



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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October 25, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
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Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

October 25, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

#578

(Stanzas 1-3)

(Stanza 2 will be sung by the choir.)

✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

(LSB, pg. 184)

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

P

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen.

(The 8:00 service continues with the Confession & Absolution on page 5.)

✠ ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(10:30)

P

Our Lord commanded Baptism when He said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God's Word tells us that we are all conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But Jesus took away our sin through His death on the cross. In Baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life.

Chad and Felicia: In obedience to Christ's command and trusting in His promise, you have brought Asher Alan to be baptized. As he grows in years, will you place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him to the services of worship in God's house, and provide for his further instruction in the Christian faith, that abiding in his baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he may grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."

R Yes.

P Asher Alan, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

P Let us join in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

C **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.**

RITE OF BAPTISM

P Let us all, together with the sponsors and parents, faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

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

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

(We are seated.)

The Baptism of Asher Alan Grover

Asher is the son of Chad and Felicia (Carney) Grover

His sponsors are Michael and Abigail Metz

P Asher Alan, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** May the Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins; strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.
- C** Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

- P** Asher: receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the light of the world. Live always by the Light of Christ, for Jesus said, "Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will always have the light of life."

SPONSOR'S PLEDGE

- P** Michael and Abigail: Having witnessed Asher's baptism, will you remember him in your prayers, remind him that he is a baptized child of God, and, as much as you are able, give your counsel and aid, especially if he should lose his parents that he be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."
- R** Yes.

CONGREGATION'S PLEDGE

- P** Fellow Members of God's Kingdom: Through Baptism, God has made Asher His own precious child. Will you welcome him into the Lord's family? Will you receive him as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and help him grow in the faith of his baptism, so he may join us in proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."
- C** Yes.
- P** May God enable us all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C** Amen.

BLESSING

- P** Asher Alan: Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your Baptism has made you His dear child. May He strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

(The 10:30 service continues with the Kyrie on page 6.)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (8:00)

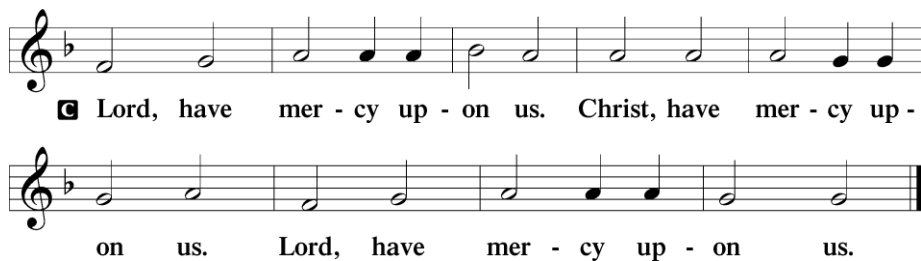
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P** O Almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

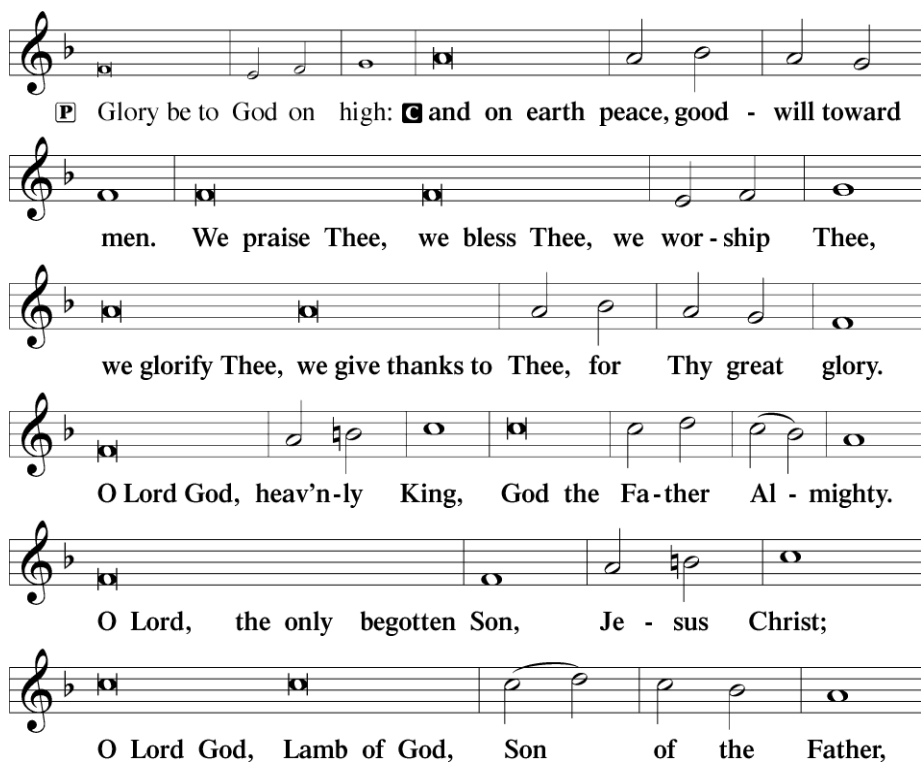
(10:30 – *We rise.*)

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



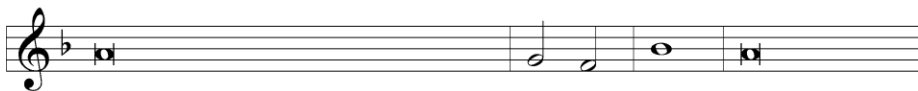
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord,

C Pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We are seated.)

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 46

“The Lord of Hosts is With Us”...arr. Hal Hopson Choir & Congregation

Choir: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Congregation: *(Sung)* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
 though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Congregation: *(Sung)* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
 God will help her when morning dawns.
 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Congregation: *(Sung)* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Congregation: (*Sung*) **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Choir: “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Congregation: (*Sung*) **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

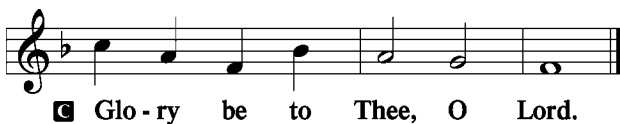
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

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



³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED (8:00)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited
to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)*

(We remain standing.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

#656

(We are seated.)

SERMON

“The Truth That Sets Us Free”

Text: John 8:31-36 – Pastor Danny Eggold

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Adult Choir

“O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge”...J.S. Bach/arr. Hal Hopson

O Lord, my God, You are my refuge;
O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope. You are my refuge.
My trust is ever in your care; Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to you.

Through dark of night, your light shines upon my way.
For you are near to be my comfort. I will praise your name forevermore.

O Lord, my God, You are my refuge;
O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to you.

You are my hope. You are my refuge.
My trust is ever in your care. I will praise your name forevermore.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,
C 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.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the Church and the world.

(A brief silence.)

P As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and greed *(local places may be named)*. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We ask Your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering *(especially...)*. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in You. Lord, in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all the faithful departed *(especially...)*. Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Trusting in Your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



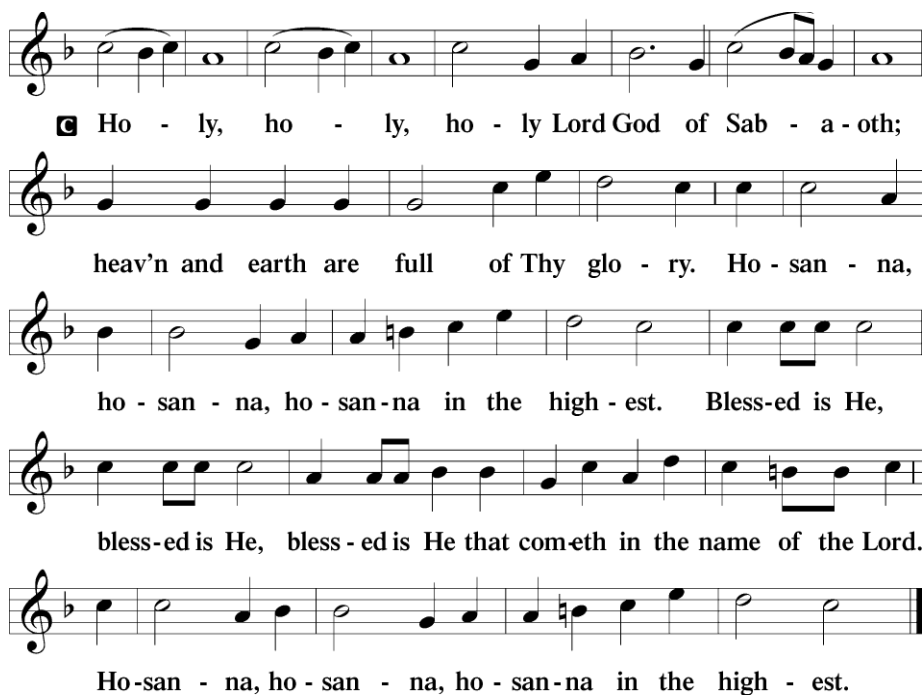
P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (8:00)

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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.

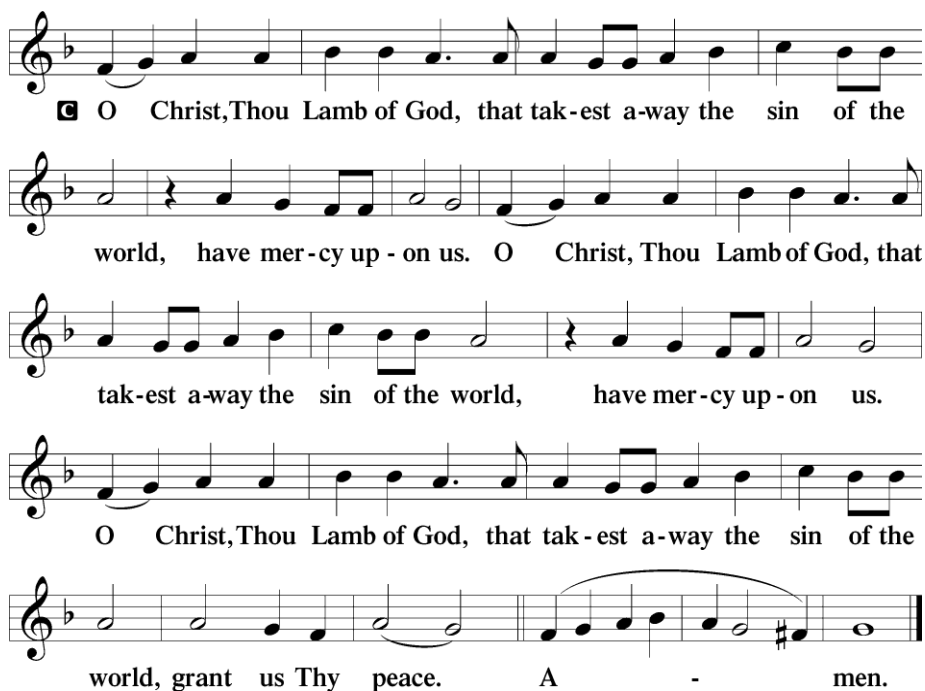
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI



(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM and HYMNS

“Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor”...arr. G.F. Handel

Adult Choir

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, fount of Life, my soul inspiring,
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee,
By Thy love I am invited, be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me as Thy guest in heaven receive me.

“Amazing Grace”

#744

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (*Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 9, 10 – We rise for stanza 10.*)

#555

“Listen, God is Calling”

#833

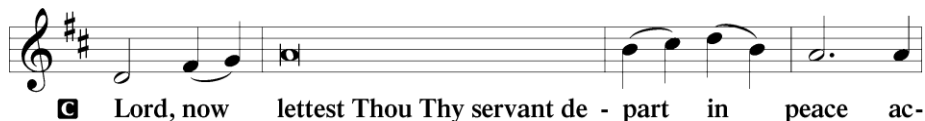
(*We rise.*)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We remain standing.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

#578

(Stanzas 4-6)

(Stanza 4 will be sung by the choir.)

POSTLUDE

“Thy Strong Word”

arr. Charles Ore