



Reformation Sunday (observed)
Baptism & Confirmation at 10:45AM
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 25-26, 2025

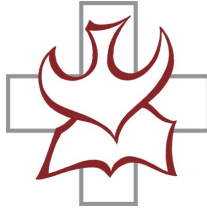
As We Gather

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- Place individual communion cups in the baskets without stacking them.

ATTENDANCE PADS: We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.



Confirmation

CHLOE ANNE MARIE BENIGNO, daughter of Matthew and LaDonna Benigno, was born on April 7, 2011. She was reborn through the waters of Holy Baptism on March 30, 2024, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Her confirmation verse:

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you."

Isaiah 43:2

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Divine Service, Setting Five LSB 213

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Præludę: Erhalt Uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

BuxWV 185

Præludę: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

BuxWV 184

Please stand and face the procession.

Psalm 46

- L** God is our refuge and strength,
C **a very present help in trouble.**
L Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
L though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
L There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitation of the Most High.**
L God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**
L The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
L The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Processional Hymn: "Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578; on Sunday, the choir sings st. 4



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

Holy Baptism

10:45AM, LSB 268

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Gloria in Excelsis: All Glory Be to God Alone

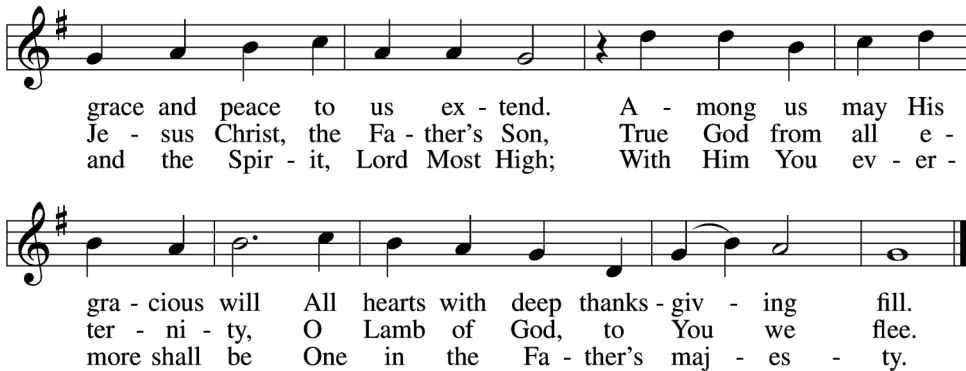
LSB 948, sts. 1, 3, 5



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al-
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Please Sit

A The First Reading for Reformation Day is from Revelation, chapter 14.

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. ⁷And 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3.

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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Allgluia and Vørse

Luke 12:32; Please stand

C **Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So 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.**

Please be seated

Childrøn's Talk

Sunday

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



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 wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Credo Hymn: We All Believe in One True God LSB 953

Please stand



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Prayer of the Church

Please stand

The prayer of the church is structured to parallel each petition of the Lord's Prayer.

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please Be Seated

Offering

As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.

Choral Voluntary: *Christ Is with Me*

Adult Choir 8AM; Combined Adult and Children's Choirs 10:45AM

We were buried with him into death,
That, as he was raised by God's glory,
We might walk in life made new by grace.
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.

*Christ is with me everywhere I go,
Never to leave me, this I know.*

I have now been grafted to the Vine,
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,
Bearing fruit as I abide in him;
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.

I have now been crucified with Christ.
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,
One who loved me so--gave himself for me.

- Gerald Patrick Coleman

Service of the Sacrament

Præface

LSB 216; Please Stand

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.**

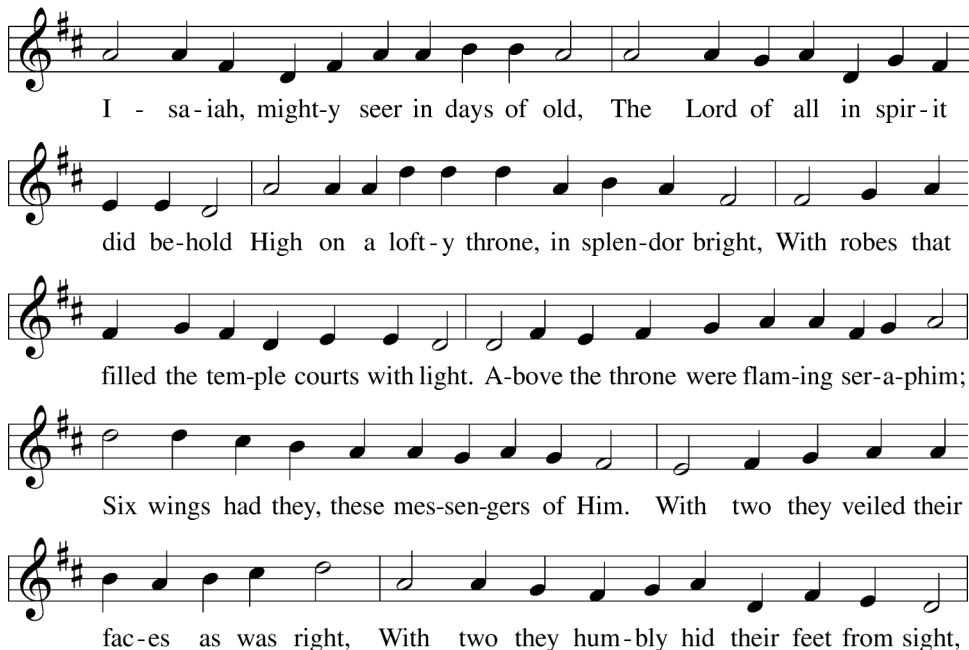
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Sanctus is sung as a reminder that, in the Lord's Supper, we are joining with the marriage feast of the Lamb on the throne in heaven, in the same celebration of angels, saints, and martyrs that Isaiah saw in Isaiah chapter 6.

Sanctus: Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

LSB 960; Sunday



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their
fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,

And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er
called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of
Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434, st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Communion Distribution

Please be seated

Please see notice on page 2.

LSB 645: Built on the Rock

LSB 566: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 555: Salvation unto Us Has Come

Dismissal

Please Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617 sts. 1, 3



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Post-Communion Collcet

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same 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 God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 218

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

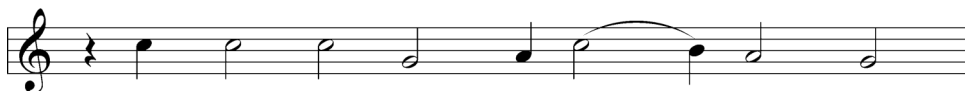
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

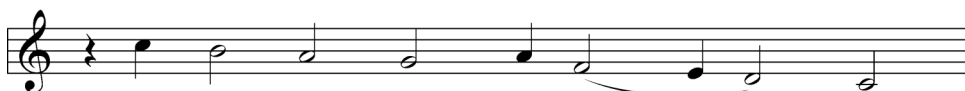
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



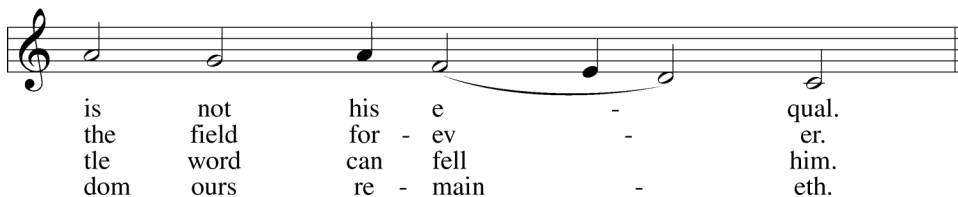
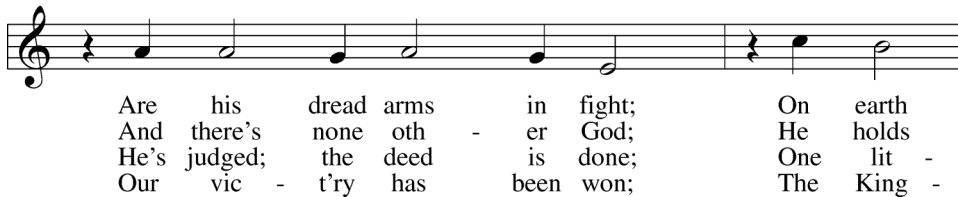
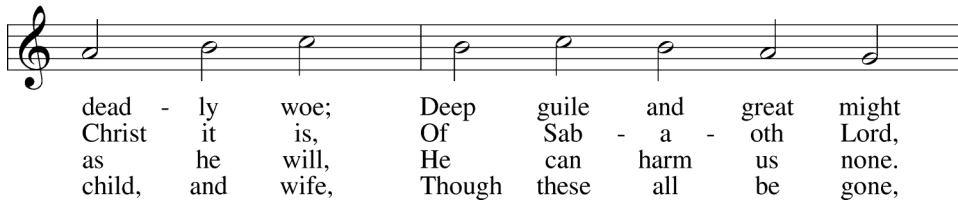
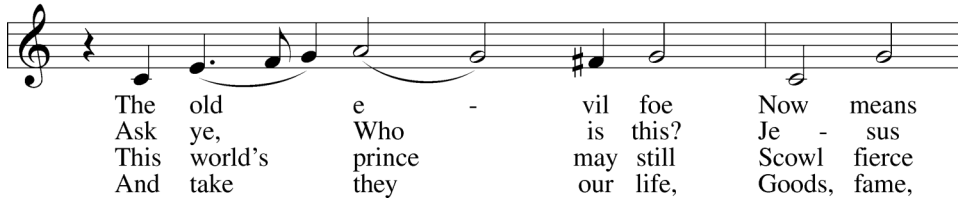
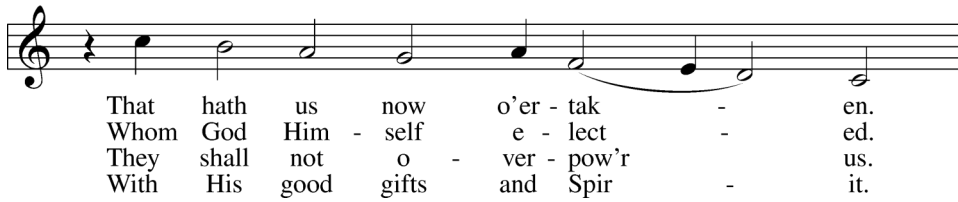
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott BWV 720

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving in God's House

October 25-26, 2025

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Choir Accompanist		Sara Shroth
Trumpet		Matt Claxton, Rob Duss, Brian Storm
Horn		Larry Shroth
Tuba		Byron Alton
Violin		Brinn Miller
Elder	3PM	Sol Conrad, Jerry Lancour
	8AM	Chris Price
	10:45AM	Neal Menscher
Ushers	3PM	Refer to Elder
	8AM	Mike Vesper
	10:45AM	Donald Duncan

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grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.