



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Reformation Sunday
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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We are so glad you are here today! May God bless you richly as we worship together this morning. We would love an opportunity to get connected with you. Please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection / Attendance Cards found in the holder in front of you. These can be dropped in the offering plate or given to an usher.

BEFORE SERVICE

As part of the Body of Christ we would be honored to hold your concerns in prayer. Prayer Request Cards are in the holder in front of you. During the opening song, an usher will come by to collect any requests so we can incorporate these into our morning worship.

AFTER SERVICE

Please do join us for a time of friendship and fellowship. Coffee and goodies are on offer most all the time and we'd love an opportunity to meet you. You are most welcome here!



AN INVITATION AROUND HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is one of the most significant aspects of our worship service. It is a moment when we receive Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as He shares himself with us. Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. He comes to us as a gift of life to His people. This meal sustains faith and life for all those baptized into Christ Jesus as they live out Christ's mission in this world.

As we commune with Christ Jesus this morning, the invitation is from Jesus that trusting Him, you come and partake as He gives. All His fullness, goodness, and mercy is yours simply in trusting and receiving the Lord's Body and Blood given and shed *for you*.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are both available for special needs so please just let us know as you come forward. Children who have yet to receive a First Communion, are invited to come forward as well for the "same blessing" but for now simply in Word.

You are welcome here. Come and taste that the Lord IS Good!

THE SINGING OUR FAITH LITURGY THE ORDER OF SERVICE *Holy Communion Worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME



PRAYERS OF THE REFORMERS

John Hus

Let us pray,

**Lord Jesus Christ, I commit my soul into your hands,
for you have redeemed me with your blood.**

**Father in Heaven, do not hold against my enemies the sins
they commit against me;**

rather, let me know that they will be at peace in your presence.

**O Holy Spirit, enlighten their hearts,
so that the truth of the Gospel may open their eyes,
and its praise may be spread everywhere,
forever and ever. Amen.**



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Congregational responses are in **BOLD** type.*

Please rise as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

The service continues with the gathering song.

GATHERING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (LBW 229)



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
 your 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!

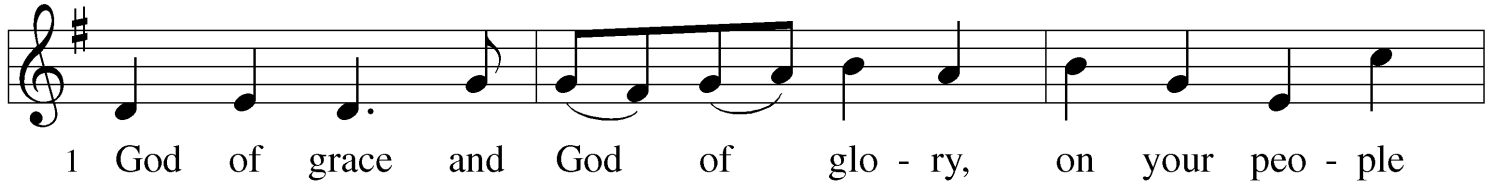
GREETING

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

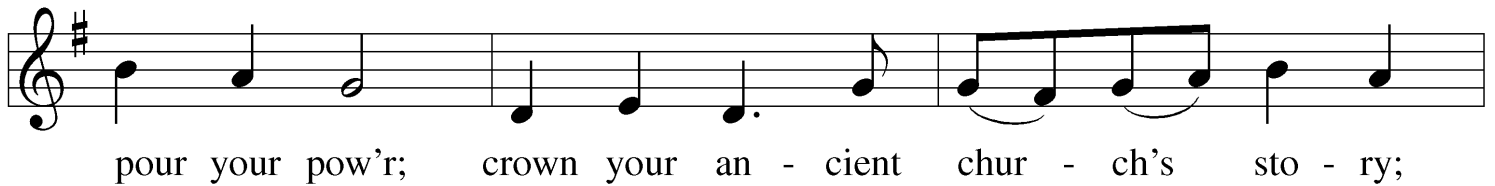
And also with you.

KYRIE

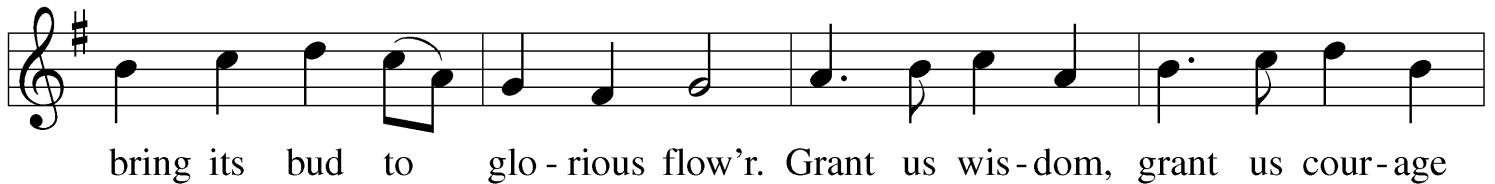
God of Grace & God of Glory (LBW 415) verse 1 & 4



4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thine is the Glory (LBW 145) verse 1 & 3

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. Refrain

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932;
tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

John Hus

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O loving Christ, draw me, weak as I am, to your side,
for if you do not draw me, I can follow you.**

Give me a brave spirit, so that it may always stand ready and strong.

**And when my flesh is weak,
let your grace go before me,**

**come beside me,
and follow after me,**

for without you, I can do nothing – least of all suffer pain or death.

Grant me a fearless heart,

a true faith,

a firm hope,

and a perfect love,

so that for your sake I may lay down my life with patience and joy. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 *(back cover)*

After the reading.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm is read responsively, with the congregation speaking the portion printed in **BOLD**.*

PRAYERS OF THE REFORMERS

Ulrich Zwingli

Let us pray together...

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God,

whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,

open and illuminate my mind, that I may truly understand your Word

and that my life may be conformed to what I have rightly understood,

that in all my ways I may be pleasing to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SECIAL MUSIC In Christ Alone

Rebecca Matchey

SECOND LESSON: Roman 3:19-28 *(back cover)*

After the reading.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (W&P 144)

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right, be -

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

PRAYERS OF THE REFORMERS

Martin Luther

Let us pray together...

Dear heavenly Father, say something.

I will gladly remain silent and be a child and student.

**If I ruled my life with my own knowledge, wisdom, and understanding,
I would have been sunk long ago.**

Therefore, dear God, you guide and direct it.

**I will gladly forsake my point of view and understanding
and let you rule alone through your Word. Amen.**

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (*back cover*)

The Gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's church follows

SERMON

“Christ is Our Freedom”

Pastor Eric Griffith

Silence for reflection may follow.

Please stand as you are able



HYMN OF THE DAY *O Christ the Same* (WOV 778)



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS THROUGH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:

These persons have come to us from *other churches*, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Their names are read.

Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

The minister addresses those who have been presented.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**R 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**R 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

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The minister addresses those making affirmation.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn.

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these *men and women* your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these *sisters* and *brothers* in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

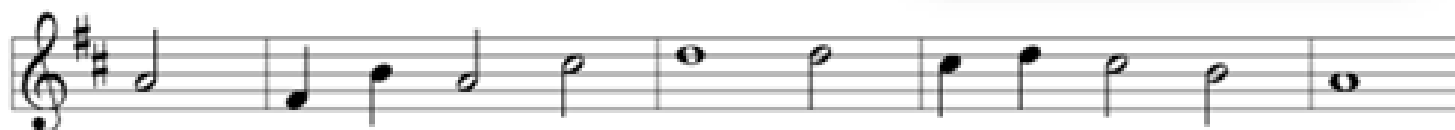
The congregation may be seated as the offering is gathered, and the table is prepared.

THE OFFERING



SONG OF OFFERING

Breath on Me, Breath of God (LBW 488)



1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God; un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.
un - til with you I will one will to do and to en - dure.
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835–1889

Music: DURHAM, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

As the gifts are brought forward, please rise as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE REFORMERS

Martin Luther

OFFERING PRAYER

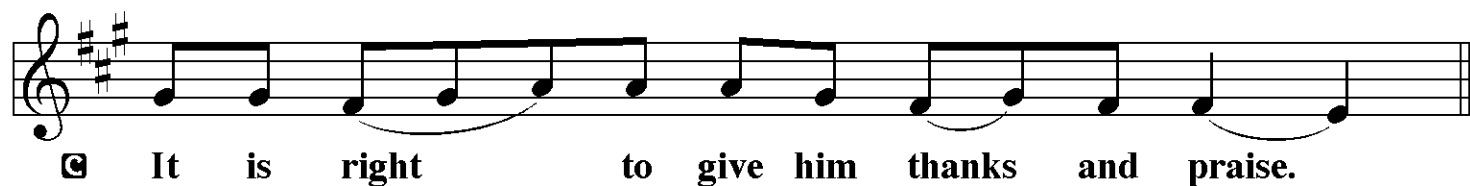
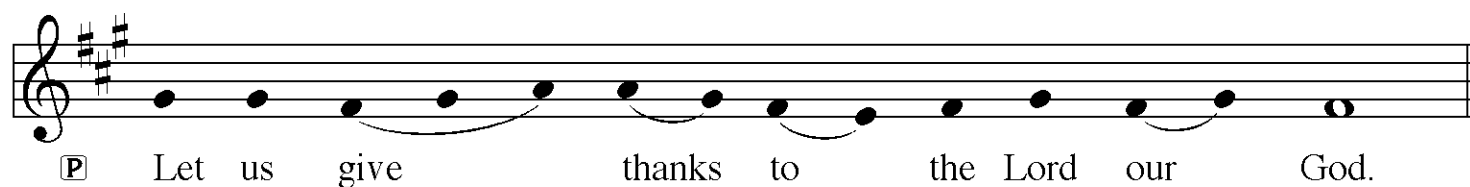
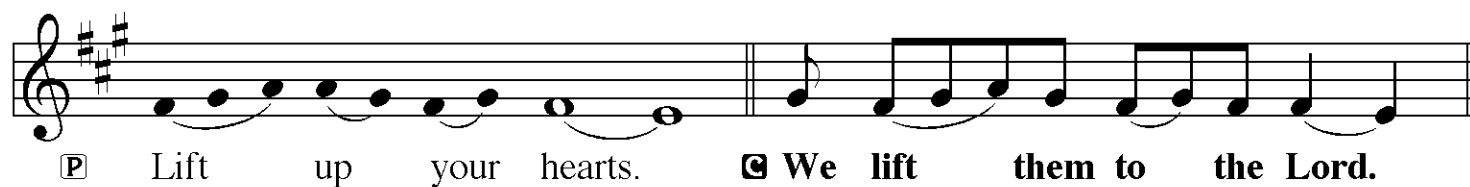
Let us pray together...

**Dear Father in heaven, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ,
grant me your Holy Spirit,**

that I may be a true disciple of Christ,

and therefore acquire a heart with a never-ceasing fountain of love. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW Setting #2 – page 88)



PREFACE

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:

It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (LBW 165) verse 2



2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,



cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;



cher - ū - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,



which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or assistant:*

Lamb of God, [you take a-way the sin of the

** Please see all additional stanzas after 1st time.*

Congregation:

world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:

- 2) you break the chains of hatred and fear:
- 3) you are the way of justice and peace:
- 4) you are the way of mercy and love:

** Jump to "Final time" after the last line above.*

*The congregation may be seated
and come forward at the direction of the usher.*



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” or “Come Lord Jesus” or whatever expression of thanksgiving one is moved to in the moment.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: WOV 712, 734, 744

COMMUNION BLESSING

Stand

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

Amen



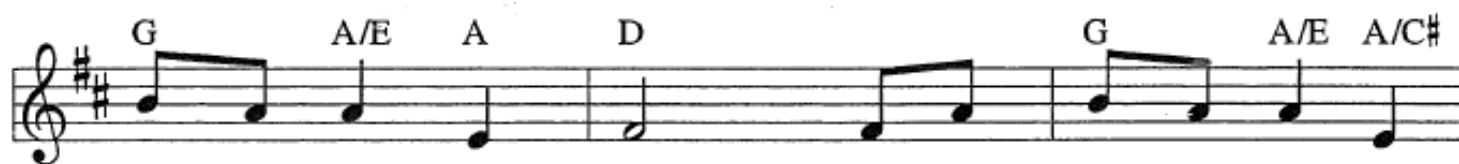
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

We will Glorify (W&P 154) verse 1 & 4



1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will

4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the

lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Text: Twila Paris

Music: Twila Paris; arr. David Allen

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PRAYERS OF THE REFORMERS
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Martin Luther

Let us pray together...

**Dear God and Father, I pray for you to so nurture me
that I may be to you as a beautiful garden,
so that many people may enjoy your fruit
and be attracted through me to all godliness.**

**Write into my heart, by your Holy Spirit, whatever is abundantly found in
Scripture.**

**Let me constantly keep your word in mind,
and permit it to become far more precious to me than my own life
and all else that I cherish on earth.
help me to live and act accordingly.
To you be praise and thanks in eternity. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The flame carried by the Acolyte reminds us that Christ leads us into mission. You are invited to turn and focus on this light as it moves us toward our calling in the world.

SENDING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* (LBW 369) verses 1, 2, 5



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;

5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



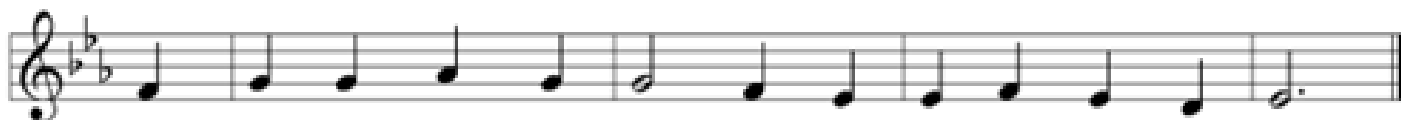
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word,
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,

O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

grant that the word we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through Your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

What are we called to do?

We are called by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's love through word and deed.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church strives to be a church where all can experience the love of Christ, find community, grow in relationship with God, and serve others with love and compassion.

