



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 24 - 4:00pm & Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 9:00am
Reformation Sunday

3 Chimes will sound before the prelude as an indicator that service is about to begin.
Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them. And, please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! Christ is present and you are welcome! Young children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. We offer gluten-free and regular wafers, grape juice and wine options. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and tell the ushers you'd like communion in your seat and it will be brought to you. The ushers will direct all during communion.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG Hymn #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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 "This is the Feast" (ELW pg. 187-188)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

Please be seated

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19 - 28

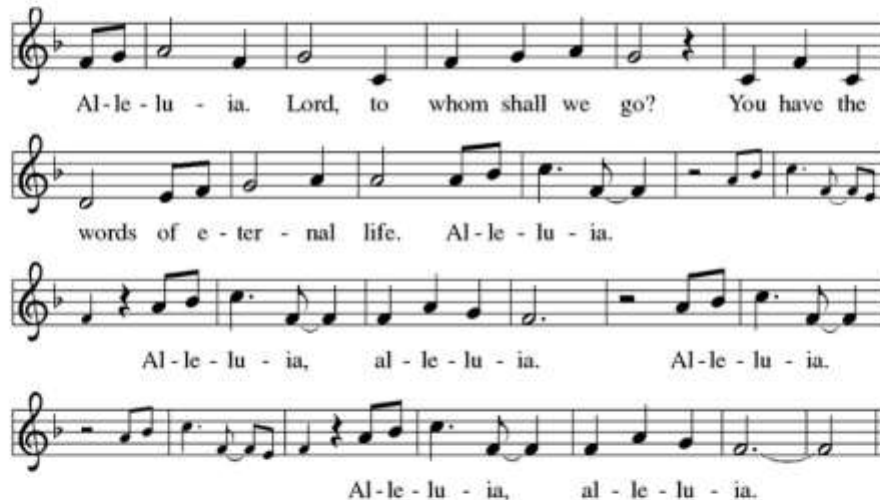
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KIDS CONNECTION

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34 - 46 (Sat)

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31 - 36 (Sun)

The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS' DAY INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

[Let us be mindful...] We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING (Sun)

Adult Choir

"Come Build A Church", Ken Medema

*God of Creation, Maker of all things, We gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you come now among us; Come and build your church today.*

*[refrain] Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of
flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood, or
glass or stone. Come build a church with human frailty. Come build a
church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be
built by the hand of God.*

*Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar. Let us
know the awe and wonder, that we've only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know the great awakening. For so long we've been asleep.*

*Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the
bounds. Reaching out across the chasms, brings walls of hatred
down. Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never
ends. Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into
friends.*

[refrain]

*Guide our feet in peaceful pathways. Teach us peace of heart
and mind; peace with God and all God's children; till we leave
our wars behind. Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze
that cools the night; like the rain upon the desert; like the
candle's gentle light.*

[refrain]

Please stand in body or spirit

OFFERING Hymn #893 "Before You, Lord, We Bow", vs. 1

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

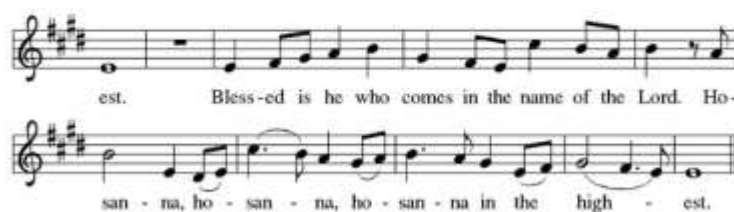
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #803 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Hymn #504 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", vs. 1, 2, 4

DISMISSAL

We are God's people. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**

Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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