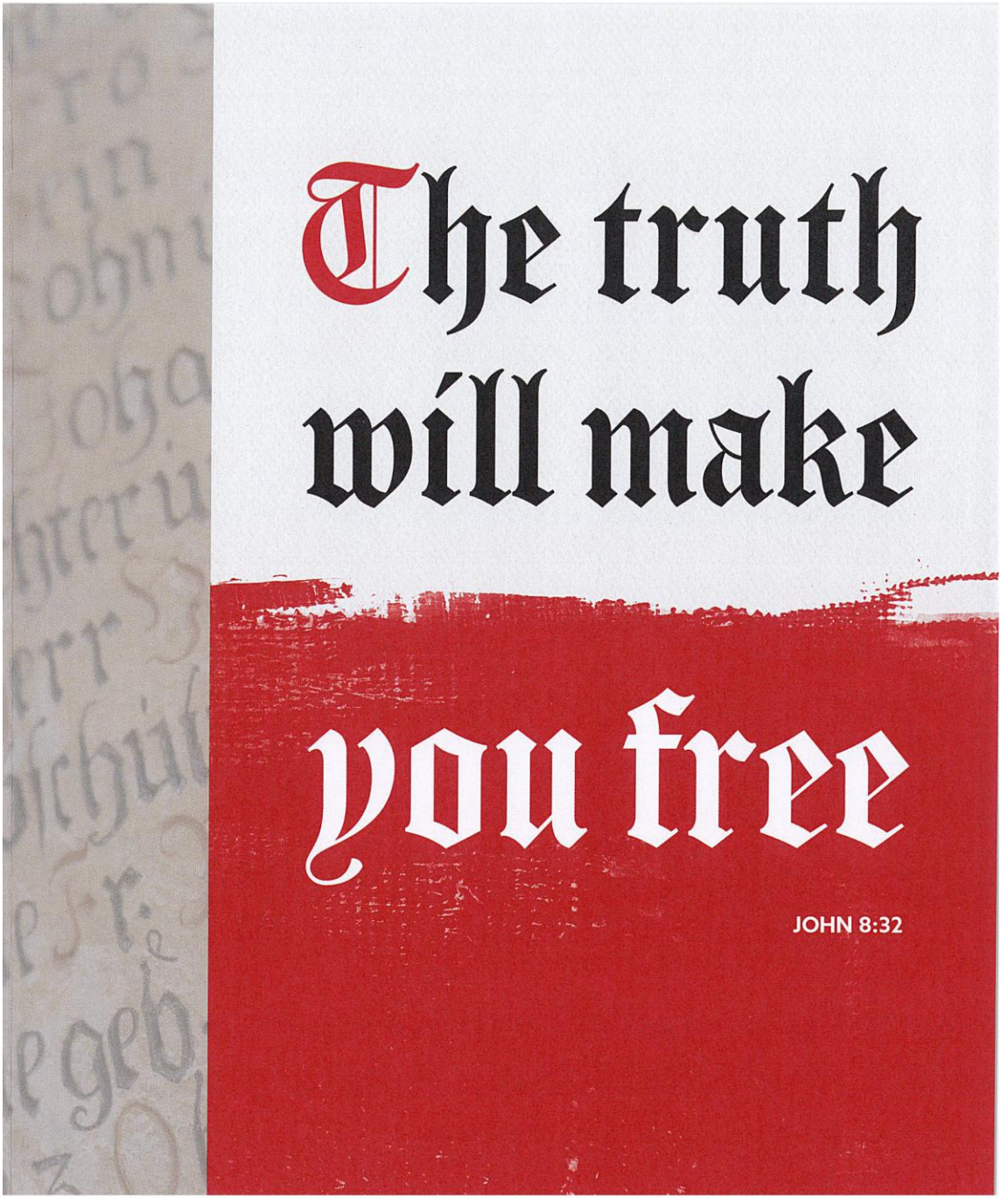

The truth will make you free
JOHN 8:32

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Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

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The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of our Parents and all our loved ones in heaven
by Tim and Melissa Yakim.

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Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Musical Setting 9 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

TEMPLE TALK *Coats, Jackson Elementary School* Nancy Benettt

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Johann Pachelbel

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 504)***



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE











HYMN OF PRAISE *sung by all*











PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon 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. **Amen**

Sit

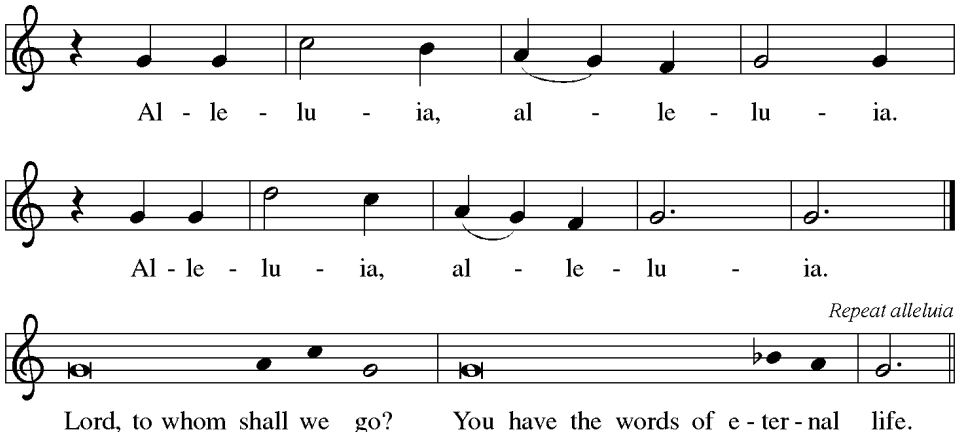
FIRST READING **Jermiah 31:31-34** *back cover*

PSALM **Psalm 46** sung unaccompanied cantor/**congregation**

1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
3 though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
4 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
God shall help her at the | break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
8 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
11 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
12 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING **Romans 3:19-28** *back cover*

Stand
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL **John 8:31-36** (*back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

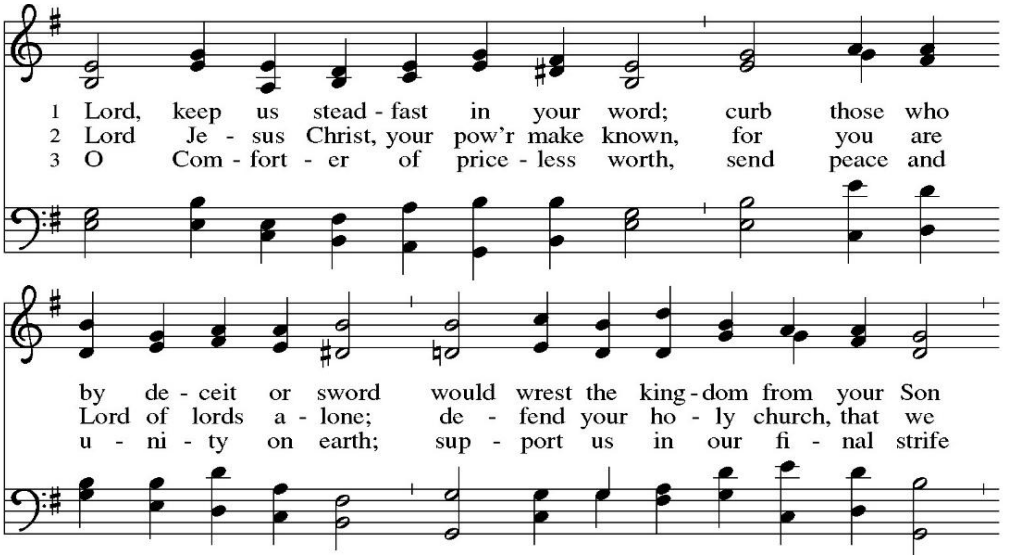
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor William Snyder

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)***





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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence is kept.

Eternal Father, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in

every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed (*local places may be named*). Through your bountiful goodness provide all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for healing for all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of Christian faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Chancel Choir *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven* Carl Schalk

Please place completed Commitment Cards and Time & Ability forms in the offering basin.

Stand

OFFERTORY

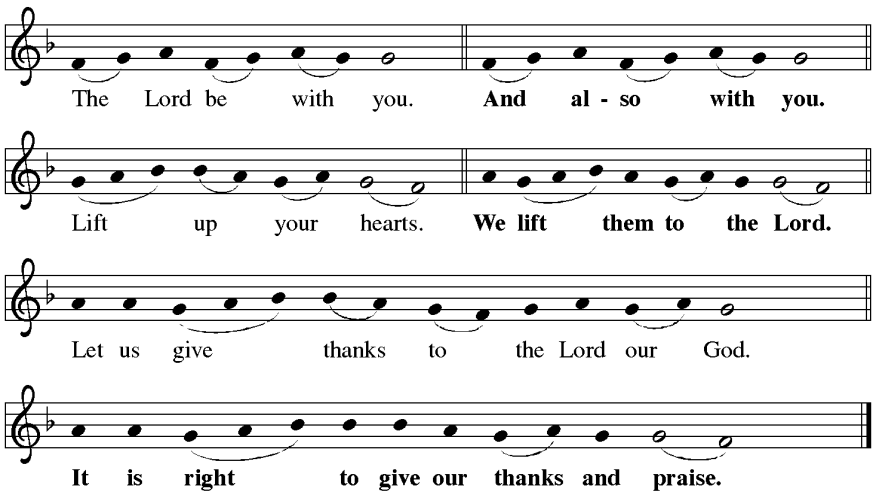


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

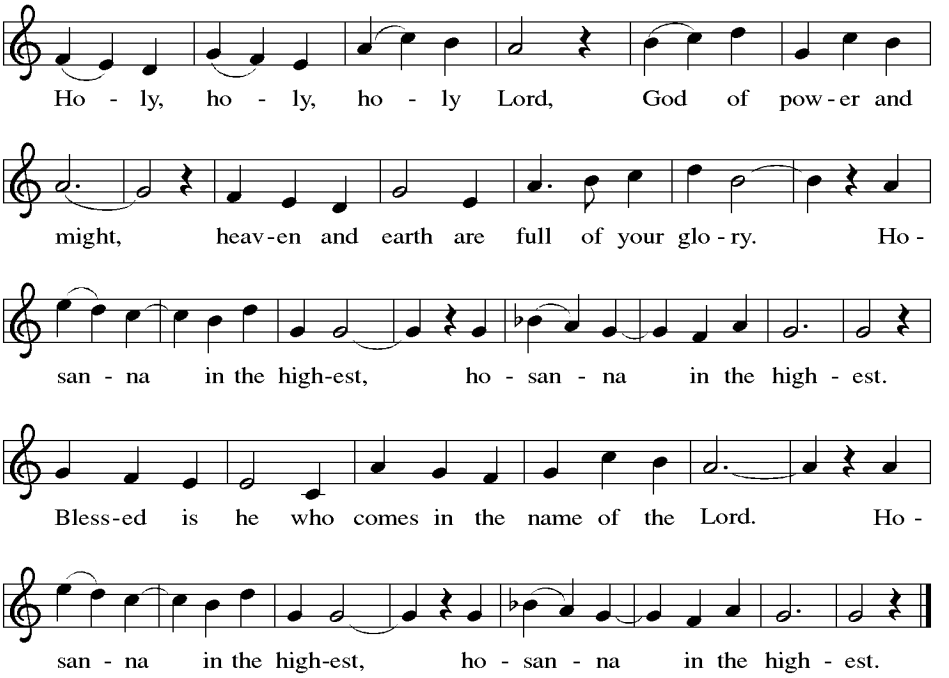
DIALOGUE *Sung by Pastor and* ***congregation***



PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is said.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ :our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope; the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings. And so, with all the choirs of angels,with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord' death until He comes.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

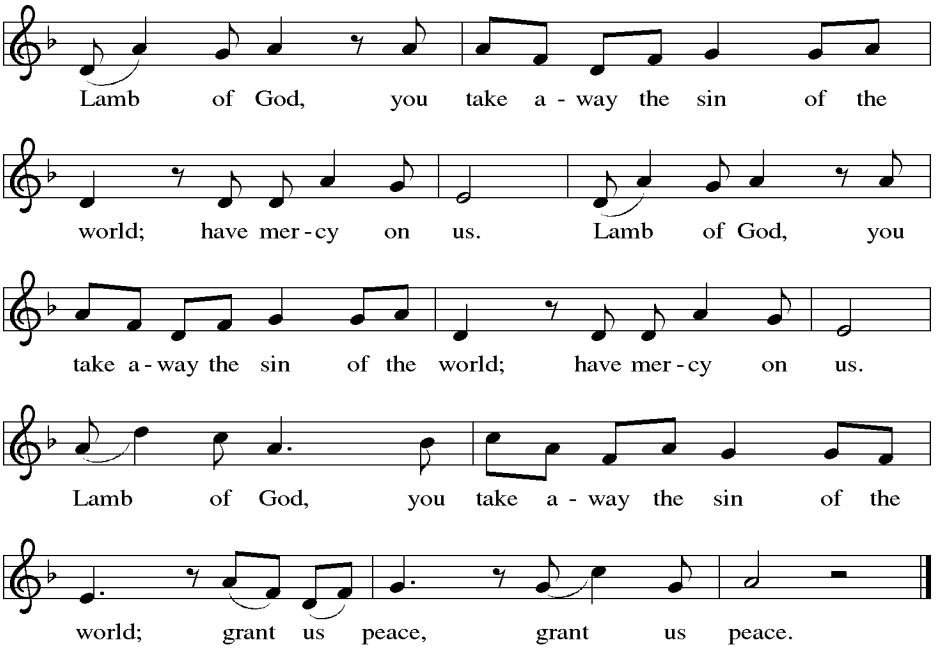
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



Sit

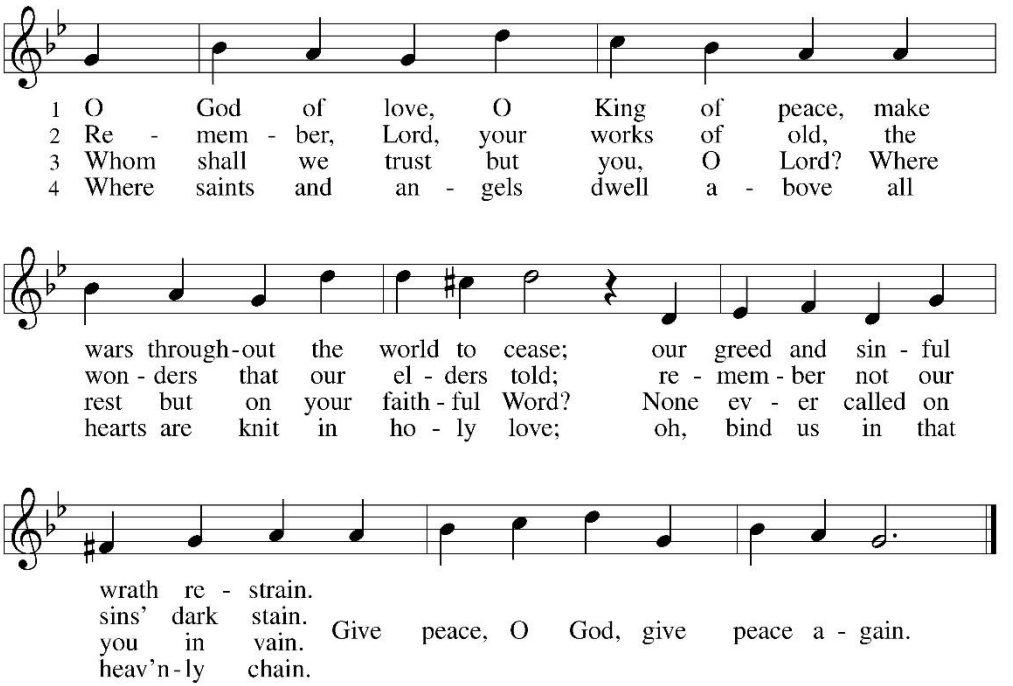
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist. We receive communion by common loaf and pouring chalice.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

1. *Come to communion using the center aisle.*
2. *Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
3. *Take your place along the chancel step.*
4. *The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
5. *Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
6. *Return to your pew using the side aisle*

COMMUNION HYMN ***O God of Love, O King of Peace (LBW 414)***



Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Let us pray. God our Father, at His Eucharist your Son prayed that His followers might be one. Strengthen us with this most Holy Sacrament so as to make that unity a reality in your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN ***On What Has Now Been Sown (ELW 550)***



DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sit
POSTLUDE *Fantasia* Paul Muller

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Silent Art Auction. Members of St. Paul's have created a variety of items that will be on display in the narthex (George Street). You may bid on items up through November 15, the day of the Annual Meeting. This is a great way to secure an original piece of artwork and even a potential holiday gift. All proceeds are given in support of St. Paul's Food Pantry.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 32It
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 cov-
enant that they broke, though I was their hus-
band, says the LORD. 33But 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. 34No longer shall they teach one an-
other 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.

Psalm 46

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

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

21But now, apart from the law, the righteous-
ness of God has been disclosed and is attested
by the Law and the Prophets, 22the righteous-
ness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ
for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
23since all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God; 24they are now justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus, 25whom 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 forbear-
ance he had passed over the sins previously
committed; 26it was to demonstrate at the pres-
ent time his own righteousness, so that he is
righteous and he justifies the one who has the
faith of Jesus.

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

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him,
"If you continue in my word, you are truly my
disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and
the truth will make you free." 33They 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'?"

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

Next Sunday's Readings: All Saints Day Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 *or* **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12.

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Thank you to Pastor William Snyder for presiding and preaching today.

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Tues–Thurs 8:00 AM—3:30 PM, Friday 8-11:30 AM

Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday
9:00 AM Fellowship – Good Shepherd Rm
9:00 AM Chancel choir rehearsal – Music RM
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist – Live Stream
10:45 AM Faith Formation – for all
10:45 AM Confirmation Class – Lower level classroom
6:30 PM AA Meeting-Community Rm

Monday, October 26
6:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg – Youth Rm
7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Mtg

Tuesday, October 27
9:15 AM Fellowship Mtg.
9:30 AM Food Pantry
6:00 PM CREATE – Preschool-Gr 6
6:00 PM Bible Study - Christ Hall

Wednesday, Wednesday, October 28
10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor – Nave
10:30 AM Bible Study – Christ Hall

Thursday, October 29
10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor – Nave
6:30 PM Handbell Choir
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

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Serving the Lord with Gladness									
DATE	**TIME**	**Asst Min**	**Crucifer**	**Comm Asst**	**Lector**	**Greeters**	**Ushers**	**Altar Guild**	**Bread Bakers**
10/25 Reformation	9:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	James Palmer	Deb Becker	Johanna Patterson	Chris & Amy Lipp & Family	Team 1E:Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian, Claudia Deitrich	Pat Rudacille, Jerry Briggs	Abby Jacobs
11/1 All Saints	9:30 AM	Lois Ann Schroeder	Allison Lehr	Kathy Monk	Carolyn Kapoun	Dick & Bonnie Keeports	Team 1L: Dave Kopp, Scott Donaldson, Darren Smith, Kass Keleta	Kathy Monk, Lois Ann Schroeder	Nancy Bennett

Music and Create is working on the Advent Chancel Drama on Tuesday evenings.

Survey regarding the 9:30 AM service. Please complete the online survey at https://form.jotform.com/262735591748066 or fill out a print copy (available in the narthex). The Council members would like to hear from you as they discern the future direction for our gathering for worship. Kindly direct your insights to any council member: They are eager to learn about how the trial schedule affects your participation in; worship, education, choir, parking, serving, fellowship and in our outreach to the community. Thank you for your time, thoughtfulness, and consideration as we work together for the building up of the body of Christ.

Photo Directories have arrived. For those who participated in the process a directory with your name is placed on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. For newcomers to St. Paul's, we have a few additional copies for distribution. Simply contact the Church office to receive a copy.

St. Paul's Food Pantry Needs: White Rice, Cereal, plastic and paper shopping bags. Monetary donations can be placed in a special envelope marked "Pantry". Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh to volunteer for Tuesday distribution days. Contact Patty Snyder to volunteer for Thursday delivery days or Sunday stocking days or contact the church office. Thank you to all who help!

The Unitarian Church on S. George St. supplies our pantry with fresh vegetables. They are asking for help in their garden. If you can donate some of your time to help please contact Steve Converse at 717-577-6696.

St Paul's collects clothing for **Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry** and your help is requested. Union collects 'gently used' clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate.

Making Sense of Martin Luther, the adult Sunday school class is held in Christ Hall. Feel free to join the class at any time.

Stewardship Materials were mailed along with 3rd Quarter giving statements. There are three parts; Time and Ability Form, Step chart, and commitment card. The Time and Ability Form and Commitment Card may be returned during worship today) or All Saints Sunday (November 1). Please make time to prayerfully complete them and bring them with you for inclusion during the time of the offering on either of the afore-mentioned Sundays. Thank you.

Winter Coats - New or nearly new winter coats are needed for Jackson Elementary School students this year. Sizes range from preschool through 8th grades, including some adult sizes for the older kiddos. Please help provide a warmer winter for those in need by placing your donation in Christ Hall.

2027 Flower Chart - The 2027 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is currently $40 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers.

The Nursery and the Narthex provide spaces for parents and children to may need a quiet place away. The Nursery is accessed through the double doors at the front right of the church nave. The service is live-streamed to the nursery. There is a restroom with changing area and age-appropriate toys. The Narthex has several comfortable seating options, a couple of bins with books and soft toys. The audio portion of the service can be heard and the class wall permits viewing of the service. Parents should stay with their children at all times.

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2027 Offering Envelopes are prepared and are available in the Good Shepherd Room. If you are new to St. Paul's and would like to receive a packet of offering envelopes, please contact the church office.