



*Reformation begins with the quiet collision of  
a sinful heart and the Word of God*

*October 29, 2023*

*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 50 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;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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### Introduction

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

# Welcome to Worship

## *Song of Prayer for Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine*

### **We Pray for Peace** (TUNE: *Be Still My Soul*)

**We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;  
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.  
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;  
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.  
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;  
may love and mercy be our highest aims.**

### Prayer of Confession

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**All Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**All 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.**

**All** 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.**

**P** Beloved in Christ,  
 God's 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.

**All** Amen.

## Opening Song

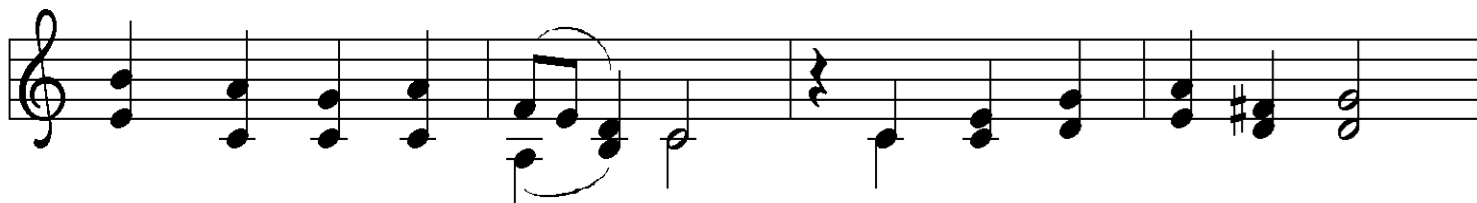
## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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



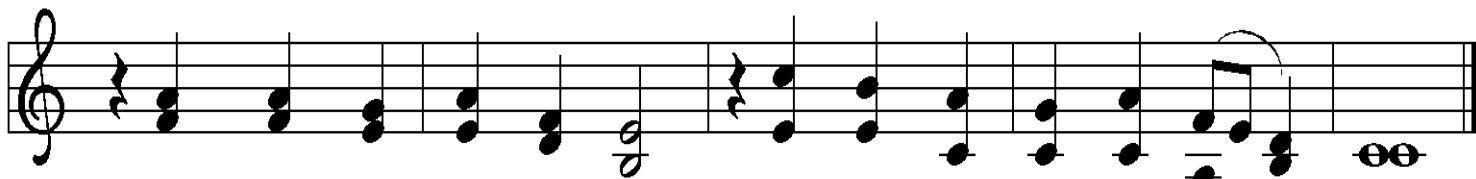
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



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

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Gracious Father, we pray for your holy church.

**All** Fill it with all truth and peace.

**Where it is corrupt, purify it;**

**where it is in error, direct it;**

**where in anything it is amiss, reform it;**

**where it is right, strengthen it;**

**where it is in need, provide for it;**

**where it is divided, reunite it;**

**for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Jeremiah, the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter

*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.*

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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*

L The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Responsive Reading of Psalm 46

*Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm.*

*Reader will read the light print—congregation responds with the bold.*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*Psalm 46*

## A Reading from Romans, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*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.*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Romans 3:19-28

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has a final note with a fermata, and the second staff has a final double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff, and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;



the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> 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*

*P* Please pray with me...

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -  
sus, to reach out and touch Him, and  
say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord,  
and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our  
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

# 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



1. It's the light that pierc - es through you to the dark - est hid - den place.



It knows your deep - est se - crets, but it nev - er looks a - way. It's the



gen - tle hand that pulls you from the judg - ment of the crowd when you stand be - fore them



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guilt - y and you've got no way out. Some may call it fool - ish and im - pos - si -



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

*D.S. al Coda*

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

*Coda*  
call it grace.

**BRIDGE**

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.

ev - 'ry heart it res - cues it's a mir - a - cle. It's noth - ing less than scan - dal - ous, that

Je - sus took our place. Call it what it is, just call it what it is,

call it grace.



(each prayer petition ends with)

*L:* God of grace,      *All:* You hear our prayer.

## Passing of the Peace

*P* Christ become peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

## Offering

All that we have \_\_\_\_\_ and all that we of - fer \_\_\_\_\_

comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. \_\_\_\_\_

Take what we bring now and give what we need; \_\_\_\_\_

All done in His name. \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Let us pray:

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

*All* 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.

# The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*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* And with our hearts and voices raised we remember...



**(All)** On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;\_\_ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You broke it and said, "This is My \_\_



bod - y, bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you



eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My\_\_



bod - y bro - ken for\_\_ you, and as you



eat\_\_ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the

night You were\_\_ be - trayed\_\_ You held the cup;\_\_ Af - ter  
giv - ing thanks,\_\_ You lift - ed it up. "This is My\_\_  
blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you drink\_\_ it, re - mem - ber  
Me; This is My\_\_ blood, poured out for\_\_ you, and as you  
drink\_\_ it, re - mem - ber\_\_ Me." So, we  
thank You for\_\_ the wine\_\_ and for the bread;\_\_ For we  
see the life\_\_ You gave\_\_ and the blood You\_ shed. And we re -  
mem - ber Your won - drous\_\_ love, You gave Your  
bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous  
love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

## The Lord's Prayer

*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* Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live..

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*

shed for you and  
for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin



**All are Welcome!**

## Communion Songs

### Be Still And Know

Words and Music by  
Steven Curtis Chapman



1 Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ is God.\_\_\_  
2 Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ is God.\_\_\_  
3 Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ is God.\_\_\_





Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ ho - ly.\_\_\_\_  
 Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ is\_\_\_ faith - ful.\_\_\_\_  
 Be still\_\_\_ and know\_\_\_ He is\_\_\_ our\_\_\_ Fa - ther.\_\_\_\_

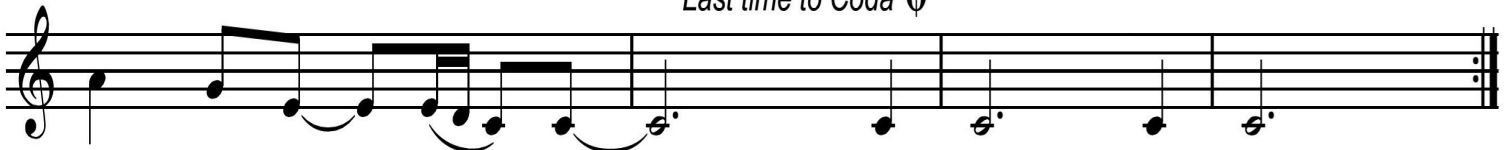


Be still,\_\_\_ oh, rest - less soul\_\_\_ of mine.\_\_\_\_  
 Con - sid - er all\_\_\_ that He\_\_\_ has done.\_\_\_\_  
 Come rest\_\_\_ your head\_\_\_ up - on\_\_\_ His breast;\_\_\_\_

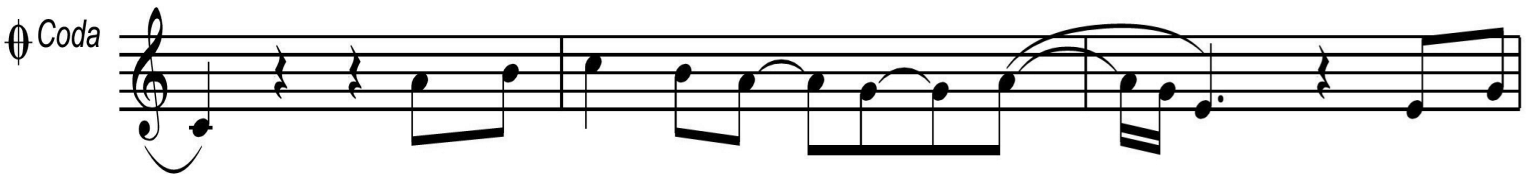


\_\_\_ Bow be - fore the Prince\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ Peace.\_\_\_\_ ♪ Let the  
 \_\_\_ Stand in awe and be\_\_\_ a - mazed,\_\_\_ and know that  
 \_\_\_ Lis - ten to the rhy - thm\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ ♪ His un -

*Last time to Coda* ⊕



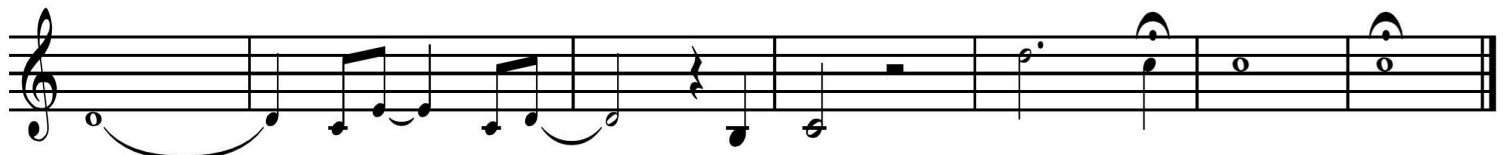
noise and clam - or\_\_\_ cease.\_\_\_\_ Be still.  
 He will nev - er\_\_\_ change.\_\_\_\_ Be still. Be still.  
 fail - ing heart\_\_\_ of\_\_\_ love,\_\_\_\_



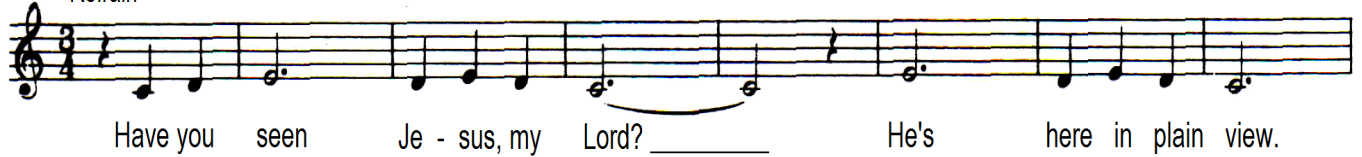
beat - ing for His lit - tle\_\_\_ ones,\_\_\_\_ call - ing



each of us\_\_\_ to\_\_\_ come.\_\_\_\_ Be still.



Refrain



Have you seen Je - sus, my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ He's here in plain view.



Take a look o - pen your eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ He'll show it to you.



Have you ev - er looked at the sun - set With the sky mel - low - in' red,



And the clouds sus - pend-ed like feath-ers? Then, I say (pause) you've seen Je - sus, my Lord.

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' in pain  
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)

## Post Communion Blessing and 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** Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

**All 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.

# Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

## Benediction & 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

*P* Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

*Romans 12:12*

Go in peace. God is at work in us.

*All* Thanks be to God.

WHAT ABOUT *EGYPT*?  
THEY WEREN'T  
*FREE IN EGYPT!*

I DON'T THINK THIS  
IS ABOUT *THAT* KIND  
OF FREEDOM.

OH...YOU MEAN MORE  
LIKE A *WIRELESS PHONE*  
*PLAN* WITHOUT A  
*MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT.*



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Readings for next Sunday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup>  
All Saints Sunday

**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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