

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

10:30 A.M.

JOINT WORSHIP

Welcome!

Grace Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church,
St. John's Lutheran Church, and St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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.

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

THE REV. HANNAH HAWKINSON
ST. TIMOTHY'S

The congregation is invited to stand, as able, and turn to face the cross.

PRELUDE

Procession

Ernst Bloch

Diane Mues (St. Paul's), viola; Christine Kraemer (Immanuel), organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW p. 147-148

GLORIA

ELW p. 149-150

PRAYER OF THE DAY

VICAR ALEX LINN
 ST. JOHN'S

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, 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.

The congregation may be seated.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

A reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:31-34

NANCY MATHYER, GRACE

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

God Alone Be Praised

Zebulon M. Highben

Susan R. Briebl, after Psalm 46

Michael Stutzman (Grace), piano

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans

Romans 3:19-28

JAN WENDEL, ST. JOHN'S

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Soloist: If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples, *
and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free.

Repeat Alleluia

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

THE REV. MARK SLOSS
IMMANUEL

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.”

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

THE REV. MARK SLOSS, IMMANUEL

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word

ELW 511, v. 1-4

CREED

VICAR ALEX LINN,
ST. JOHN'S

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we pray for the church, the world, and all those according to their need.

God of all who long for truth, we give you thanks for the radical liberating grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to proclaim your love freely at home and abroad in word and deed. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, alleyways, homesteads, and neighborhoods. For those affected by natural disasters. For farmers and agriculture,

and all those who feel the weight of climate change increase with each passing season. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For elected officials, those serving in the military, and all who lead. Pour wisdom upon them so they may lead in your mercy for our siblings on the margins. Strengthen organizations who care for refugees, so that they may find a new home free from woe. May we protect and provide for the Dreamers in the example of your Son, who taught us to welcome the stranger. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God the Word, the Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in the holy cloud of witnesses.. Give us courage through the saints' example to live in newness of life. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

THE REV. ROBIN BROWN
 ST. PAUL'S

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

Today's loose or cash offerings will support the ministries of Interfaith Action of Evanston and Lutheran Disaster Response hurricane relief. Offerings in congregational envelopes will go to those congregations.

MUSICAL OFFERING*Salvation Is Created*

Pavel Chesnokov

OFFERTORY VERSE*Now Thank We All Our God*
*(sung as ushers bring forward the gifts)*ELW 840
(verse 1)**OFFERING PRAYER**VICAR ALEX LINN,
ST. JOHN'S**Let us pray,**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**Amen.****DIALOGUE & PROPER PREFACE**

THE REV. ROBIN BROWN

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

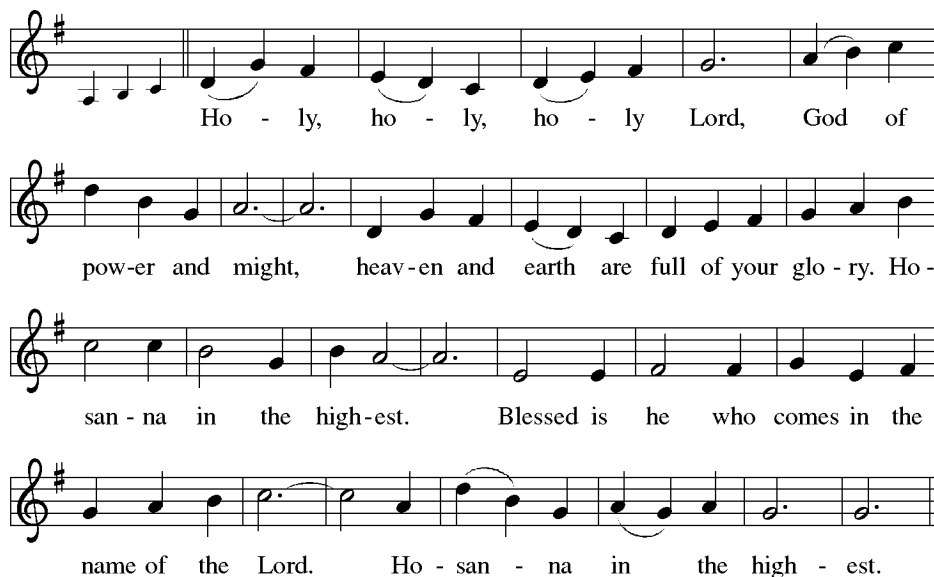
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

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

SANCTUS

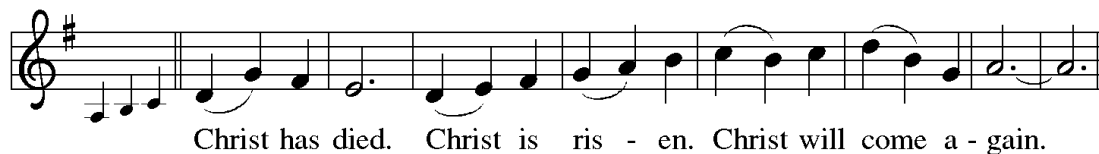


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy and passionate God...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us

in the many and varied languages we hold close.

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.

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.

The congregation may be seated.

WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's table. At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seats along the side aisle. All the bread is gluten free; the wine is red; the juice is white. You may cross your hands across your chest to receive a blessing. You may receive the bread and wine in your seat by speaking to an usher. All are welcome!

DISTRIBUTION



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 HYMNS

Founded on Faith



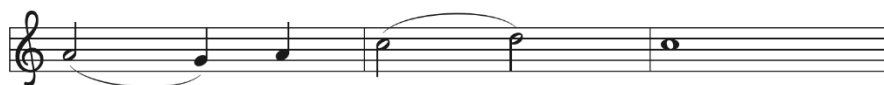
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

All Depends On Our Possessing
For by Grace You Have Been Saved
United at the Table

ELW 589
 ELW 598
 ELW 498

The congregation is invited to stand, as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

VICAR ALEX LINN, ST. JOHN'S

Let us pray,
 you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+ **SENDING** +**INVITATION TO LUNCH AND GRACE**

THE REV. HANNAH HAWKINSON
ST. TIMOTHY'S

All are welcome! Please come through the brown door to the left of the chancel. Buffet tables will be there in the gathering space, then you may proceed to the chapel for the meal. There is a lift for those who would prefer it instead of the steps. Many thanks to all who contributed to the meal!

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

DISMISSAL

VICAR ALEX LINN,
ST. JOHN'S

The worship is over; now let your service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in Eb Major (St. Anne's), BWV 552
Christine Kraemer (Immanuel), organ

J. S. Bach

Serving in worship today

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Hannah Hawkinson, The Rev. Robin Brown
Preaching Minister	The Rev. Mark Sloss
Assisting Minister	Vicar Alex Linn
Director of Liturgy	The Rev. Luke Harris-Ferree
Crucifer	Deacon Wesley Dorr
Torch Bearers.....	Richard Beck, Kit McCarthy
Lectors	Nancy Mathyer, Jan Wendel
Communion Assistants	Deacon Wesley Dorr, The Rev. Mark Sloss, The Rev. Luke Harris-Ferree, Jan Karp, Evergreen Edwards, Anne Palmer
Organist and Choir Director	Kurt Westerberg
Music Directors	Michael Stuzman (Grace), Jimmy Morehead (Immanuel), Paul Rupprecht (St. Timothy's), Kurt Westerberg (St. Paul's)
Instrumentalists:.....	Nura Aly (Grace), violin, Christine Kraemer (Immanuel), organ, Diana Lopez, trumpet, Diane Mues (St. Paul's), viola, Michael Stutzman (Grace), piano, Stefan Westerberg (St. Paul's), cello
Table Preparation	Jen Buehn, Mary Williamson
Audio-Visual Technicians	Bill Kastilahn, Kenaniah Jayaraman
Ushers	Janice Battle, Michele Kruse, Mary Williamson, xxx
Altar Flowers	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Hospitality	St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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