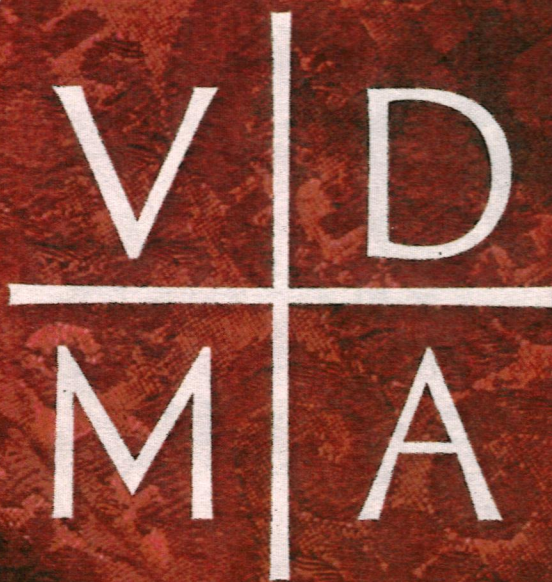


Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum



The Word of the Lord remains forever



## HOLY COMMUNION at PEACE



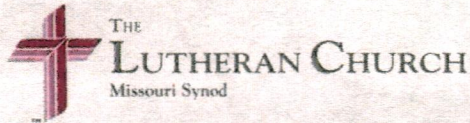
We celebrate Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We believe that Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift in which Christ comes to us. We believe that, as Jesus said, His body and blood are truly in the Sacrament. We believe that we are sinners forgiven by Jesus Christ. We repent of our sins. We are baptized children of the one true God. As we partake of this Sacrament, we express our unity in faith. We come at Jesus' invitation, for He is the Host.

Because the Bible also teaches (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful to those who are unprepared or lack true faith in Christ, our congregation practices close communion. Any who are not yet a member of the congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with our pastor prior to communing.

Even if you do not commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, cross your arms over your chest. Non-communing children are also welcome at the altar.

**About the Cover:** VDMA, a popular insignia of the Reformation, is an acronym for Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum, which is Latin for "the Word of the Lord remains forever" (see Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25). Amid strife and trouble from all directions, the reformers held that the Word would remain. Nothing can quash God's Word. St. Peter directly applied the words of Isaiah to the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection. Nothing in this world can take Jesus away from us. Even if everything else is gone, the Word will always remain. The Reformation is a call to confidence, consolation, and courage in nothing other than the Word of the Lord. "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:24-25).





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*“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”*

**Visitors:** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Flachsbart. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

**October 29, 2023**

**Twenty-second Day of Pentecost**

***God Is the Potter; We Are the Clay***

### **As We Gather**

Reformation is a day to remember and celebrate that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is a living entity. Through the centuries, God has shaped the Church and then reshaped it, again and again, so that every generation may experience the Gospel in language it can understand. Throughout these changes, God has preserved His Word and Sacraments. Like the Church, we as individuals are in the process of being shaped by God. We are the clay. God is the potter. And just as He created us and all things, so one day in Christ will we and all things be re-created, and all that is now misshapen or broken will be restored.



## PREPARATION

### Opening Hymn

**LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

*v. 1, 2, & 4*

Text & Tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546, setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

**P** As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

**C** reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.

### Confession and Absolution

*Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**C** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**P** God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

**P** God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

**C** Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.



**P** “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God,

**C** we are the clay, You are the potter.

**P** Form the Church as the place where Your gracious gifts find full expression.

**C** Form us into people who receive Your gracious gifts by faith.

**P** Let Your mercy flow to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

**C** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

<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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Luke 12:32*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Alleluia.

**P** Fear not, little flock,

**C** for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Alleluia.



## Holy Gospel

*John 8:31–36*

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**[C]** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

**LSB 644 The Church’s One Foundation**

*v. 1-5*

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Text and Tune: Public Domain

## SERMON “On Being Grace-Full”

*Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 4:3-6*

## Nicene Creed

**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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

Offering

*Offertory:*

### **LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78 alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert. Wittenburg, 1543, ed. Joseph King, setting: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612m alt. Text & Music: Public Domain

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces, for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.



**P** Let us pray for those who are suffering, those we have named and those we name silently in our hearts. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.



## SACRAMENT

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross in order that our hearts may be reshaped to reflect not our own goodness but God's. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **Sanctus LSB 960 Isaiah, Might Seer in Days of Old**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546, tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Public Domain

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** You, O Lord, freely give us what we could never attain for ourselves—a right relationship with You through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. We thank You for giving us the body of Christ to eat and the blood of Christ to drink, Your gift of grace that forgives our sins and joins us together as the Body of Christ.

**C** For all this it is our duty and delight to thank and praise, serve and obey You. Amen.



## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**



## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei LSB 550 Lamb of God**

Text and Tune: Twila Paris, b. 1958. 1985 Straightway Music: admin. EMI

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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### **LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, tr. 1934, Text & Music: 1970, 1975 Celebration

### **LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703 tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928. Text and Tune: Public Domain

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

You, O Lord, are the potter; we the clay. By Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament, You shape us to be the Body of Christ. Send us out from this Table forgiven and restored, that we may freely bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.



## Closing Hymn

### LSB 649 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

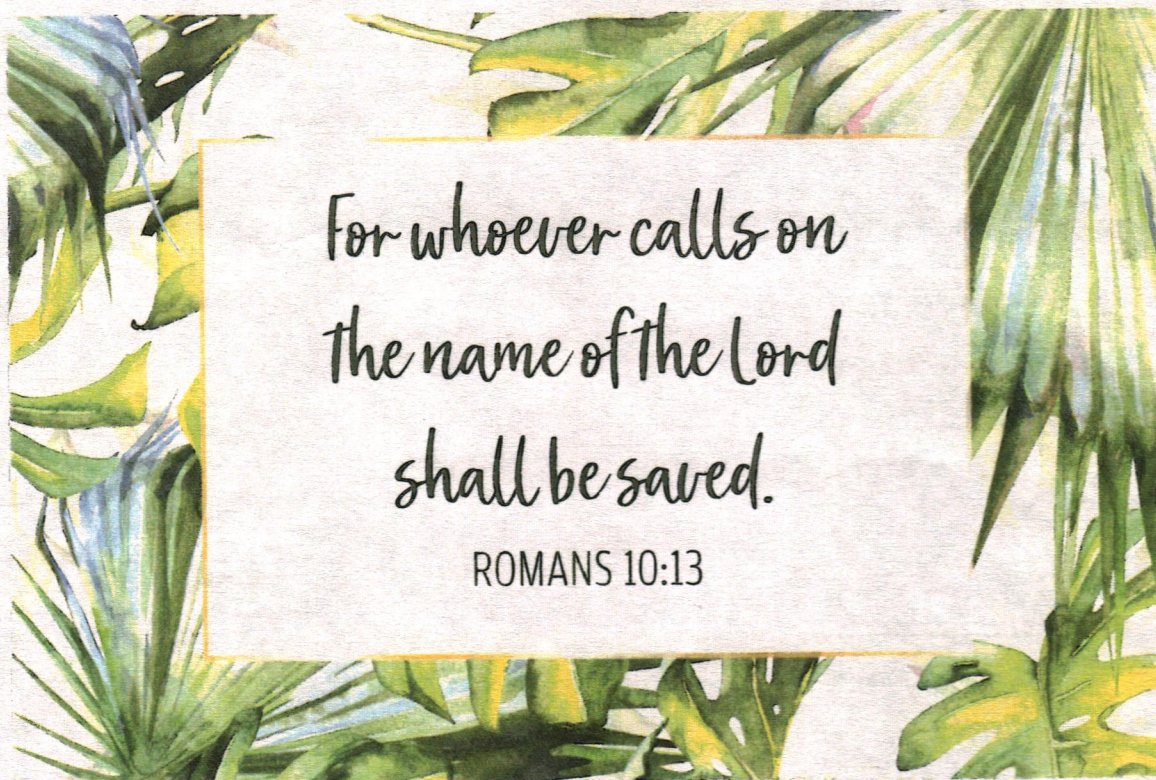
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## SERMON NOTES

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### Serving Peace 10/29/2023

Ushers/ Acolyte : Josh and Braden Green

Reader: Teri Sanchez

Counters: Carol/ Chris

Guest Pastor : Jack Flachsbart

### Serving 11/5/2023

Ushers/ Acolyte : Josh Green & Larry Smith

Reader: Teri Sanchez

Counters: Jody/ Jean

Guest Pastor: Jack Flachsbart



## **Membership Covenant**

**In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:**

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.**
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.**
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"**
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.**
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."**
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.**
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.**
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.**
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation**



## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- Peace and Harmony in our Church
- Karen Reynolds broke her wrist
- For patience and guidance as our Congregation seeks to receive the call of a Pastor to serve Peace and Bethlehem.
- Jamie Hart is responding well to rehab and at home . He will have his Skull reattached at Sacred Heart in Spokane on November 17<sup>th</sup> .
- Linora Rittenhouse : Is home and Doing well, and still healing.
- For Israel , their people, and their military to overcome the current terror.
- Bob Brogdon In Memorial Hospital ICU fighting cancer & infection.

### **For those battling cancer:**

Rachel Snyder  
Barbara Peter  
Robert Phillips  
Lisa McCloud  
Brina Brown

Eric Ragot  
Jaclyn Freeborn  
Louise  
Julie Colgan

Joe Koreis  
Bob Darnell  
Jackie Henneghan  
Shirley Davis

### **Birthdays for Week of Oct 29<sup>nd</sup>**

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**None for this week**

### **Anniversaries for Week of Oct 29<sup>nd</sup>**

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**Bruce & Tammy Peterson  
11/4**

**Attendance:  
10/22/2023**

**Offerings:  
\$505.00**