



GRACE ALONE WORD ALONE
FAITH ALONE



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024 - 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 mother, Roma Matzan, on the 117th anniversary of her birth by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister and Preaching	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Lector	Carl Witherspoon
Prayers	Penny Bostain
Acolyte/Crucifer/Streamers	Jesse Fagala Paul Godfrey Jenna Mast
Communion Assistants	Mary Cannon-Spencer Dean Hybl
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anne Fagala Jeff Roth Amy Brown
Nursery	Margaret Roth
Praying for Possibilities	Lisa Rehm
Greeters	Mark Allen Dale Hamann Sandra Hamann Frank Hawkins Harry Hawkins Lindsay Hawkins Pattimarie Janssen Nell Orscheln
Ushers	Danny Fagala Lani Ludian David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Parish Life
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE Partita on *Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice* by Kevin Hildebrand
 Lift High the Cross arranged by Dan Boone
 Anthem for Brass on a Tune by Thomas Tallis arranged by Todd Marchand

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are 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
vour 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. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace. In times of hesitation, conflict, and uncertainty, gift us with the courage of reformers who have gone before us. Fill our hearts with the saving message of your good news, setting us free to serve stranger and neighbor in the name of 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.

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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

The refrain is introduced by the cantor

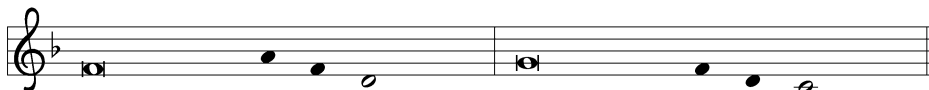
Psalm 46

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

*Psalm
Refrain*



*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.

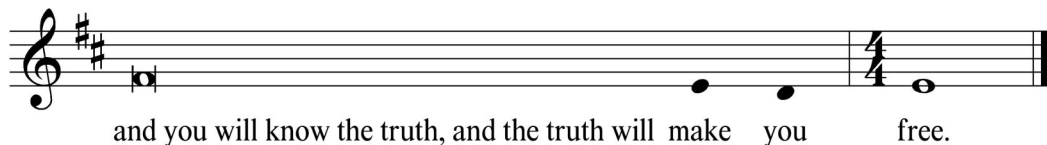
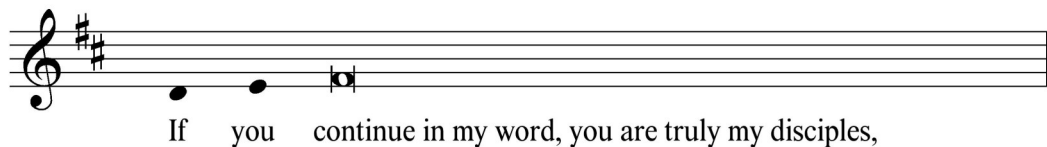
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Women of the Reformation

Please stand as able

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

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



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 set 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 set 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 – sets you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

#509

**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

Completely Free Freedom

Please stand as able

*The baptismal participants and children are invited to gather at the font
during the final two verses of this hymn.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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**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.**

Please be seated

HOLY BAPTISM

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

Amen.

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation

We present Francis Evans for baptism.

Chris and Sarah Jo, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized in Christ?

Response:

We do.

As you bring Frank Evans to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Frank Evans grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Frank Evans and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Please stand as able

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Water is poured on the child's head, as the presiding minister says:

Francis Evans,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

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

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Frank Evans with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Francis Evans Harmon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let us welcome Frank Evans into our church family.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. . . 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 loving 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 mighty 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. As the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. Renew the face of the earth. God our mighty fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our leader, you raise up the baptized in Christ as servants and co-workers of the gospel. We give you thanks for the many ways Deacon Amy Brown has served your people and mission at Trinity. There is hardly a spot on this campus that has not been touched by her work. Countless children, youth, and adults have been formed in the faith through her leadership and Christian witness. As she transitions out of her role here, grant her continued joy in the knowledge of a job well done and the peace that comes with her identity as your beloved child. God our mighty fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our teacher, you guide and nurture each of us on our individual and communal paths of faith. As Trinity's youth, Jesse, Paul, Lexi, Dan, Clayton, and Harper go on retreat this coming weekend to begin their Confirmation journey, we ask you to sustain, enliven, and encourage their faith in new ways. Inspire youth, families, and staff to bear witness to your saving love while building community and exploring your teachings. Raise up in our midst a new generation of reformers. God our might 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 mighty fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. When we feel overwhelmed and surrounded by our fears and anxieties, help us to trust in you for our safety, comfort, and hope. 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 mighty fortress,

hear our prayer.

God our liberator, your truth sets 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 women and 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, Queen Elizabeth I, Katharina Schütz, Elisabeth Cruciger and all the women who played key roles in the Reformation movement. Continue to raise up women, LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, and other often silenced voices as leaders in your church. God our mighty 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

Luther's Words

Adult Choir

by Paul Leavit

Text from the words of Martin Luther

We are not yet what we shall be.

This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness,
not health, but healing, not being, but becoming, not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it.
The process is not yet finished, but it is going on, and on, and on, and on.
This is not the end, but this is the road. All does not yet gleam in the glory,
gleam in the glory of God, but all is being purified.

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Agnus Dei" in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are centered under the notes.

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.

**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!**

**Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay, death brooded fiercely
o'er me, sin was my torment night and day; in sin my
mother bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free
will against God's judgement fought, so firmly sin possesses me.**

**O God, you saw me deep distress before the world's foundation,
and, with your mercy measureless, you planned for my
salvation. You turned to me a father's heart; you
did not choose the easy part, but gave you dearest treasure.**

**You said to your beloved Son: "Tis time t have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all
salvation; from sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they may live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed you gracious will, was born of virgin
mother; and, you good pleasure to fulfill he came to
be my brother. His royal pow'r disguised be bore, a servant's
form, like mine he wore, to lead the devil captive.**

**To me he said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock
and castle. Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and
wrestle. The foe will shed my precious blood; all this
I suffer for your good; my life o'er death will triumph."**

**"Now to my Father I depart, from earth to heav'n
ascending, and, gracious wisdom to impart,
the Holy Spirit sending, who will in trouble comfort you,
will teach you well, your faith renew, and in all truth will guide you."**

**"What I on earth have done and taught guide all your life
and teaching; so shall the glorious reign of God increase,
the whole world reaching. Let none the gospel gift impede;
I make you free; be free indeed! The final word I leave you."**

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

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**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 forth in peace, welcoming gladness in your hearts.
Go forth in freedom, allowing the gospel to guide your feet.
Go forth in love, knowing that God's most precious gift of grace is freely given to all.
God forth in the spirit of reformation, trusting the Holy Spirit to shake things up in all
the right ways.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God: March Triomphale
by Sigfrid Karg-Elert, arr. Wesley A. Day

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Multipurpose Room
for a celebration for Deacon Amy Brown.*

CAPITAL CITY BRASS Quintet

Trumpet - Doug Leadbitter

Trumpet - Keli Price

Horn - Holly Beeson

Trombone - Brian Wargel

Tuba - Matthew Tuk

Timpani - John Beckford

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