

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | *Reformation Sunday*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word! The Lutheran Reformation of the Church emphasizes the true Church's unflinching reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to it in the face of persecution. Jesus promised to pour out His Spirit on the Church that we might be God's mouthpiece even before kings. And so, today, we pray that the Lord would give us the strength to be faithful and the peace of knowing our lives are safe in His hands.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Daniel Lindquist

Ushers on Duty

David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese

Altar Guild

Barbara Hartwig & Sue Wallenfang

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | **262**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

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



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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

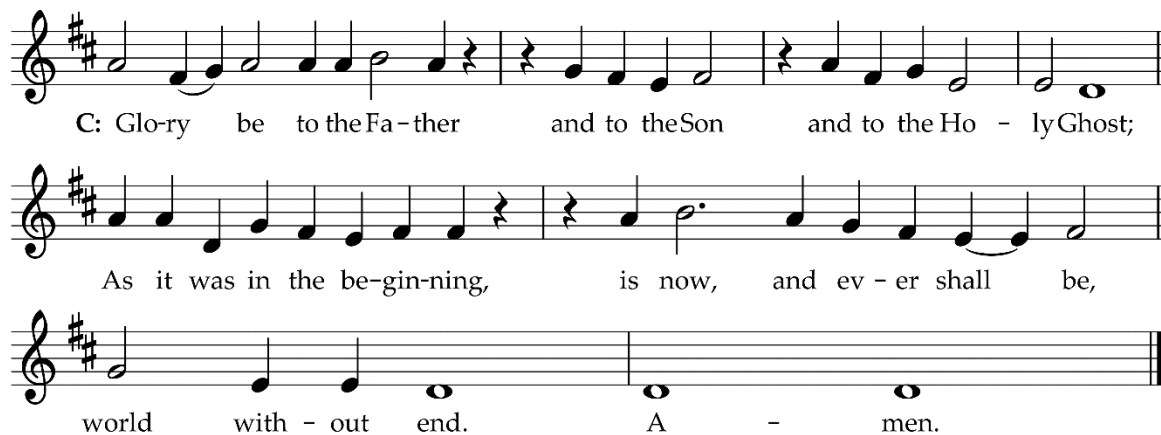


You may be seated.

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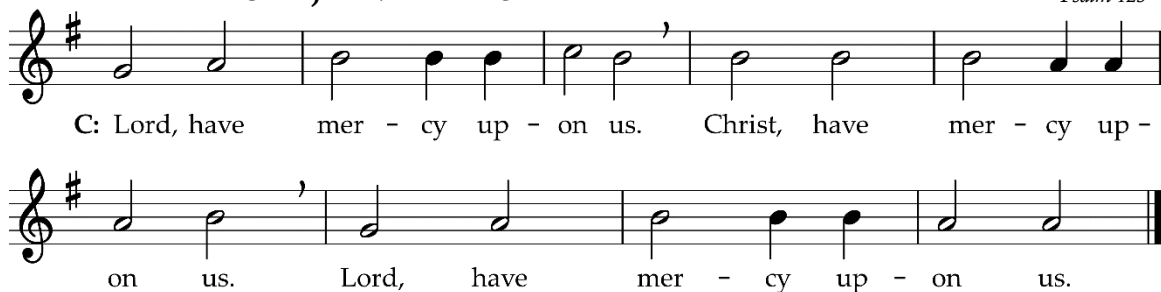
Psalm 46 (selected verses)

M: The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. God is our Refuge and Strength, A very present Help in trouble.



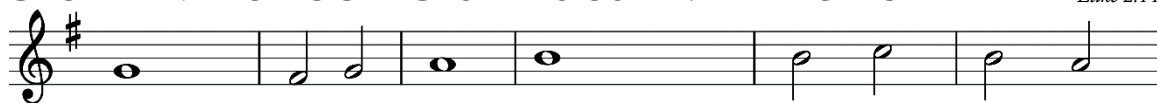
THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Psalm 123

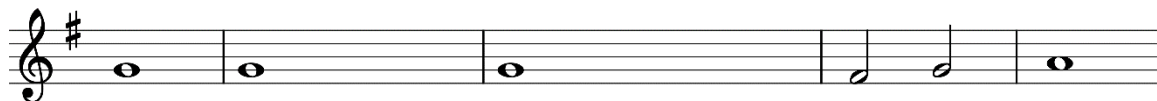


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

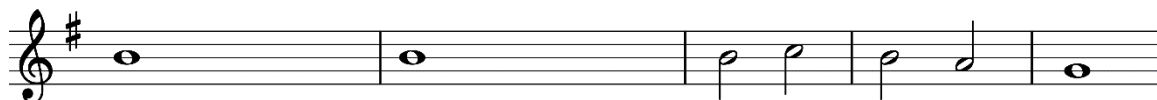
Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



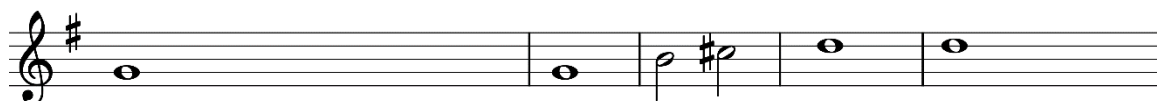
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



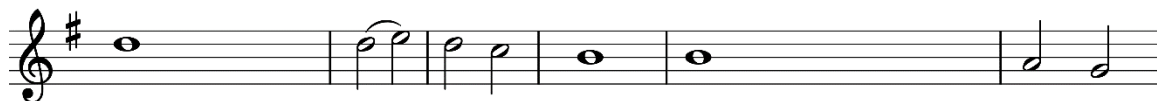
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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, That takest away the sin of the



world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; 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.

You may be seated.

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

God protected Daniel in the lions' den.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. ¹¹ Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. ¹² And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."...

¹⁶ So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

¹⁸ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "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, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you." ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 5:1-6

Stand fast in Gospel liberty by faith in Christ's righteousness.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. ² Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. ⁴ You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be* justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

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

GRADUAL

John 8:31-32

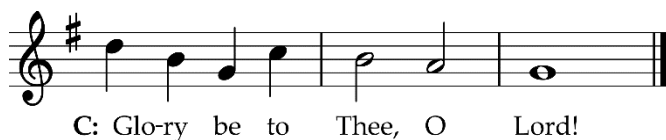
M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 10:16-23

Do not worry about how or what you should speak.



" Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

¹⁷ "But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ "You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ "But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; ²⁰ "for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

²¹ "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

²³ "When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR

Be Strong

HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless | 373

ease stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – ROMANS 3:19-28

The Gospel Legacy Saved by Grace

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



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 Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the



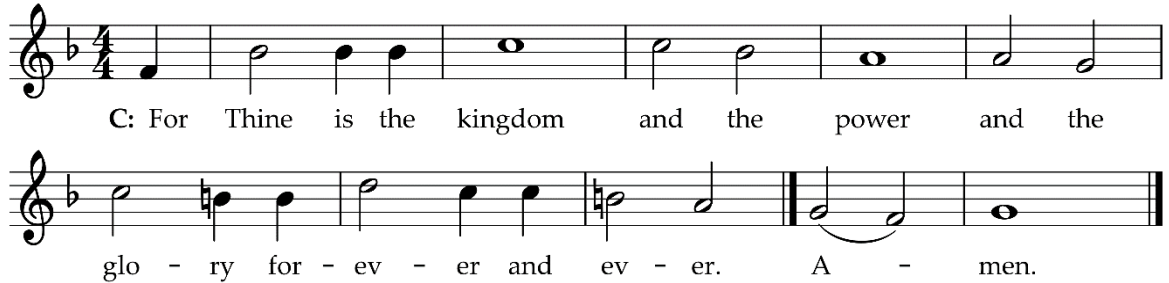
high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | 387

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*"Now Dismiss"*)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Thy
word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -
pared be - fore the face of all people,
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



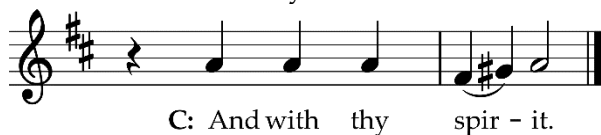
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

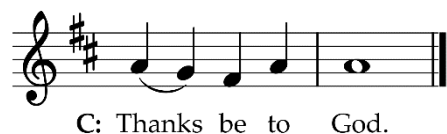


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word | 261

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS - Thanks to the Snack Angels for serving treats today. If you'd like to serve treats on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

THANK YOU – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Trunk or Treat. We had 12 cars, and more people to pass out safe candy and a book “A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories” to parents along with a pamphlet about baptism.

AMMO CAN - In honor of Veterans Day, you may leave a donation in the Ammo Can for the Lutheran Military Support Group. Checks should be made out to Christ the King and designated for LSMG on the envelope. Thank you!

CALL RETURNED – Pastor Noah Thompson returned the call to Christ the King and will remain in East Grand Forks, MN (letter is posted in Fellowship Hall). A Call Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. A hamburger/potluck supper is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The Kitchen Committee will provide burgers, buns, ketchup and mustard. The congregation can bring a dish to pass if you want but it is not required.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – It is time to order poinsettias for our Christmas services! If you would like to donate a poinsettia, the cost this year is \$16.50/plant. Simply place your money in a separate offering envelope, mark it “poinsettia” along with your name and info, and place in the offering. The deadline for ordering is November 12.

THANKSGIVING PIE SOCIAL – Mark your calendar for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 p.m. Afterward we are having a pie social. A sign-up sheet for your name and type of pie is posted in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to bring a pie.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (11/05)

Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/12)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.