

# REFORMATION DAY

October 31, 2021

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand*    **C**: *Congregation*    **A**: *Worship Assistant*    **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.

Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter.

Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers  
are also available in the narthex for children.

**Prelude**

*Prelude in E-flat major*  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Welcome**

↑ **Processional Hymn**

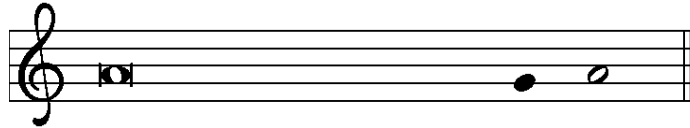
*A Mighty Fortress*  
ELW Hymn 504

↑ **Greeting**

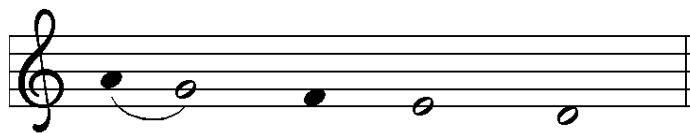
**P**: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G**: And also with you.

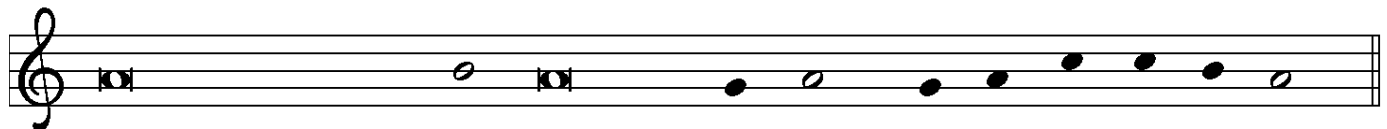
↑ **Kyrie**



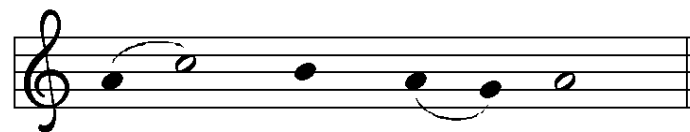
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



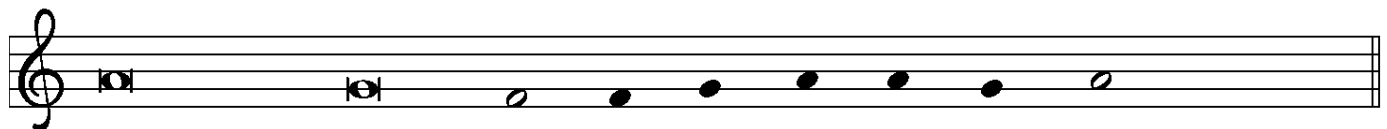
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



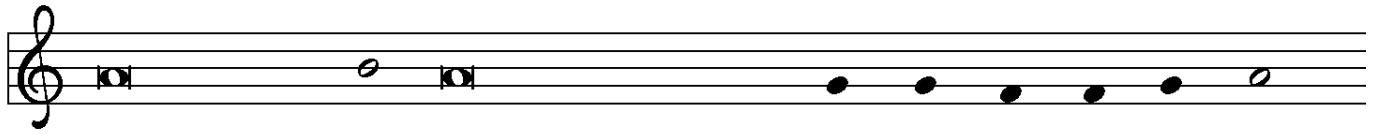
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



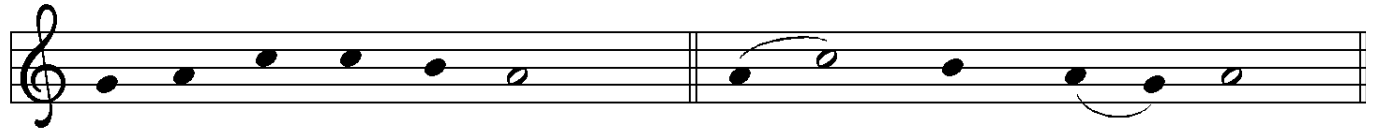
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### ↑ Hymn of Praise



**P:** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



*All*  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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



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



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

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

### ↑Prayer of the Day

**P:** Gracious God, mighty in love, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Give your Holy Spirit to your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in the face of hardship, and grant us all 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,

**G:** Amen.

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

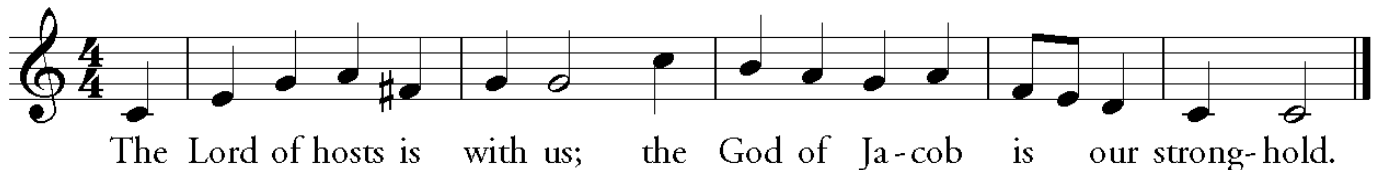
**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

Grace Louie

**G:** Thanks be to God.

## ↑Psalm 46

*The Refrain is always sung twice: first by a soloist, then by all. The verses of the psalm are sung by the choir.*



### *Refrain*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

### *Refrain*

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

### *Refrain*

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“Be still then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

### *Refrain*

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

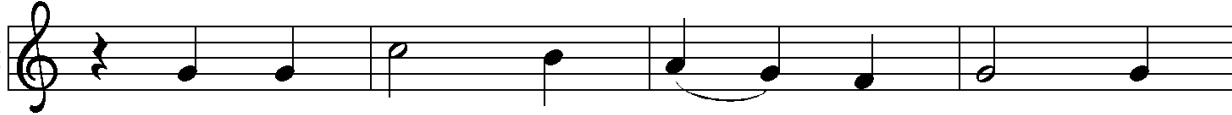
Phoebe Porter


**G:** Thanks be to God.

## ↑ Gospel Acclamation

Jenna Del Vento

*Preceding and following the verse, the assembly sings the Alleluia:*

**G:**   
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

## ↑ The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

**P:** The Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**G:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Following the reading*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon and Hymn of the Day

*Salvation unto Us Has Come*

ELW Hymn 590

*Today's Hymn of the Day is part of the sermon. (see next page)*

*The congregation sings stanzas 4 and 6; other stanzas are sung by a soloist or choir.*

*What does grace mean to me? #1*

**Jimmy Porter**

Stanzas 1 & 2

*What does grace mean to me? #2*

**Sonia Patten**

Stanzas 3 & 4

*What does grace mean to me? #3*

**Christian Louie**

Stanzas 5 & ↑ 6

# Salvation unto Us Has Come



*Soloist* 1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;  
*Choir* 2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;  
*Soloist* 3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,  
*All (seated)* 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us  
 great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -  
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -  
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for  
 vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as  
 da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -  
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.  
 God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.  
 to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.  
 neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

*Soloist*

5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 to Father, Son, and Spirit!  
 Lord, you have saved us by your grace;  
 all glory to your merit!  
 O triune God in heav'n above,  
 you have revealed your saving love;  
 your blessed name we hallow.

*All (standing)*

6 Your kingdom come, your will be done  
 in this world as in heaven;  
 give bread for each new day begun;  
 our sins be all forgiven,  
 as we forgive what others do;  
 in ev'ry trial see us through;  
 from evil save us. Amen.

*Presentation*

**P:** Dear friends, we give thanks today for the gift of baptism and for Grace, Jenna, Phoebe, Jimmy, Sonia, and Christian, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. This morning we celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism and rejoice with them in the completion of their confirmation, welcoming them into the fullness of Christ's grace, mercy, and peace.

**A:** I present Christian and Grace Louie, Jimmy and Phoebe Porter, Sonia Patten and Jenna Del Vento, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**P:** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these, our siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. In the words of Martin Luther,  
you have called them to yourself,  
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.  
Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite them in a spirit of service to others.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C:** Amen.

*Recitation of Scripture*

**P:** Grace, Jenna, Phoebe, Jimmy, Sonia, and Christian, for over a year you have worked with me in the learning of Luther's Catechism and the study of Scripture. You have examined the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm the good news that we are claimed without any merit on our part by God's grace through Christ which we receive through faith. This morning, we invite you, as an expression of this faith, to step forward and recite the confirmation verses from Scripture you have committed to memory.



## *Profession of Faith*

**P:** I ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**P:** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the power of sin that turns us in on ourselves, away from loving our neighbor, and the same power of sin that draws you away from God?

**Confirmands:** I renounce them.

*The assembly stands.*

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

**C:** 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.

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C:** 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.*

## *Affirmation*

**P:** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the relationship God initiated with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

**P:** People of God, do you promise to support Grace, Jenna, Phoebe, Jimmy, Sonia, and Christian and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C:** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

**C:** **Grace, Jenna, Phoebe, Jimmy, Sonia, and Christian,**  
**as you go out into the world,**  
**be of good courage;**  
**hold to what is good;**  
**return no one evil for evil;**  
**strengthen the faint-hearted;**  
**support the weak;**  
**help the suffering;**  
**honor all people;**  
**love and serve our God,**  
**rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious God, stir up in Grace, Jenna, Phoebe, Jimmy, Sonia, and Christian the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the awe of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**A:** Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ:

**C:** 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.

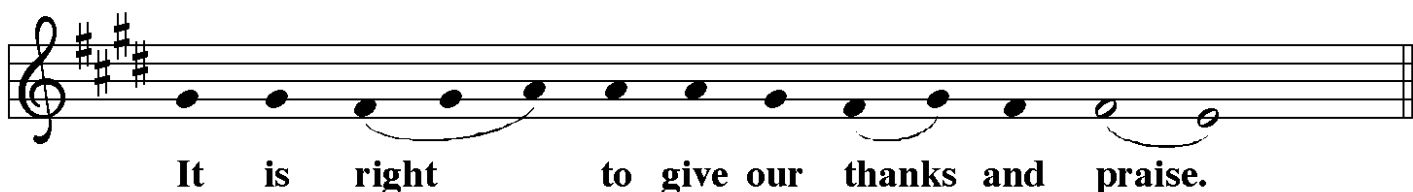
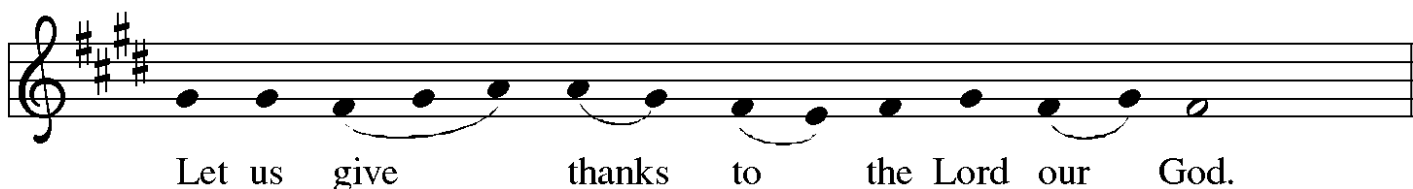
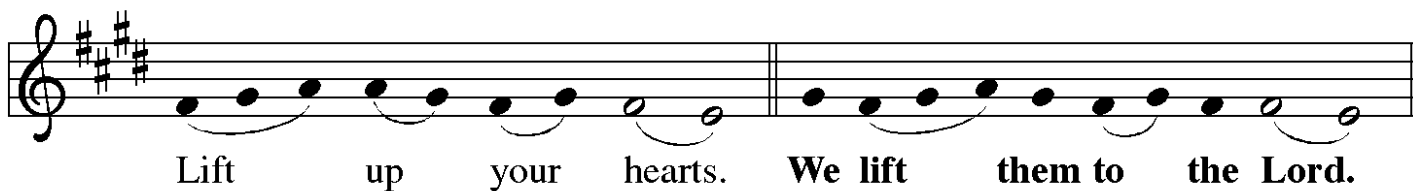
**P:** Congregation, I present to you the newest confirmed members of the Christian faith. Thanks be to God!

*Affirmation of those who have affirmed their Baptism (applause is welcome!)*

### ↑ Prayers of the Church

**A:** . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.



**P**: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .  
 . . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ **Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of light and life,  
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.

↑ **Words of Institution**

↑ **Lord's Prayer**

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

**C**: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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**Holy Communion** – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacraments.

We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of bread and wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's resurrection.

The ministration of the Sacrament will take place in the pews with individual elements. These are available as you enter; if you missed picking one up and need one, please signal an usher now with a raised hand.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

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### ↑ Invitation to the Table

☐: God invites you to this meal of grace.  
Receive the food of forgiveness.

### Agnus Dei



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.

## Communion Hymn

*After stanza 1, the hymn is sung unaccompanied.  
You are welcome to sing in harmony.*

*Amazing Grace*  
**ELW Hymn 779**

## ↑ Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Jesus, Bread of Life,  
we have received your food of forgiveness  
in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
accepting us before you without condition,  
strengthen us to love one another as you first loved us.

**G:** Amen.

## ↑ Choral Meditation

Christ be with me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to guide me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.

*Christ Be with Me*

Words: Attributed to St. Patrick

Music: Noel Rawsthorne (1929–2019)

Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in care of friend and stranger.

## Announcements

### ↑ Benediction

**P:** Now may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G:** Amen.

## ↑ Recessional Hymn

*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*  
ELW Hymn 632

## ↑ Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Seek Christ in others, and serve the Lord.

**G:** Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you from your pew, in order to maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin and hymns back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take them with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. Pastor Dan will greet you. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like; please respect others' need for social distancing.*

## Postlude

*Fugue in E-flat major ("St. Anne")*  
J. S. Bach

## About Today's Music

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come," today's Hymn of the Day (ELW 590), dates from the first Lutheran hymnal, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, or, *Some Christian Songs*. This book of eight hymns was published in 1524 (seven years after Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* sparked the Reformation). The words are by Paul Speratus, a Lutheran pastor and former Catholic priest. Originally fourteen stanzas, the text is a poetic setting of the doctrine of justification by grace (Article IV of the Augsburg Confession), concluding with a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer. The Prelude and Postlude for this morning's service are the first and last pieces, respectively, of the third volume of J.S. Bach's *Clavier-Übung*, or *Keyboard Practice*. Also referred to as the *German Organ Mass*, between the opening and closing pieces Bach sets melodies drawn from Lutheran liturgy and catechetical hymns. The resulting collection is an idealized worship service for organ solo, a profession of the composer's own Lutheran faith, and a treatise on compositional forms and techniques. Bach often wove symbolism into his church music. Some argue that each theme of the Prelude in E-flat Major symbolizes a Person of the Trinity. Likewise, the complementary triple fugue is often understood to have Trinitarian symbolism. Because the fugue coincidentally quotes part of the English hymn tune, ST. ANNE ("O God, Our Help in Ages Past"), this piece is especially appropriate after our Recessional Hymn today.

Bulletin Cover Art: Jenna Del Vento, confirmed today.

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