

REFORMATION SUNDAY
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope
OCTOBER 27, 2024 PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand.)

THE GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song "The Church's One Foundation"

*The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie

P *In peace, let us pray to the Lord,*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen, amen.

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD

The 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. It 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 covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But 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. No longer shall they teach one another, 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

A God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

A though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

A God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

C **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

A The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

- A behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- C **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- A The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

- A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand.)

Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a sequence of notes: a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. A double bar line follows. The melody then continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, and D6. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D6, C6, B5, A5, G5, F#5, E5, and D5. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below, ending with a double bar line.

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; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They 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’?”

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

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

(Please be seated.)

Sermon **Rev. Elaina Salmon**

(Please stand.)

Hymn of the Day “*Founded on Faith*”

*Founded on faith, the church—alive by grace—
proclaims the gospel here and ev'ry place.
The word of God resounds through time and space:
Alleluia!*

*Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day.
Baptized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Fed by your love, with thankful hearts, we say:
Alleluia!*

*Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call.
Empow'ered to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we bring the living hope of God to all.
Alleluia!*

*Growing in grace for God's created earth,
we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth;
a world restored; a faithful, caring church.
Alleluia!*

Prayers of the People

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

(a moment of silence)

A Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate change. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

THE MEAL

Invitation to the Offering

P Our God is ever faithful and provides everything we need. Let us praise the Lord with the offerings of our lives.

Offering

(Our offering is an act of worship and thanksgiving for all God has first given us. Our gifts support the mission of the church to “nurture with love and serve with hope.”)

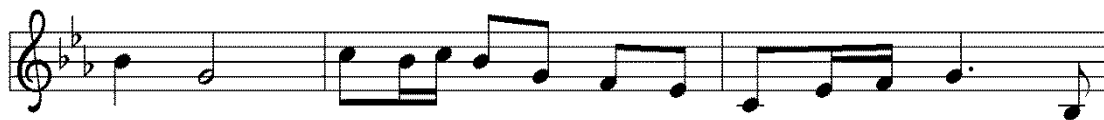
(Please stand.)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

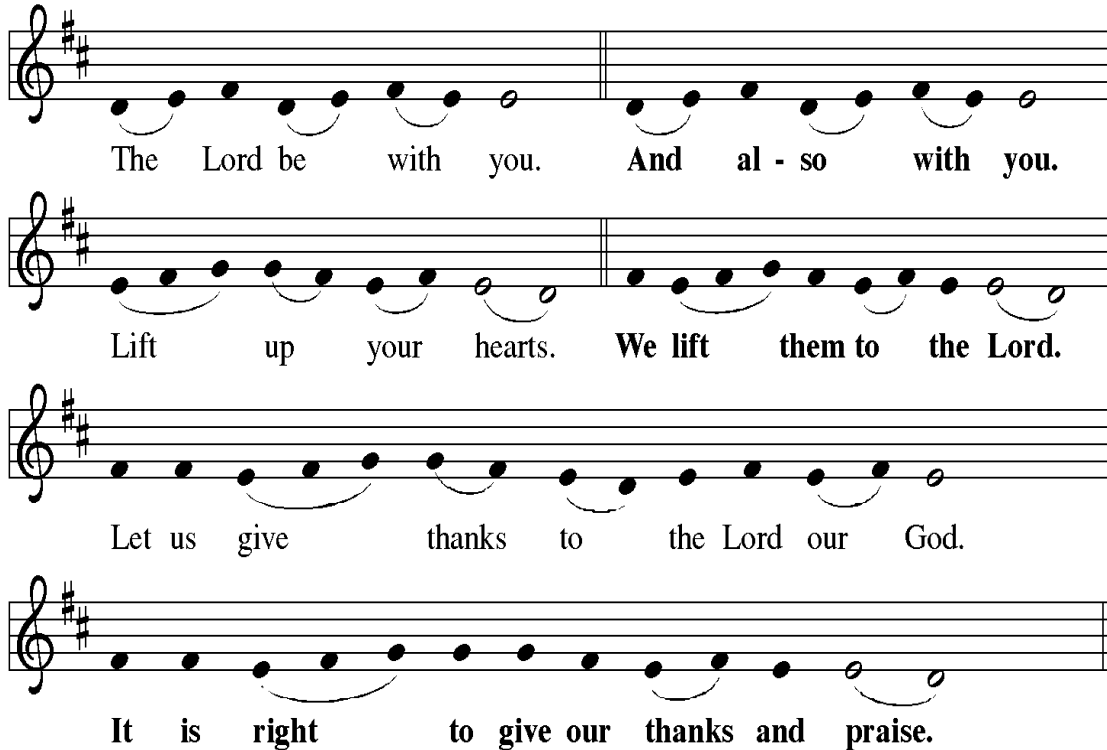


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

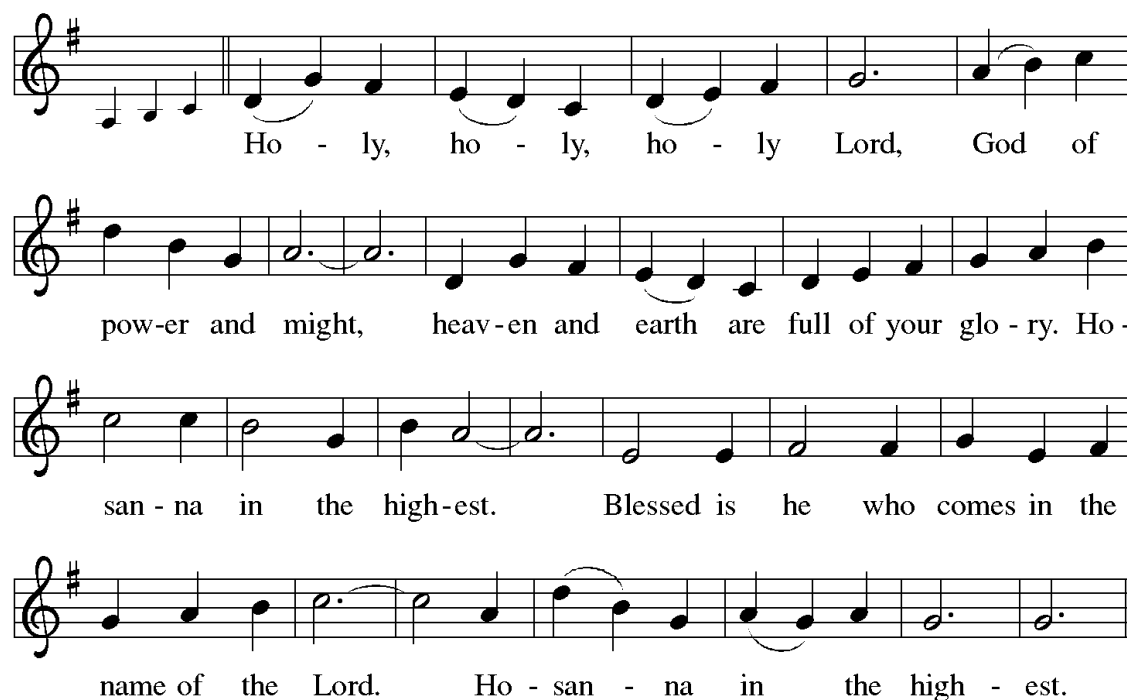
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

- P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

(Please be seated.)

Communion Distribution

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”



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



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Amazing Grace”

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

*and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

(Please stand.)

Song After Communion *“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”*

*Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion

A Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

*God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!*

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group meets on Monday, October 28 at 7pm in our Community Room. In preparation, please read Acts 10, Lamentations 1, and “A is for Abigail” in A is for Alabaster.

BONFIRE, MOVIE & FAITH

Join us on Bethany's back lawn on Wednesday, October 30 at 7pm for a bonfire, movie, fall treats, and a connection to faith and friends. The feature film is Monsters Inc. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween Costumes. Please bring along chairs and/or blankets.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOV. 3

For All Saints Sunday, celebrated on November 3, we will once again create an altar with pictures of our loved ones who have died. Please bring pictures on Sunday, October 27 (preferred) or Sunday, November 3.

DONATIONS TO THE CEMTERY FUND were given in memory of Carl Ahlberg, 20th anniversary of death, Oct. 29 by Sharon Ahlberg and Kelly Jaje.

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