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Sunday, November 1, 2020
The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #204 "O, God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

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O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere, to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.”

¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

PSALM OF THE DAY - PSALM 46: The soloist and congregation will sing as shown on the next page.

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God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalms 46, paraphrased JAB

John A. Behnke (ASCAP)

Soloist: Antiphon

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

Soloist and congregation:



Soloist: We will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

God is our refuge and our strength,
our only help in trouble.

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SECOND LESSON: Galatians 5:1-6

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! (John 8:31-32 cf.)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and

flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: #200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;

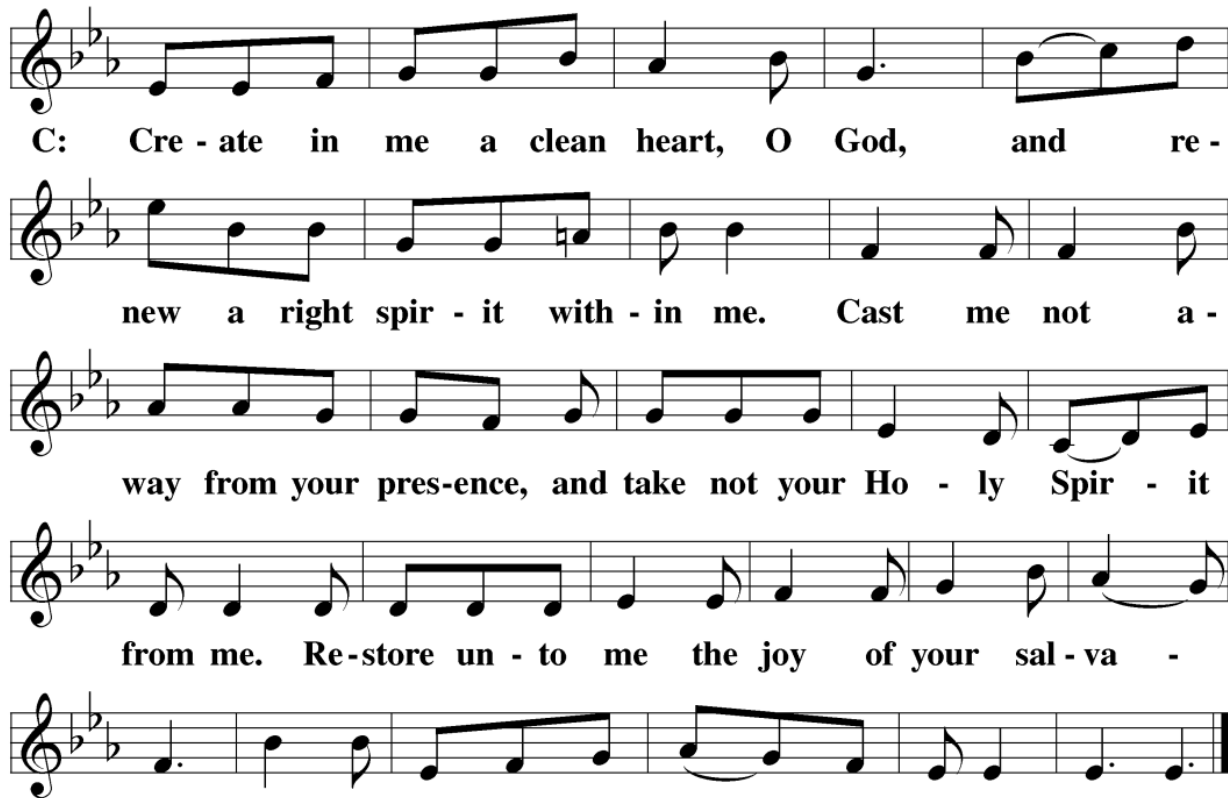


On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship

and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.

M: Lord God, Lord of nations, you have made us citizens both of your kingdom of grace and of the earthly nation in which we live. You have placed us under a government that

gives us the privilege of choosing the leaders who govern us. As another national election approaches, help us appreciate and use this privilege. Bless our nation through the election of honest and responsible officials, and watch over us each day with your almighty protection and your unfailing grace.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare

C:Amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you can be found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.



THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

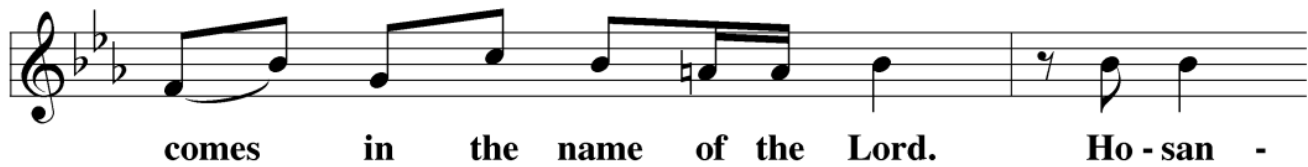
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "Here I Stand"

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Here I stand in worship before God's throne.
 Here I stand, His child by His grace alone.
 The cross of Christ before me, as I praise His name on high.
 Here I stand on the Rock of Jesus Christ.

The grace of God surrounds me, His goodness and His love.
 Through faith alone in Jesus, I'll live with Him above.
 God's word is pure and holy; His truth has made me free.
 Here I stand in new life He's given me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#203 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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REFORMATION

203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

#202 “If God Had Not Been On Our Side”

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If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
 3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and
 have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his
 pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
 net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and
 storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.
 soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
 he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: WÄCHTERLIED (87 87 887) Christian Egenolff, 1502–55, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

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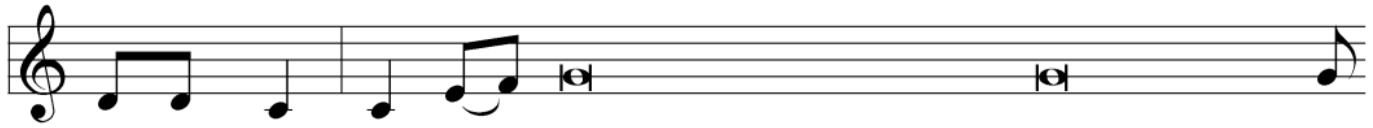
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

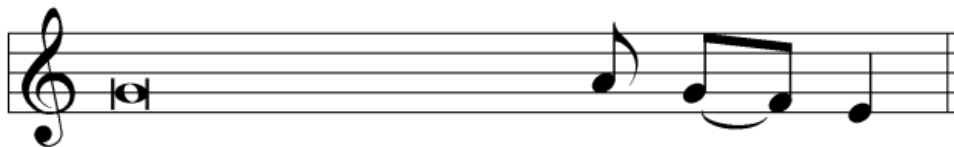


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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OFFICIANTS:

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Communion Assistants: Ron Bude and Bruce Winkler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education and Trustees

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday – 10:00 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday- 7:00 PM Adult Information Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Nancy Winkler

Ushering – Team 3

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices. The congregation is encouraged to wear protective equipment based on their own personal level of comfort during these unusual times. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

ADULT BIBLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVE RESTARTED

Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School will run from approximately 10:45 - 11:30 AM. Adult Bible Class is in the church basement, and Sunday School will be in the school. Social distancing will be practiced, also feel free to wear a mask. Please join us as we take time to delve deeper into God's Word. The adult class features a review of Luther's Catechism. Each class is a stand alone unit, so if you miss a unit, you won't be lost!

STEEPLE BELL PROJECT

The Trustees have decided to complete the purchase of a new digital bell controller system to restore our steeple bells to working order. The total cost of the project is about \$5800; so far we have received about \$1400 in designated gifts. If you would care to support this project with a *special gift*, please designate an amount on your offering envelope. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary gifts. For the last twenty years or so the Michigan District has held a food drive for the students of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It has been very successful and hundreds of our future pastors and families have been fed both physically and spiritually by your love and generosity. Many of our younger area pastors were recipients of food and gift cards which made things much easier on their families. I have seen many tears of joy flowing from the eyes of students and their wives.

This year we have a problem. With Covid-19 restrictions in place, it is impossible to plan and carry out our usual food drive. We still have students who need food and other supplies. Some of the part-time jobs that Seminary students take are presently unavailable. We still want to show our love and care for these students and their families. Therefore our congregation will have a special door offering on November 8 and 15 to support these families. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's; the treasurer will then issue a check for the entire amount to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Bank. Please consider making a generous donation that Sunday.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*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.*