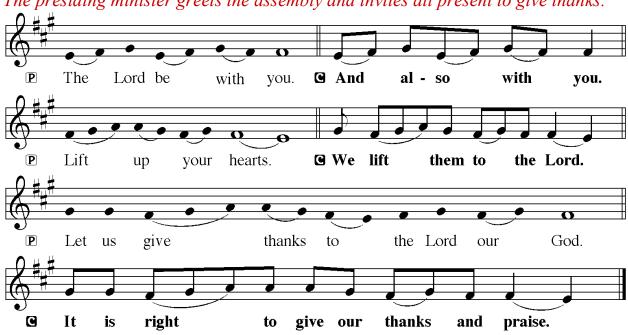
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. **OFFERTORY**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

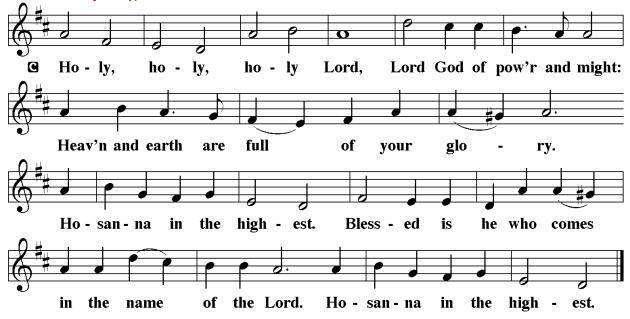


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 \blacksquare IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING: THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD, SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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

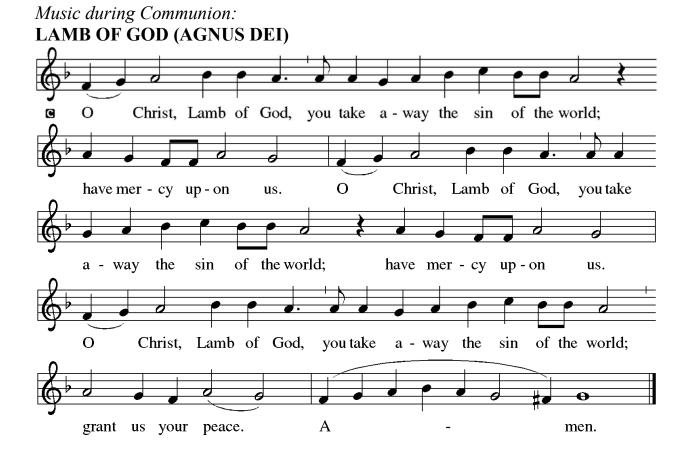
Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.



Later service only: **ANTHEM:** *A Lord-Built House*

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. I wanna live in a Lord-built house. Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Don't wanna live in a man-built house with a structure built on sin, brightly painted shutters 'n doors and all decayed within! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, wanna live in a Lord-built house.

Don't wanna live in a man-built house with a man-made light inside. The storm blows in and the power goes out, and the man in fear must hide! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, wanna live in a Lord-built house.

I wanna live in a Lord-built house with a structure built on love, with the rock foundation under me and the Heavenly Father above! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, I wanna live in a Lord-built house.

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain! I wanna live in a Lord-built house, wanna live in a Lord-built house.

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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    Let us pray.
    We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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G Amen.



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers Printed on the next page.

Faith of Our Fathers



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Reformation Sunday

OFFERING *The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

POSTLUDE: Festival Toccata

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The liturgical color red is symbolic of both the fire of the Holy Spirit (used on The Day of Pentecost) and the blood of the martyrs (used on Reformation Day and commemorations of saints who died for the faith).

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Worship Assistants

Ushers: Karl Stefan, Scott Halteman, Brooke Rush, and Dick Allebach Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Karl Stefan Prayers: Jennifer Wentworth

Communion Assistant: John Kochel

Acolyte: Mya Schiller Crucifer: Cora Van Alstine

Altar Guild: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson on the anniversary of his birthday.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Tammy Griggs in honor of son Evan's birthday.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Phyllis Oehlert in honor of daughter Dale's birthday.

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<u>Candle Sponsors Needed:</u> Each week, church members and friends sponsor the eternal candle in our sanctuary. Sponsorship is \$6 per week. This is a lovely way to remember or honor family and loved ones. **Sponsors are needed for Nov 10th, 17th, 24th and December 8th.** If you are interested in sponsoring a week this fall, please contact Charlotte Wentworth at 610-489-2986 or caw226@aol.com.

Augustus Lutheran Church will be holding their annual Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday on November 24, 2024, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Rev. Maggie Spring Ainslie, Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital & ELCA Pulpit Supply Rostered Minister, will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!! In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Make checks payable to "Augustus Women of the ELCA". Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God!



12th Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale
Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group
Pies can be picked up on Nov. 24th after both services or delivered after the late service. Pies will be frozen.
Baking instructions will be provided.
Cost: \$10.00 per pie.
Name:
Phone Number:
Number of Pies:
Pick up on 24-Nov-2024 (check one)
After the early Service (8:00 am):
After the late Service (10:30 am):
Address for delivery:
Please e-mail orders to <u>gtwess@comcast.net</u> , place orders in offering plates or
drop them off in the church office.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE – ADVENT REMEMBRANCE DOVES: A Pair of Doves spiritually represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple together, they enter into partnership for a lifetime. A pair of doves can signify a union of two or more people or entities with a positive outlook for the future. At Christmas, people tend to remember those that have gone before them. If you are thinking of someone special this Christmas Season, we will be offering you two free remembrance doves in memory of that person. One to keep to adorn your Christmas Tree reminding you of their presence throughout the season, and one to leave at Augustus adorning the Christmas Tree in the nave to remind you that they are with Jesus, the one we are celebrating at Christmas. The doves will be made available on the first Sunday of Advent on December 01, 2024. Be present to receive yours!

