# Reformation Sunday



Worship Service Emmanuel Lutheran Church

> 10:15 AM, Sanctuary October 26, 2025

#### **Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:**

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, let him know and/or fill out a Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

# A Message on this Reformation Sunday

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt.

We cannot trust in our own laurels. This is also the essence of the Reformation, with the crown jewel reminder that we are *justified by faith*.

In the parable Jesus presents two men: a Pharisee and a tax collector. By outward judgment, the comparison is between a religious man and a sinner. An ordinary person would make the judgment that religious man is the good one, and the tax collector is the bad one.

But Jesus continues the parable, noting how they pray: one praises himself; the other pleads for mercy. The script is flipped; the tax collector has asked for mercy. And God will grant that mercy to him, the same as He will for any of us who asks. The Pharisee, who praises himself for being so much better than the other, will receive no such mercy.

We cannot rely on ourselves, on our actions, or on appearances that give the impression of righteousness. There is only one we can rely on – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy God, bless us with humility, with mercy, and with trust in you. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, Amen.

+ Pastor Justin Baker

# + Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two +

**Prelude** ORGAN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Arr. Van Denman Thompson (1890-1969)

### **Invocation & Order of Confession**

 $\mathbf{P}$  In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **G** Amen

P 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.

#### **G** Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence follows for confession.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage 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
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

#### **G** Amen



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# **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

- 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.





# Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- 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. Amen

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The First Lesson

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A reading from Jeremiah, beginning with the fourteenth chapter.

<sup>7</sup> "Though our iniquities testify against us,

act, O LORD, for your name's sake;

for our backslidings are many;

we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O you hope of Israel,

its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,

like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like a man confused,

like a mighty warrior who cannot save?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,

and we are called by your name;

do not leave us."

- <sup>10</sup> Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
- "They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity
- <sup>19</sup> Have you utterly rejected Judah? Does your soul loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

and punish their sins."

- We looked for peace, but no good came; for a time of healing, but behold, terror.
- <sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you.
- <sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.
- <sup>22</sup> Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers?
- Are you not he, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things."
- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 84:1-7 (congregation responds with the bold text)

- <sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- <sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

#### The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from Second Timothy, beginning with the fourth chapter.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

#### Children's Sermon

**P** Luke records this about Jesus with the children:

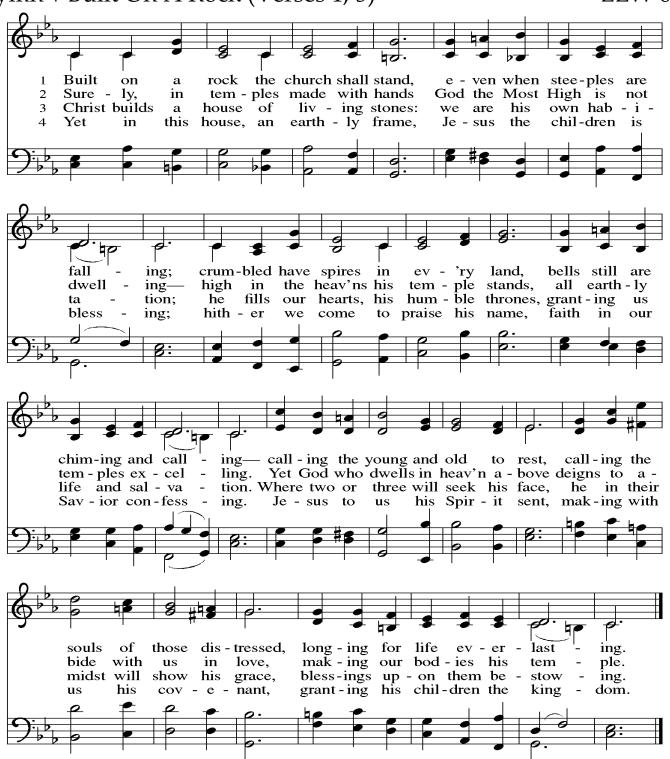
<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." – Luke 18

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

# Hymn | Built On A Rock (Verses 1, 5)

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5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

# The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- **P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

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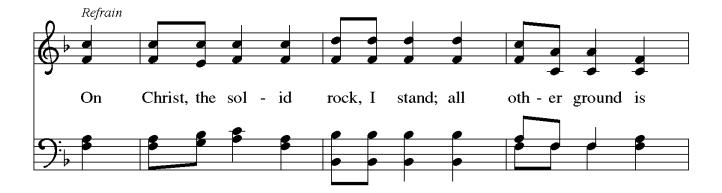
- My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus tain me in the rag ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

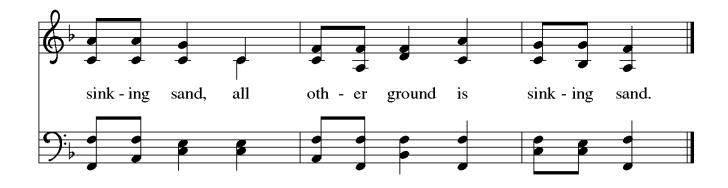




no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!







# The Apostles' Creed

- **P** People of God, in whom do you believe?
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

# The Prayers

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!" Make us to be a people who dwell in your house and who sing your praise.

A brief silence is kept.

A Thank you for all those who came together in service for the mission district convocation. Thank you for the appointment of the Rev. Jim Neal and Rev. Chip Frontz to serve as deans. Thank you for sending seven visitors to this congregation over the last three weeks. We thank you for these additional ways you have heard us and graciously

answered us: A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

### **©** hear our prayer.

Meless Bishop Dan Selbo, the Reverend Amy Little, Area Assistant Bill White, and Deans Jim Neal & Chip Frontz, as they guide the North American Lutheran Church and pastor pastors. Pour out your favor upon our congregation, upon fellow area congregations, and upon Hope Lutheran Church of Smethport. Strengthen the faith of disciples and let us lead many to Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

A Pour out encouragement, wisdom, and favor upon all mission workers, and let them begin to see the fruit of their work. Bless those mission workers especially whom we have come to know together with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. Strengthen Christians and make new Christians through their ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

# **G** hear our prayer.

May all nations and all leaders acknowledge you as Lord. We lift up President Donald Trump, Governor Josh Shapiro, and Mayor of Export, Joe Zaccaqnini. Cause them to strive for justice tempered with mercy, and for peace wedded to righteousness. Let them faithfully and diligently do the work entrusted to them knowing they must give to you an account of their actions. Lord, in your mercy,

# **G** hear our prayer.

Me lift up before you those whom we know need your healing:

Bob Jordan, Steve Cehovin, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Linda Casper, Vince
Berardinelli, George & Donna Campagna, Gary Kral, Mary Lou
McDonald, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Debbie Pritts, Dick & Sandy Lester,
Alyssa, Jerry, Ryker, Lori, Aurelia, Rachael, Aria, Ray, Jeff, Cathy, Leila,
Grace, Darin, Alice, Keith, Victoria, Zachary, Kevin, Mervin, Shawn,

Lynn, Ginny, Roger, Betty, Zac, Les, Kenny, Gary, Linda, Michael, Missy, Jim, Bonnie, Tony, Sarah, Denise, Harry, Millicent, Stephanie, and Ruthie We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Rob Greenleaf, the family of Don, the family of Pastor Brian Shirey, the family of David, and the family of Ryan Dean.* Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy

### **©** hear our prayer.

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **G** Amen

#### Names for All Saints

All Saints Sunday is November 2. Submit any names you would like offered up to the office.

### Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin. This may be done during Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

#### THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1–2)

#### The Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

The assembly makes peace with one another.

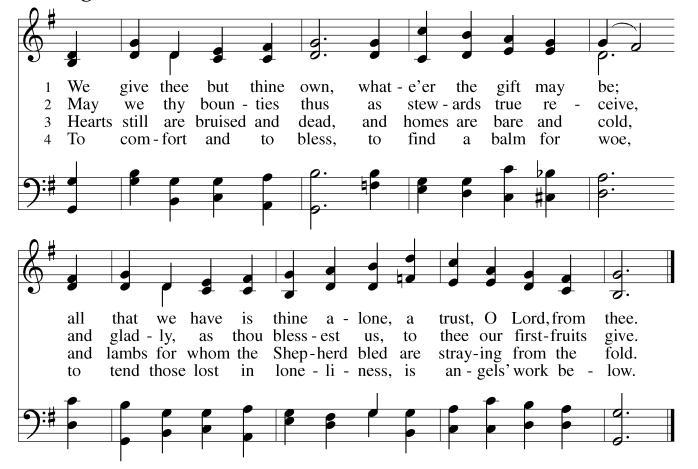
# Offertory

Come Ye Christian Join to Sing Morning Has Broken

#### HANDBELL CHOIR

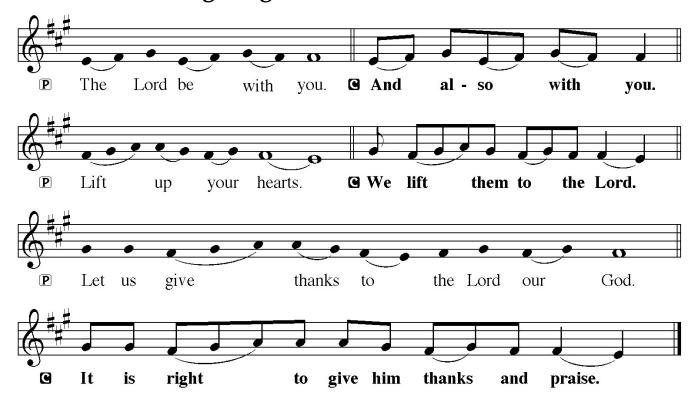
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# Offering of Praise | We Give Thee But Thine Own LBW 410



- **A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# The Great Thanksgiving

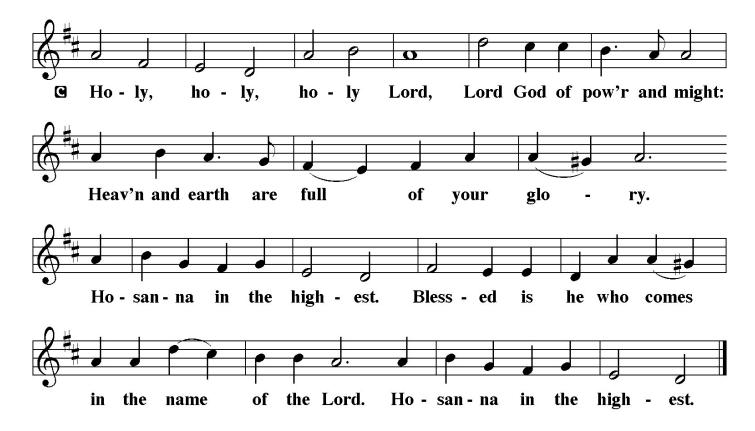


# Preface for Sundays after Pentecost

- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through 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.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### The Sanctus



#### **Eucharistic Canon**

P We praise and thank you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In giving your only begotten Son for the sins of the world you revealed your mercy to us, promising that whoever believes in him will not perish, but will be given life and salvation.

We give thanks for this grace and redemption prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Let your Holy Spirit breathe peace among us that our hearts may be enlightened with a living faith.

By that same Spirit now bless this bread and wine, which earth has given and human hands have made.

We offer these gifts to you, that through them we may receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

As often as we eat of this Bread of Life and share this cup of blessing, we proclaim His death until He comes in power and great glory.

- **Christ has died.** 
  - Christ is risen.
  - Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, heavenly Father, we celebrate this holy communion, remembering before you the passion and death, the resurrection and ascension of your dear Son. Remember, O Lord, in your great love the perfect and eternal sacrifice through which, in Christ, you have reconciled us with yourself. Unite us in one body, that we may be a perfect living sacrifice in Christ.
- Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

  Amen
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- **Q** Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

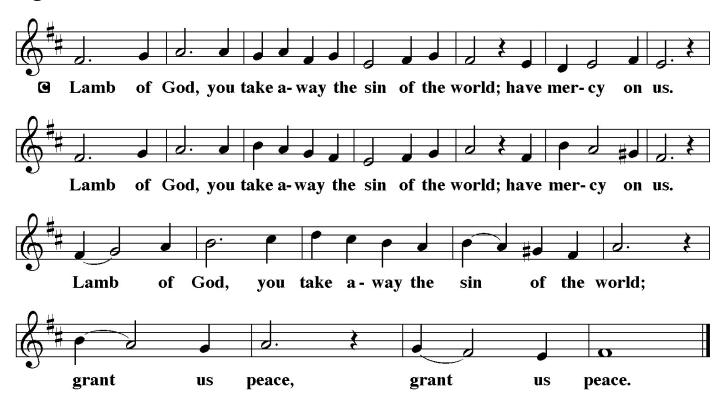
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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

# The Breaking of the Bread

- P Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
- **G** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

# **Agnus Dei**



### Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

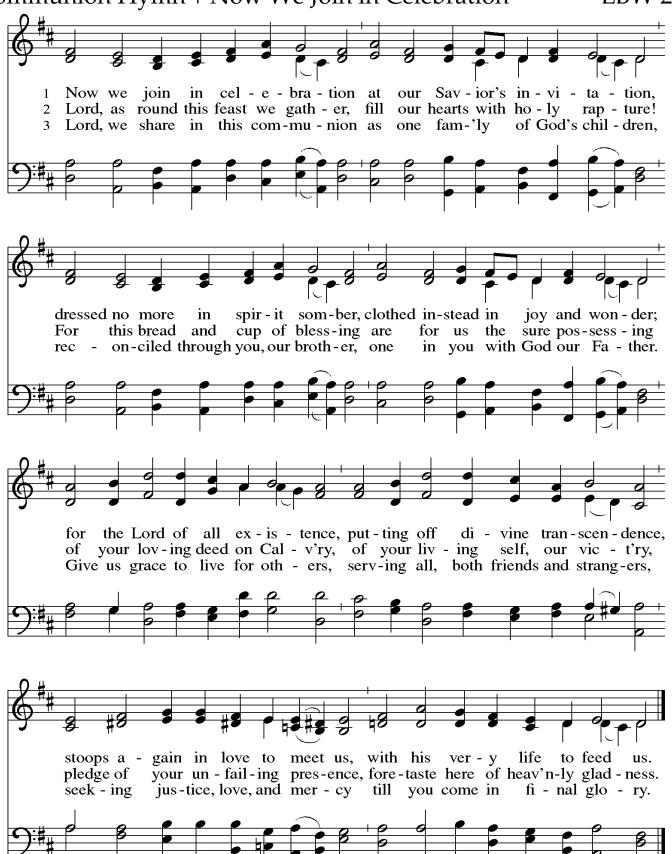
All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.



Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

# Communion Hymn | Now We Join in Celebration

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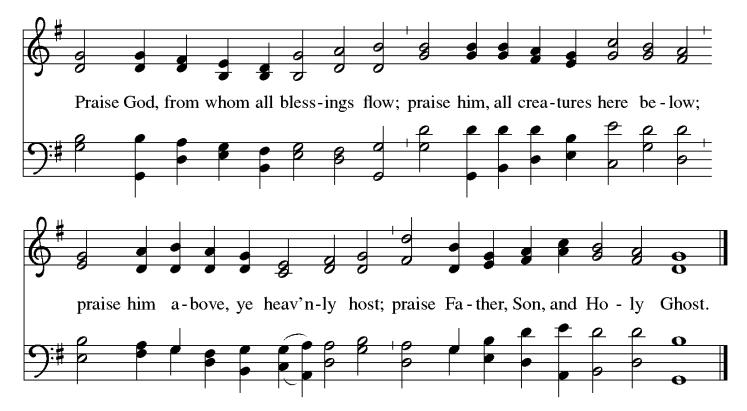


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# **Post-Communion Blessing & Hymn**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

#### Amen



# **Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction**

Let us pray. O God of steadfast love, in this meal you have nourished us with your Word and Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in faithful love and joyful service in all our relationships. Renew all homes and households in your grace, that they may reflect the communion we share in Christ our Lord.

#### **C** Amen

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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## **C** Amen



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

#### **Dismissal**

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **A**men. Let us go forth in this way

**Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* 

ORGAN Setting Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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The Altar Flowers are Given

In Memory of my loving husband, Lee

~Arlene Woodward

LITURGICAL DAY	Reformation Sunday	All Saints	The Twenty- second Sunday after Pentecost
DATE	10/26/2025 10:15AM	11/2/2025 10:15AM	11/9/2025 10:15AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Lou Hiener	Karla Gustafson	Scott Wilson & Kathy Gustafson
COUNTER TEAM	Danette Hunter & Scott Gustafson	Danette Hunter & Scott Gustafson	Cherie Wolovich & Jeanne Yargar
GREETERS	Ron & Susan Smith	Barb Greenleaf	Scott & Karen Gustafson
USHERS	Tim Ford and Dana Visnic & Serenity Wee	Dan Hunter & Serenity Wee	Stan Casper, Dan Hunter, & Serenity Wee
ACOLYTE	Hannah Yothers Faith Palmer		Bob Jordan
CRUCIFER			Scott Wilson
ALTAR GUILD	Donna Berardinelli & Jeanne Yargar	Donna Berardinelli & Jeanne Yargar	Donna Berardinelli & Kathy Potter
ALTAR FLOWERS	Arlene Woodward		
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Angela Held	Angela Held	Angela Held

# This Week at Emmanuel

Office Hours: Monday: Closed. Tuesday-Thursday 9AM – 1PM

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#### Announcements:

Sunday, Oct 26	9:00 AM	Sunday School	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	10:15 AM	Worship on Reformation	Sanctuary
		Sunday	
Monday, Oct 27	1:00 PM	Acts Bible Study	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	6:30 PM	Acts Bible Study	<b>Music Room</b>
	6:30 PM	AA   Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Oct 28	9:00 AM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	<b>Bell Choir Subset</b>	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
Wednesday, Oct 29	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Heritage Hall
	7:00 PM	AA   Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Oct 30	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Family	Heritage Hall
Friday, Oct 31			
Saturday, Nov 1			
Sunday, Nov 2	9:00 AM	Sunday School: Live Not By	<b>Luther Hall</b>
•		Lies	
	10:15 AM	Worship on All Saints	Sanctuary
		Sunday	-

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