



GRACE ALONE WORD ALONE
FAITH ALONE



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 29, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her dad by Philip and Melanie Wessinger.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Cantor	Melanie Helling
Lector	John Otten
Prayers	Angie Hager
Acolytes	Madelyn Fagala Dan Thomas-Harewood
Crucifer	Ben McCormack
Communion Assistant	Merry Mulcahy
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Maggie Boliek Teresa Harrington Lara Wannemacher
Praying for Possibilities	Jean Nelson
Greeters	Mark Allen Pattimarie Janssen Wayne Landreth Tara Miller Peggy Schotsch Dora Welch
Ushers	Richard Delap Calvin Harmon David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Chris Sorenson, Brad Waters
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

We All Believe in One True God

J.S. Bach

The Ash Grove arranged for Brass Quintet by Rob Booth

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's love and justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

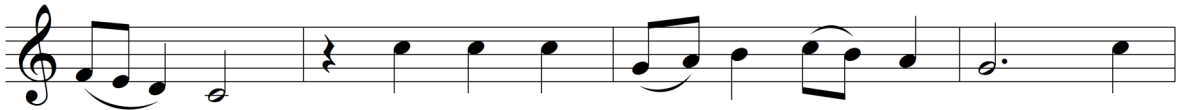
Worshippers are encouraged to joyfully wave red and white streamers during the Gathering Hymn

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



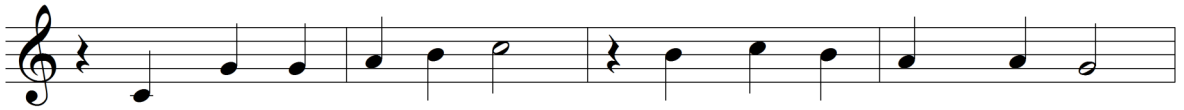
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3. Though hordes of de - vils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4. God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes who



to - rious; who 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 a - lone fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God a - bove 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

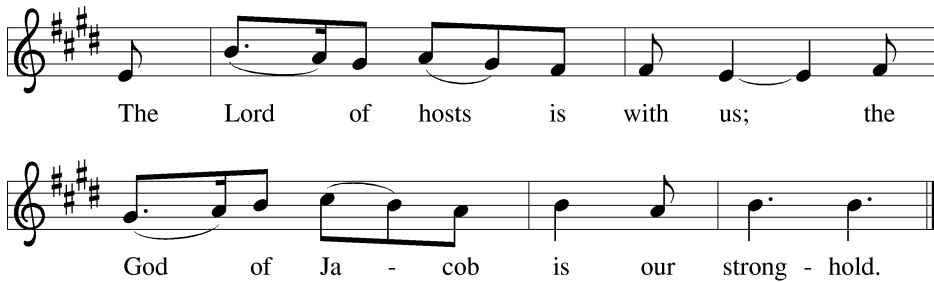
A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, declares our God, 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 married to them, says God. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: 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 God,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says God; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of God for the people of God.

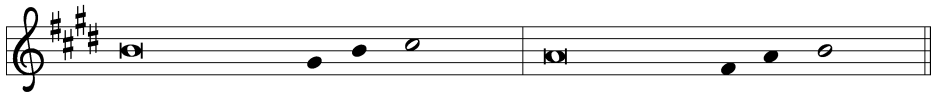
Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

A reading from Romans.

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 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 God's 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. This was to show God's righteousness, because in divine forbearance, God had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

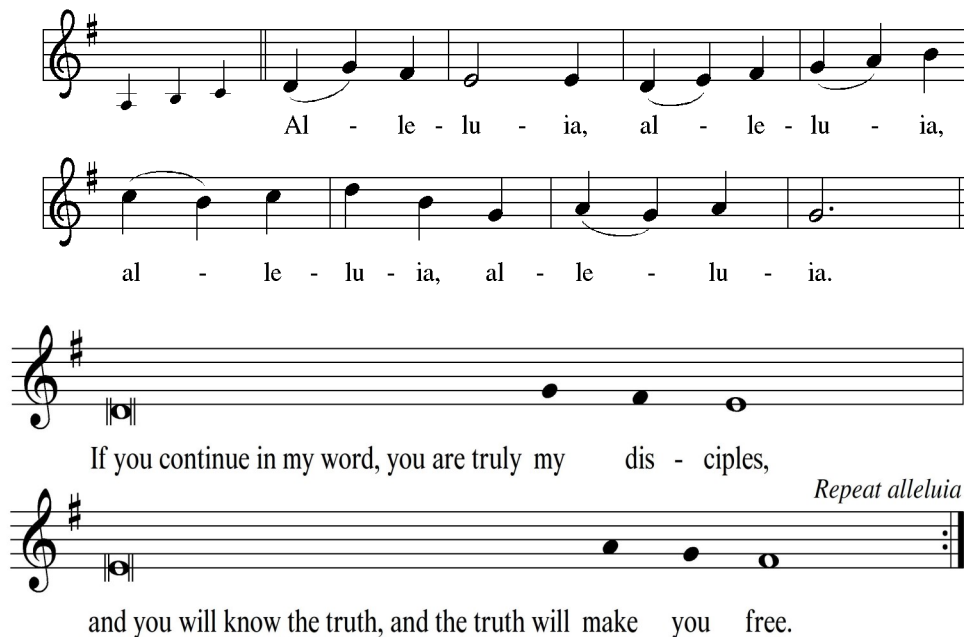
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Symbols of Reformation

Please stand as able

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Worshippers are encouraged to joyfully wave red and white streamers during the Gospel Processional



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my dis - ciples,
Repeat alleluia

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the eighth chapter.

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 Sarah 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 heir has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the heir - the Only Begotten - makes you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
time shall last our church may old it fast through-out all generations.

Please be seated

SERMON

Law and Gospel: A Lutheran Understanding

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

729

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by
change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its
heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims
of injustice cry for shelter and for
bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring
church that longs to be a partner in Christ's
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed can cure the
fever in our blood, and teach us how to
share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without
reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our parent, you call each of us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, strengthen us for a bold and inclusive missional vision, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God our fortress,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God our fortress,
hear our prayer.

God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. Soften hearts in Israel and Gaza so that enemies may see you in each other. Bring understanding to a world that often chooses sides at the expense of innocent victims. God our fortress,
hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Be their rest and comfort. God our fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our liberator, your truth makes all people free. Bring the joyous gift of Christian freedom to all who have felt locked out of the church. Where queer people worship, let there be rejoicing in your holy name. Where female identifying and/or people of color lead ministries, let your people celebrate and support their calls. As we celebrate Reformation Day let us not forget that women were hammering nails of reform just as fervently as Luther. We give you thanks for the Christian life and witness of Katarina von Bora, Elisabeth of Denmark, Queen Elizabeth I, Katharina Schütz, and all the women who played key roles in the Reformation movement. Continue to raise up female identifying people, LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, and other often silenced voices as leaders in your church. God our fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our comforter, you sustain us in our weariness, console us in our grief, and give us the strength and courage to meet the daily demands of this life. Reassure us of your love and grace. In a world that is so very broken and divided, remind us that our lives and the small, daily choices we make have the power to bring healing and wholeness to many. Keep hope alive in this community. Help us to hear and embrace the good news of the gospel that all of us are loved for who we are and not what we do, that each of us is created in the image of God, and that we are enough, that we have always been enough. God our fortress,

Hear our prayer.

God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future of this congregation and your entire church. Continue filling this place with your Holy Spirit, that these your stones, pews, and people might continually be open to experiencing your great renewal. Stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God our fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to your purpose. God our fortress,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all things to you, trusting that we are all justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

What God Ordains Is Good Indeed
by J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice
(verse 1)

#594

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation
springing, and, with united heart and voice and holy
rapture singing, proclaim the wonders God has done,
proclaim the vict'ry God has won, how precious was our ransom!**

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,

that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also 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,
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.

Through the work of Martin Luther and the reformers
of the past, present, and future you reveal to your people
the gifts of grace, freedom, mercy, and love and, through their witness,
you extend the boundaries of your glorious kin-dom to all people.
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:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

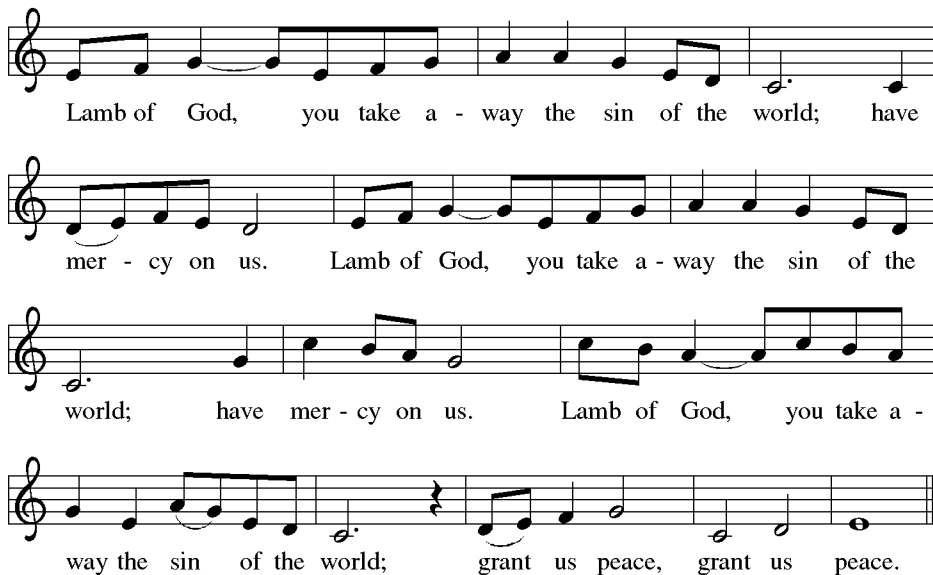
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Worshippers will come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a wafer and dip it in the wine to receive communion by Intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Salvation Unto Us Has Come
two settings for organ by Paul Kickstat

**Salvation unto us has come by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save
us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for
all the world atone, our only mediator.**

**What God did in the law demand no one could keep unailing;
great woe arose on ev'ry hand, and sin grew all prevailing.
Because the law must be fulfilled, Christ came as
God in mercy willed, for us the law obeying.**

**Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
we will rejoice, we will be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; baptized into
your death, I'm freed; your life is mine forever.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our
neighbor and supply the proof that faith is living.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son,
and Spirit! Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
all glory to your merit! O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love; your blessed name we hallow.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done in this world
as in heaven; give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do;
in ev'ry trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#517

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who
by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and
unity on earth; support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.**

Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling— calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling— high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing; hither we come to praise his name faith in our Savior confessing. Jesus to us his Spirit sent, making with us his covenant, granting his children the Kingdom.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen"

Please stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

#840

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonatina

by Muzion Clementi

arranged for Brass Quintet by Desmond Cervantez

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Gym for refreshments and
to participate in the Congregation Meeting.*

CAPITAL CITY BRASS Quintet

Trumpet - Doug Leadbitter

Trumpet - Jason Ortiz

Horn - Holly Beeson

Trombone - Brian Wargel

Tuba - Allen Kaiser

Timpani - John Beckford

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