

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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Welcome to Worship

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves “visitors” among the people of this community.

It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**.

Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All **Amen.**

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,

All **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.

P 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.

All **Amen.**

Opening Song

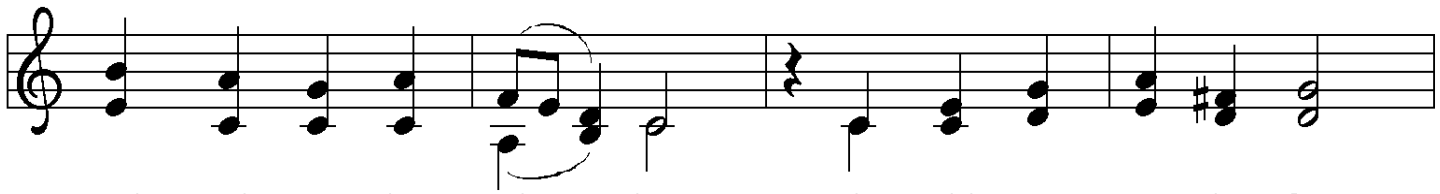
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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 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
vour 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

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

All **And also with you.**

Prayer for This Day

P Almighty God, gracious Lord,
we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age..

All **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.

You may be Seated

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A Reading from Jeremiah, the 31st Chapter

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It 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 their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says
the LORD: 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.

34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

WA The word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God!**

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge 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;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God 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.
7 The 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 upon the earth;
9 behold 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.”
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 46

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law.

We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A Reading from Romans, the 3rd Chapter

19 Now 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. 20 For no human will be justified before
him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the
righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice
of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to
demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had
passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at
the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he
justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind
of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold
that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

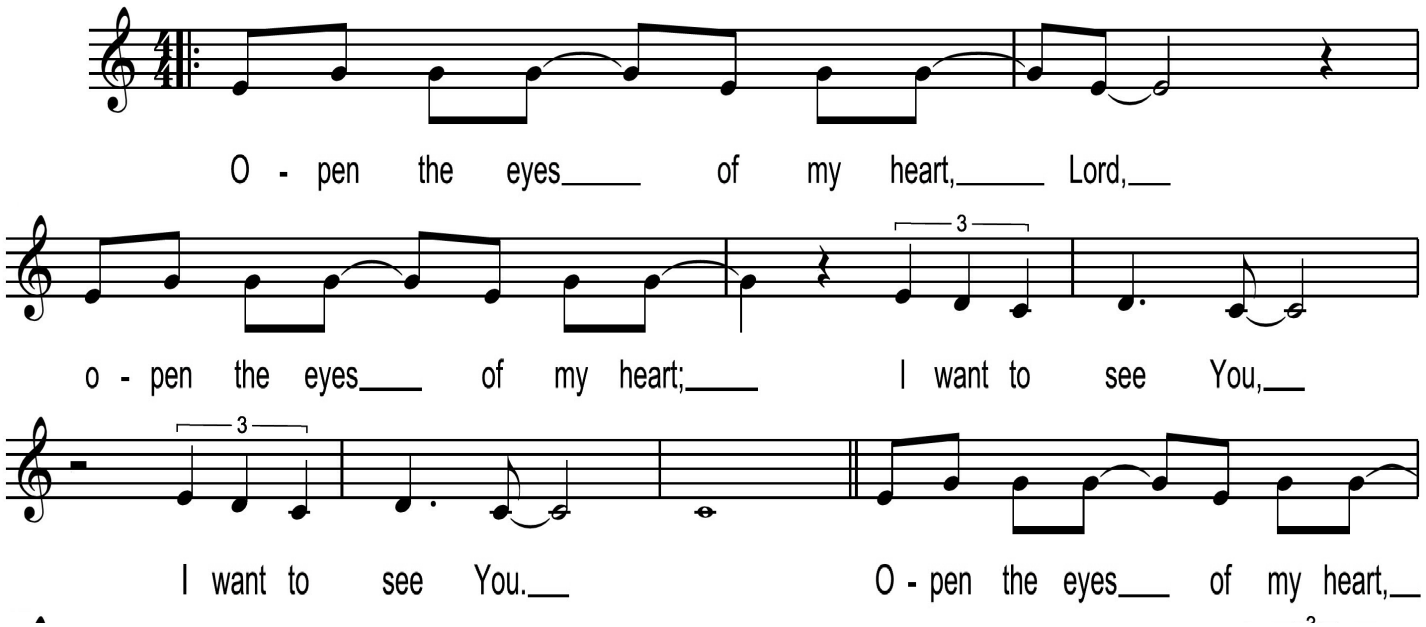
Romans 3:19-28

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All **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of
Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by
saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits
sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the
household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you
free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:31-36

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Children's Sermon

Kelly Martin

Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills.Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make "hope & love" tangible.*
The children have chosen Family Promise of Ogden
to receive this monetary blessing for this season.

Sermon

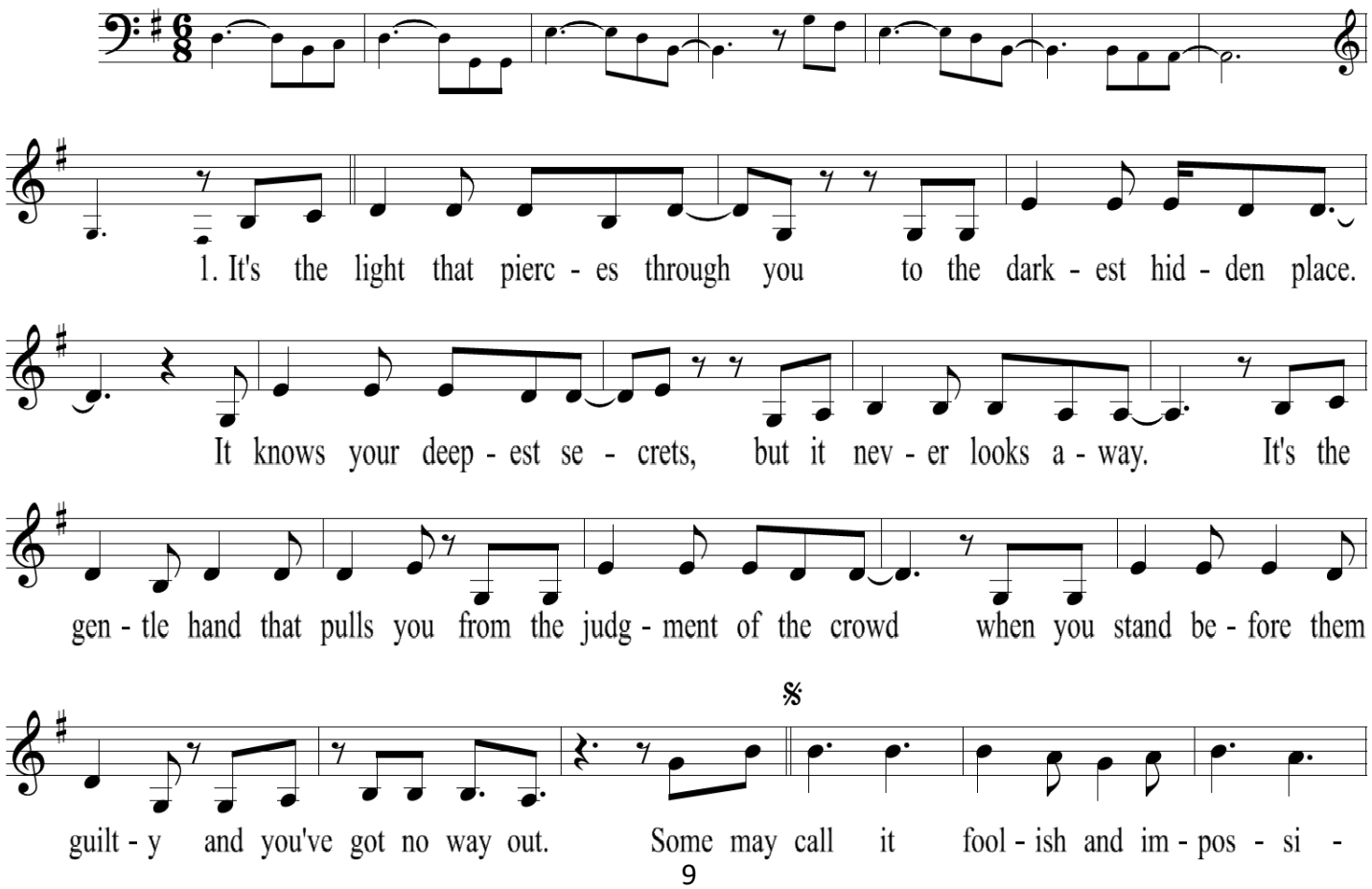
Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Call It Grace

Words and Music by
Michael Farren, Jonathan Lowry, Chad Mattson and Seth Mosley



ble, but for ev - 'ry heart it res - cues it's a mir - a - cle. It's noth - ing less than

2nd time to Coda 𝄋

scan - dal - ous, this love that took our place. Just call it what it is, call it grace.

2. It's the breath that's breath - ing new life in - to

what we thought was dead. It's the fav - or that takes or - phans, plac - ing crowns up - on their

heads. It's the hope for our to - mor - rows, the rock on which we stand. It's a

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strong and might - y for - tress e - ven hell can't stand a - gainst. Some may

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call it grace.

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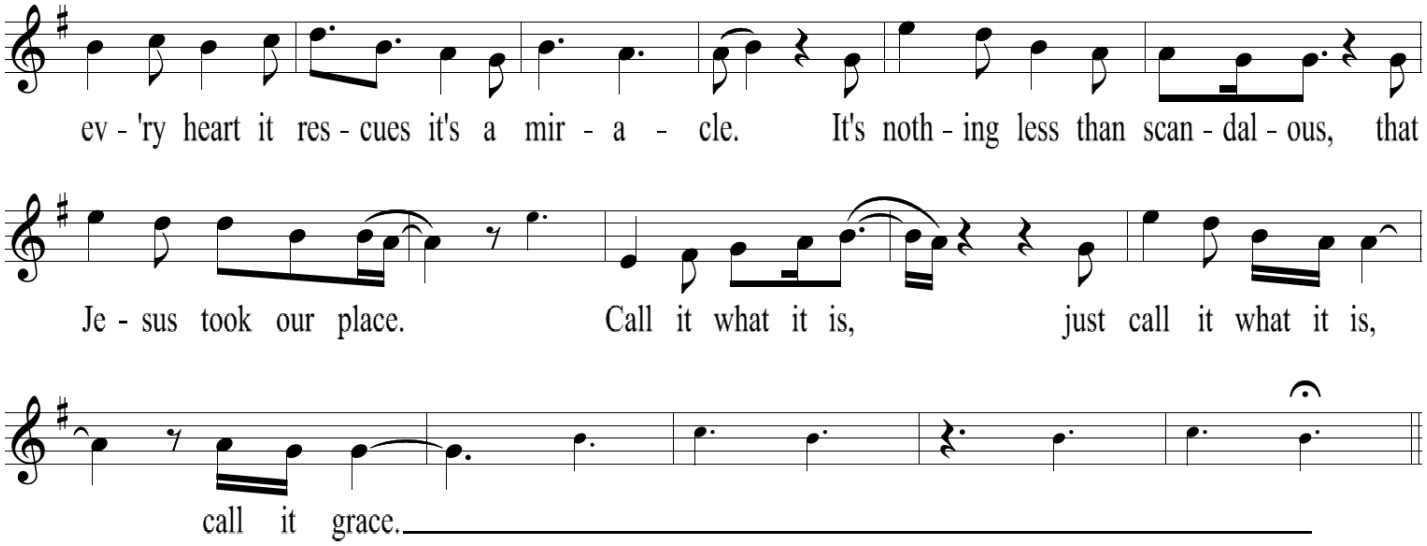
A - maz - ing, un - shak - ing, this is grace, this is

Un - chang - ing, un - fail - ing, this is grace, this is

1 **2**

grace. Some may call it fool - ish and im - pos - si - ble, but for

grace.



Nicene Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

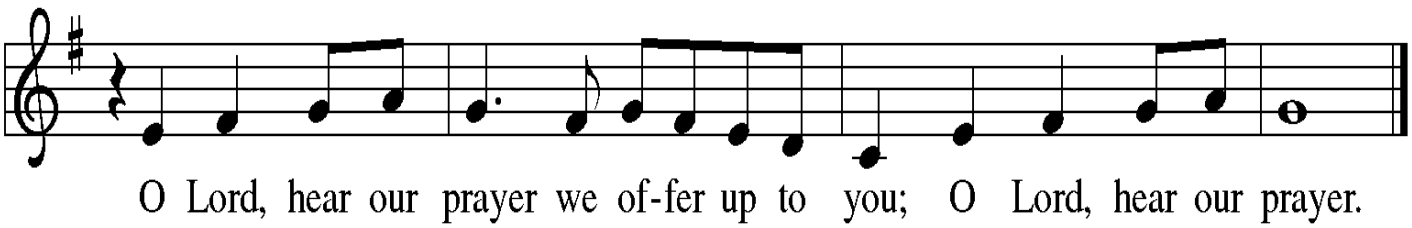
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Or*, "who proceeds from the Father." *The phrase* "and the Son" *is a later addition to the creed.*

Prayers of the People

You may be Seated

WA Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,
we pray for the church and the world.



(each prayer petition ends with)
L: Hear us, O God, ***All:*** **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

You may be Seated

Offertory



Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All **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.**

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All **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.

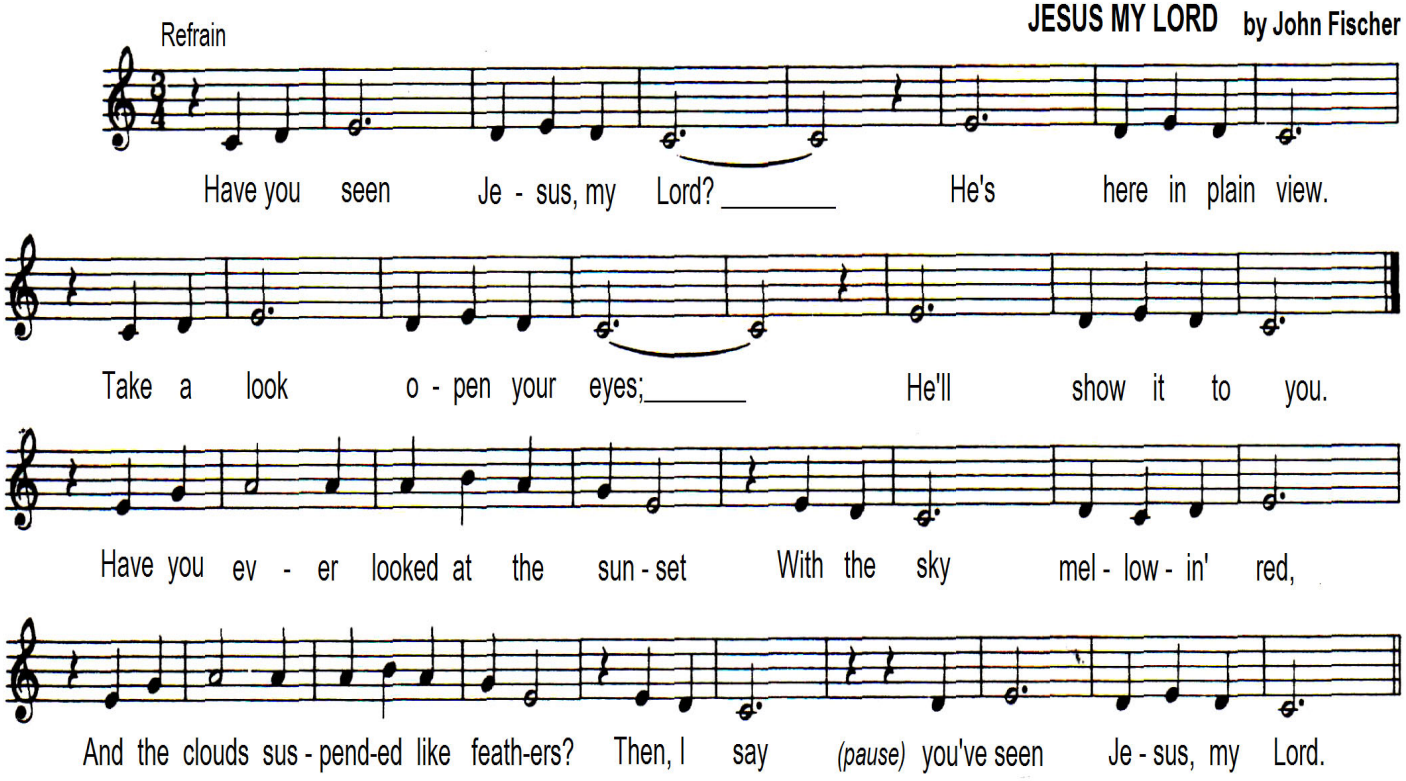
The Invitation

P There is a place for you at the table of God. Come receive the food that does not perish, the taste of life eternal.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

JESUS MY LORD by John Fischer

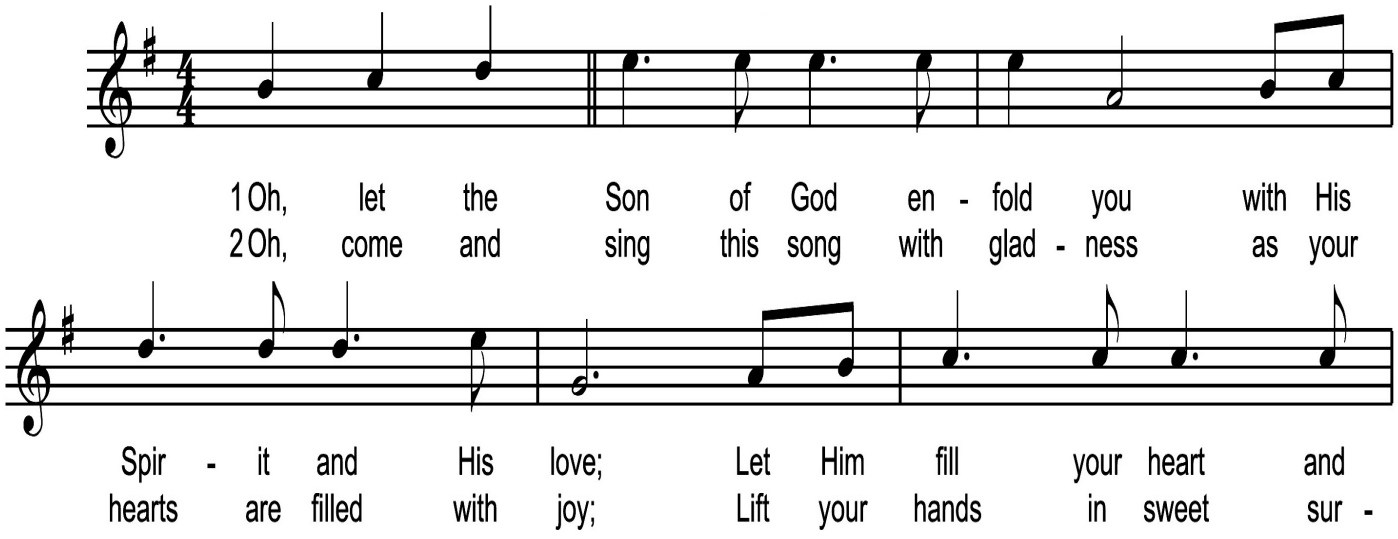


2. Have you ever stood at the ocean
With the white foam at your feet,
Felt the endless thunderin' motion?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord. *(Refrain)*

3. Have you ever looked at the cross,
With a man hangin' inpain
And the look of love in His eyes?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord. *(Refrain)*

4. Have you ever stood in the family
With the Lord there in your midst,
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord.*(Refrain)*

Spirit Song Words and Music by John Wimber





Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All **Amen**

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

All **Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.**
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction and Sending

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Leaders sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May He keep you in perfect peace.

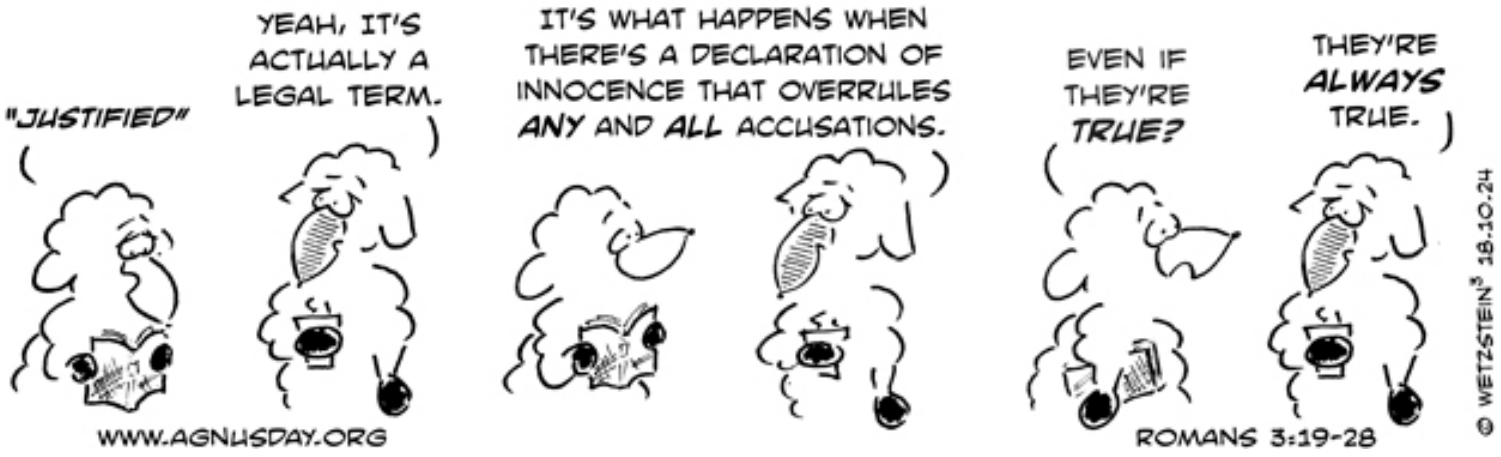
Dismissal

WA Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessolonians 5:16

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Readings for next week
November 1st
All Saints Day

First Reading:	Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm:	Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Second Reading:	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12

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