

# The Festival of Reformation Day

26 October Anno ✚ Domini 2008  
(Observed)



*“Luther Preaching at the City Church in Wittenberg”*

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## The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

### Preparatory Prayers

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

*(The congregation stands at the Ringing of the Bells and faces the processional cross. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in, and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)*

## The Processional Hymn

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

## The Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.

## The Service of the Word

### The Entrance Hymn

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the

Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or

tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

*“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31b-32)*

## The Kyrie

### Kyrie! God, Father (Sung by choir)

LSB 942

Ky-ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,  
Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!  
Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.  
O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne:  
Hear our cry and grant our sup - pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!  
Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the  
gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this  
sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

*Kyrie eleison!*

*Christe eleison!*

*Kyrie eleison!*



*Lord, have mercy!*

*Christ, have mercy!*

*Lord, have mercy!*

# The Gloria in Excelsis

## All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,

high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O

grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

- 5 You only are the Holy One  
 And over all are Lord alone.  
 O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
 You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
 With Him You evermore shall be  
 One in the Father's majesty.



"The Holy Trinity" by Albrecht Dürer

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**R** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and gracious Lord, 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.

**R** A - men.



## The First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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.”

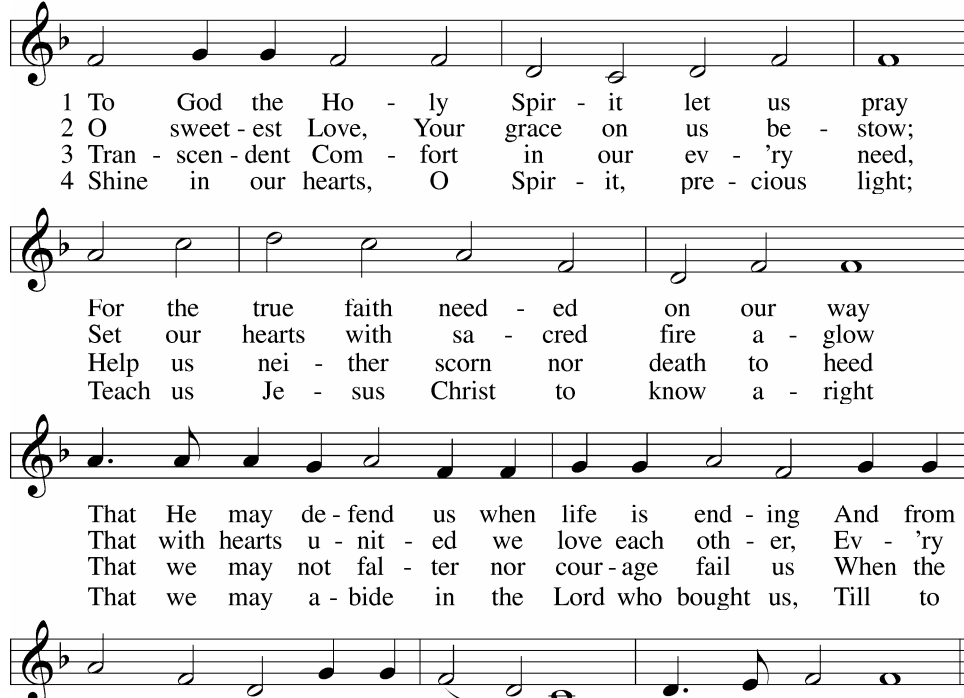
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Anthem

### To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

*LSB 768*



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;

For the true faith need - ed on our way  
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to

ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

## The Epistle Reading

*Romans 3:19–28*

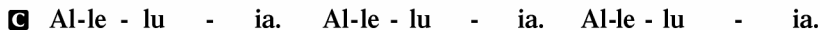
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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. <sup>26</sup>It 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.

<sup>27</sup>Then 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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



*John 8:31–36*

**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## The Hymn of the Day

Salvation unto Us Has Come (*Choir sings stanzas 3, 6, 9*)

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| <p>5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled<br/>Or we must die despairing,<br/>Christ came and has God's anger stilled,<br/>Our human nature sharing.<br/>He has for us the Law obeyed<br/>And thus the Father's vengeance stayed<br/>Which over us impended.</p>                | <p>8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin<br/>And makes us conscience-stricken;<br/>But then the Gospel enters in<br/>The sinful soul to quicken.<br/>Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;<br/>The Law no peace can ever give,<br/>No comfort and no blessing.</p>   |
| <p>6 Since Christ has full atonement made<br/>And brought to us salvation,<br/>Each Christian therefore may be glad<br/>And build on this foundation.<br/>Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,<br/>Your death is now my life indeed,<br/>For You have paid my ransom.</p> | <p>9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone<br/>And rests in Him unceasing;<br/>And by its fruits true faith is known,<br/>With love and hope increasing.<br/>For faith alone can justify;<br/>Works serve our neighbor and supply<br/>The proof that faith is living.</p> |
| <p>7 Let me not doubt, but truly see<br/>Your Word cannot be broken;<br/>Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"<br/>No falsehood have You spoken.<br/>Baptized into Your precious name,<br/>My faith cannot be put to shame,<br/>And I shall never perish.</p>               | <p>10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise<br/>To Father, Son, and Spirit,<br/>The God who saved us by His grace;<br/>All glory to His merit.<br/>O triune God in heav'n above,<br/>You have revealed Your saving love;<br/>Your blessed name we hallow.</p>        |



## The Sermon: “Abide In My Word” (John 8:31-36)

*Stand*

### The Creed

#### We All Believe in One True God

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

### The Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Offerings are gathered for the Lord's work among us


*(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)*

# The Service of the Sacrament

*(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)*

Stand

## The Preface



The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The 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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✙}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✙}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Sanctus

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old (Sung by choir)*

LSB 960

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for the first line of the text, "I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it", is written on a single staff. Below this, there are 15 empty staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp, intended for the other voices of the choir. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text, and the subsequent staves contain the melody for the second line of the text, "I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it".

## The Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## The Agnus Dei

### Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

John 1:29



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

## The Distribution

***Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:***

### ***Before receiving the Sacrament***

*O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

*What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

### ***During the Distribution of the Sacrament***

*The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.*

### ***After receiving the Sacrament***

*I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.*

*What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.*

*Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven and eternal blessing. Amen.*

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

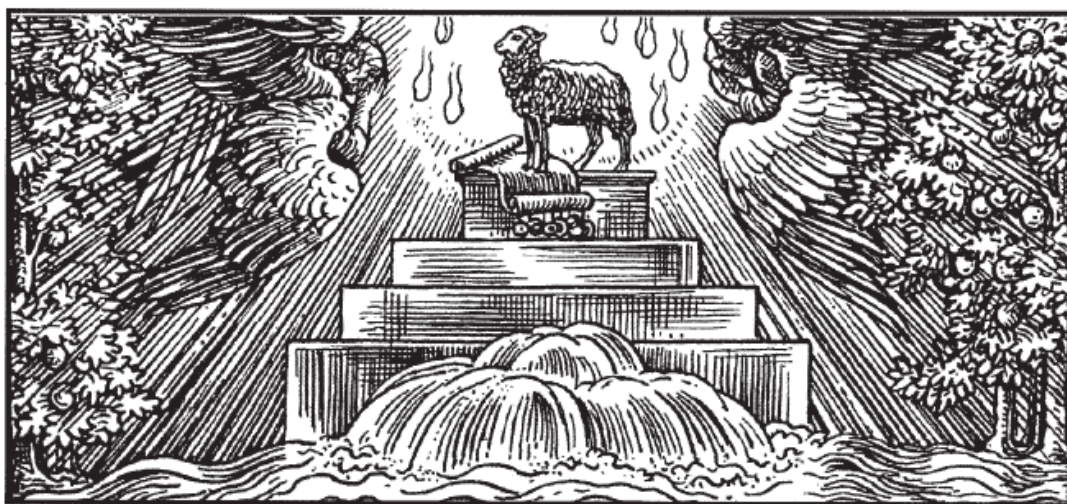
Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!



*"The Lamb's Fountain of Life" by Rudolf Schäfer*





1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
 It is faith's bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
 The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.



*"The Last Supper" by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
 da - tion, And mind-ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
 good re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair Left  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!  
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

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| <p>5 God said to His beloved Son:<br/>         "It's time to have compassion.<br/>         Then go, bright jewel of My crown,<br/>         And bring to all salvation.<br/>         From sin and sorrow set them free;<br/>         Slay bitter death for them that they<br/>         May live with You forever."</p> | <p>8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,<br/>         Me of My life bereaving,<br/>         All this I suffer for your good;<br/>         Be steadfast and believing.<br/>         Life will from death the vict'ry win;<br/>         My innocence shall bear your sin,<br/>         And you are blest forever.</p>                       |
| <p>6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,<br/>         Was born of virgin mother;<br/>         And God's good pleasure to fulfill,<br/>         He came to be my brother.<br/>         His royal pow'r disguised He bore;<br/>         A servant's form, like mine, He wore<br/>         To lead the devil captive.</p>  | <p>9 "Now to My Father I depart,<br/>         From earth to heav'n ascending,<br/>         And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart,<br/>         The Holy Spirit sending;<br/>         In trouble He will comfort you<br/>         And teach you always to be true<br/>         And into truth shall guide you</p>                                     |
| <p>7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,<br/>         I am your rock and castle.<br/>         Your ransom I Myself will be;<br/>         For you I strive and wrestle.<br/>         For I am yours, and you are Mine,<br/>         And where I am you may remain;<br/>         The foe shall not divide us.</p>         | <p>10 "What I on earth have done and taught<br/>         Guide all your life and teaching;<br/>         So shall the kingdom's work be wrought<br/>         And honored in your preaching.<br/>         But watch lest foes with base alloy<br/>         The heav'nly treasure should destroy;<br/>         This final word I leave you."</p> |

## The Dismissal

**P** The holy and precious, true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior, strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## The Post-Communion Hymn

### O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

The Thanksgiving

The Post-Communion Collect



**P** Let us pray.

**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.

The Salutation and Benedicamus

The Benediction

The Recessional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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“Sola Scriptura” by Rudolf Schäfer



## Serving Our Lord

Elder:	Don Reithel	Acolytes:	Jordan Henry, Ashleigh Rodriguez	Organist:	Mary Jakolat
		Ushers:	Curt Oswald, Jon Penzien	Altar Care:	Carol Zeile
		Greeters:	Bill and Beth Brostrom	Coffee:	Coaline Luplow

### Next Sunday - (November 2)

Elder:	Larry Elliott	Acolytes:	Tyrel Harwager, Natalie Penzien	Organist:	Beth Brostrom
		Ushers:	Michael Gilbert, Bill Brostrom	Altar Care:	Carol Zeile
		Greeters:	Burt and Cheryl Henry	Coffee:	Carol Zeile

## Our Stewardship of God's Blessings

Attendance: Divine Service (10/19) – 63 (51)    Adult Bible Class - 26    Sunday School - 15    Together in the Word (10-23) - 8  
 Divine Service (*Feast of St. James*) (10-23) - 15  
 Weekly Needs: \$2,235.00    Receipts last week: \$1,225.00    Budgeted Needs YTD: \$93,870.00    Receipts YTD: \$82,182.17

*The flower arrangements for the month of October are given to the Glory of God in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary by Gary and Marlene Miller.*

## In Our Prayers

Continue to keep in your prayers: Jim Elenbaas, Corrine Elenbaas, Freda Hill, Vicky Bowlby, Juanita Barker (Lisa Messer's sister), Dick Wiser, Dorothy Wiser, Violet Byers, Vivian Strom, Connie Cook, Joan Burch, Janice Langan, Eric Lovejoy (son/stepson of Barb and Roger Humphrey), Barbara Milner (Burt Henry's mother), Toni Nelson (step-daughter of Helen Meyers), Elaine Koch-Eaton (mother of Cheryl Kuehnlein), Tara Schuler (granddaughter of Lois Ramsey), Jessica Updegraff (niece of Miguel Ortiz), Bruce Bebow, Samantha Tulk (granddaughter of Mary Girard), and the family of Debbie Bailey (daughter of Mary Girard).

## This Week at Peace

Today	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> ( <i>Festival of Reformation Day</i> )
(10/26)	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Voters Assembly
Monday	—————	Newsletter articles are due
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Adult Bible Class makeup
	12:00 p.m.	<b>Divine Service</b> ( <i>St. Simon &amp; St. Jude</i> )
	6:00 p.m.	"Life With God" Adult Information Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Together in the Word
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	Weight Watchers
	7:00 p.m.	Table Talk
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
(11/2)	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> ( <i>Festival of All Saints Day</i> )

## Announcements

**"LIFE WITH GOD" Adult Information Class** - meets **Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m.** This class is for prospective new members and all members who want a refresher on Lutheran doctrine and practice. Members are encouraged to invite anyone who may be interested in learning what we Lutherans believe.

**DIVINE SERVICE** *St. Simon & St. Jude*, Tuesday, **October 28 at 12:00 p.m.**

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY** - Elections will take place for Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Elder, Trustee, and Board of Christian Ed.

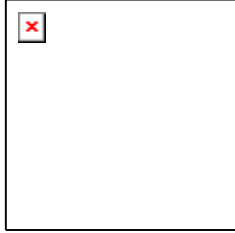
**NEED HELP RAKING LEAVES?** Alma College Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity is offering leaf cleanup services to those interested, particularly to the elderly or those who are physically handicapped. Those interested in leaf services on **Saturday, November 8** are asked to contact the church secretary, Mary Jakolat, who will in turn contact William Warsinski, the project coordinator.

**ADVENT TEA - Tuesday, December 9, 2008.** Sign-up sheets are posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board for serving as a hostess or for attending. If you would like to help organize the tea, please see Lisa Messer.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** immediately following today's service for coffee, juice and refreshments. We thank Coaline Luplow for serving as hostess this morning.

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...**Issues, Etc. is radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: Children & Worship, Is Abortion Just Another Issue?, The Doctrine of the Trinity, Christless Christianity, the Age of the Earth, The Lutheran Confessions and more. Listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) (*CDs of Issues, Etc. episodes are available in the fellowship hall. See pastor if you have any questions.*)

# Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



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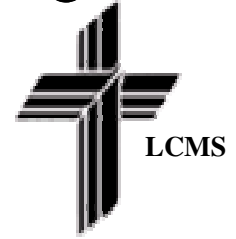
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## Welcome

This morning, we celebrate Reformation Day. It was on October 31, 1517, that the Blessed Reformer, Martin Luther, posted his *95 Theses* on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. This act on Luther's part sparked a series of events that would eventually set the Christian Church free from the captivity of Roman tyranny. Luther was blessed by God to rediscover the Gospel which had long been hidden under the corruption that prevailed in the Church. We thank God for revealing the truth of the Gospel to Luther and for preserving that truth within our church up to the present day. With Luther, we confess that we are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. In Luther's honor, we follow, for the most part, his *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass) in our Divine Service this morning, which is Divine Service 5 in LSB. May the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ our Savior, richly bless our celebration!

## Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this Blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



*"Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear, and distinct grounds and reasoning – and my conscience is captive to the Word of God – then I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me! Amen." - Martin Luther's courageous response at the Diet of Worms, 1521*