

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday



INTRODUCTION

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.

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PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**
Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

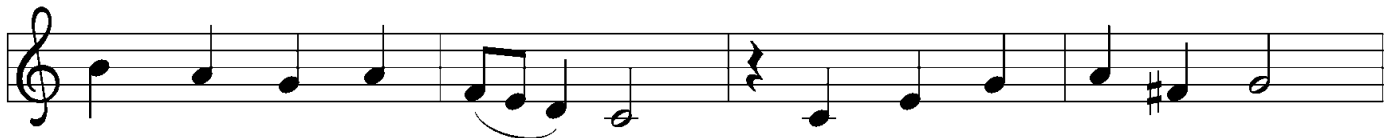
C **Amen.**



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
 vour 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 - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

A 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.

KYRIE

A In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word let us pray to the...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A Help, save, and defend us, O God

Congregation:

A - - - men.

GLORY TO GOD

Cong. *(from Kyrie)*

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The second staff continues with a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The third staff has a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a half note E4. The fourth staff has a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. God, Cre - a-tor, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we a - dore you... Spir - it of the Liv-ing God, — we worship you.' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. *final time rit.*
God, Cre - a-tor, we praise you. Jesus the Christ, we a - dore you...
Spir - it of the Liv-ing God, — we worship you.

THE SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church 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.
Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

MINISTRY REMINDERS

FIRST READING

Romans 3:19-28

A A Reading from Romans

¹⁹ Now 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

God is Our Refuge

Resurrection Choir

THE GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John

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

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Derek Harman

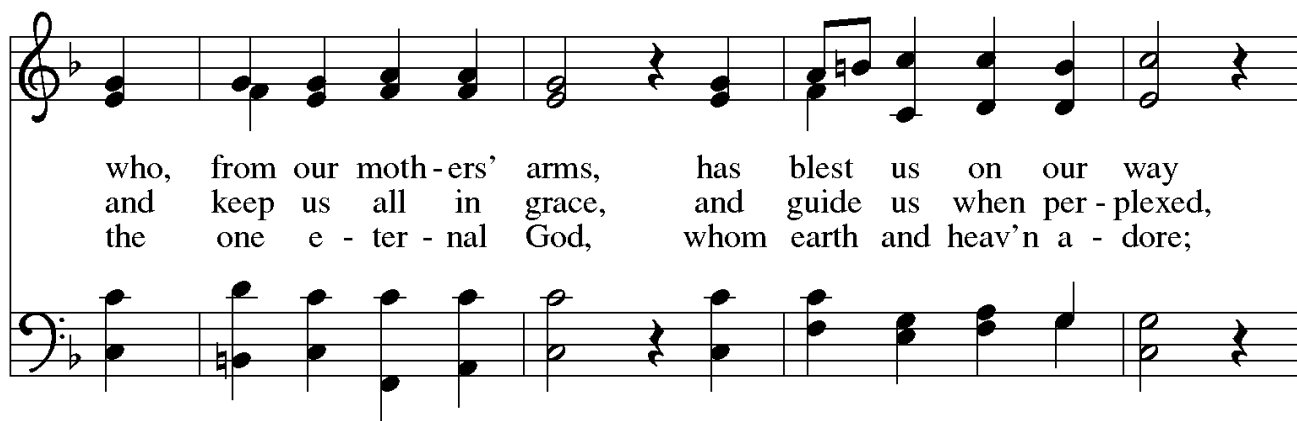
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

A Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(After each petition concludes with ***“God of Grace,”*** the congregation responds, ***“receive our prayer”***)

PEACE

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

(Please be seated)

GIFTS OF OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Lord of the Harvest,

C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 to 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.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

(Please be seated)



COMMUNION HYMNS

Here is Bread

ELW 483

VERSE

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G



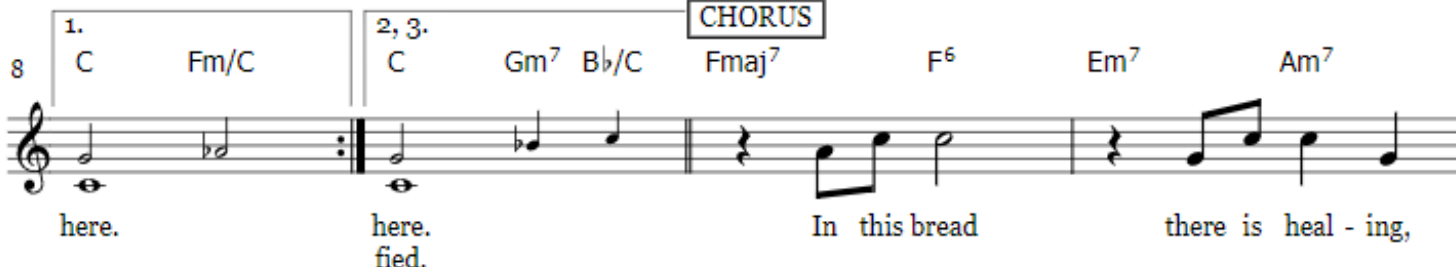
1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

4 F/A Am G/B C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G

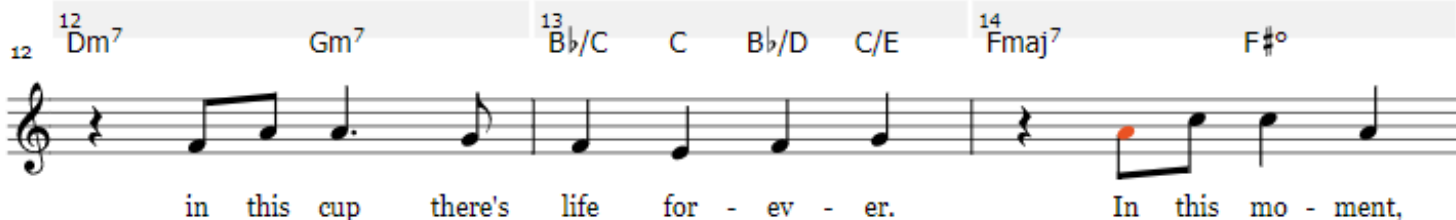


He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us
He is with us. Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
He is with us. We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -

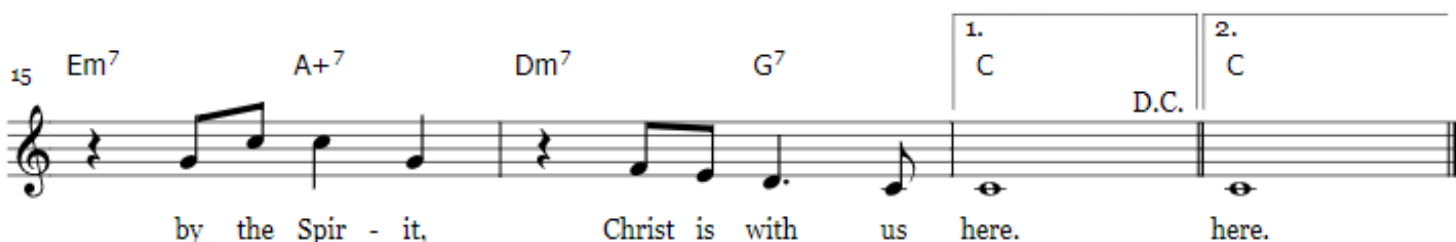
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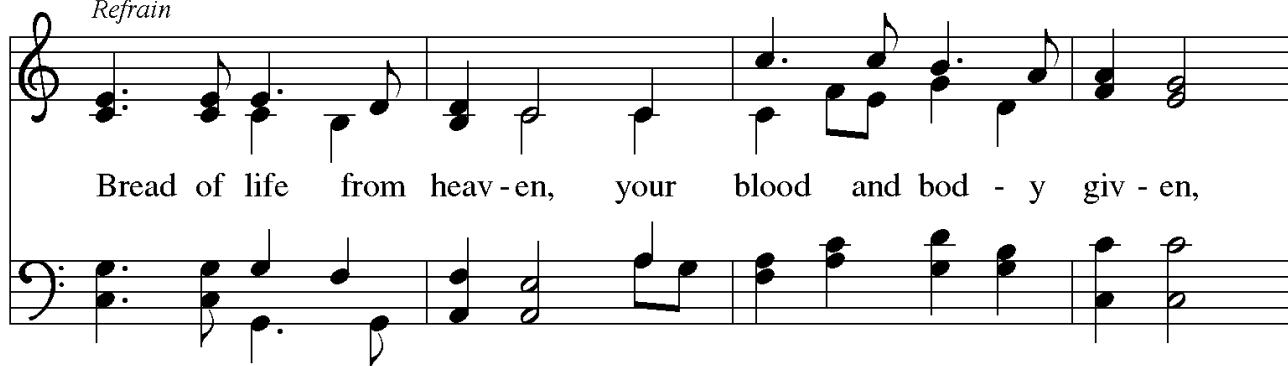
here. here. In this bread there is heal - ing,



in this cup there's life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,



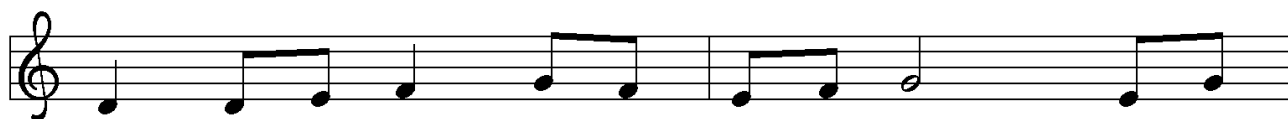
by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.

Refrain


Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - | clare his death; | eat this |



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| thanks, hun - gry ones, | gath - er round. | Eat, all of you, and be |
| hearts on the food that en - dures. | | Come, learn the true and the |
| self for the life of the world. | | Come to the one who is |
| home in the life - giv - ing Word. | | Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly |
| bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; | | trust his re - turn and, with |



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| sat - is - fied; | in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound. |
| liv - ing way, | that the full - ness of life may be yours. |
| food for you, | that your hun - ger and thirst be no more. |
| One of God, | and be - lieve in the truth you have heard. |
| ev - 'ry breath, | praise the one in whom you are re - born. |

Refrain

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God,

C through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age

ELW 729

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.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister: Roxanne Moger

Altar Guild: Gaynell Tomaszewski

Lector: Glenn Arney

Altar Flowers: Ilza Hartridge

Communion: Anne Merino

Ushers: David & Tamara Crocker

The sanctuary flowers this morning are given by Jan Brown in memory of Doug on their 61st wedding anniversary.

HELPING HANDS

Imagine going to spend the night at a friend's house or at a hotel. You arrive with your overnight items in a black trash bag! How do you feel? Loved? Cared for? Most likely not. But that is how the majority of our guests from Gathering Inn arrive on the third Monday each month when they are OUR guests for dinner and a place to sleep that night.



Helping Hands intends to change that in October. We plan on purchasing extra-large, heavy duty, rain resistant duffel bags. There are three ways you can support and share God's love with Gathering Inn folks:

1. [Click HERE](#) to purchase one of the duffel bags on Amazon – darker colors please – and either have it sent to the church or bring to church and place in Helping Hands baskets in the sanctuary narthex, in the Faith Center, or bring to the office during the week.
 2. Contribute \$\$ to Helping Hands to help us purchase bags. Just designate “Helping *Hands*” on *your check or online donation*.
 3. Purchase new warm accessories to help keep them warm during the coming colder weather, such as beanies, gloves, scarves or socks.
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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

REFORMATION DAY

Friday, October 31, 2025

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.