

## Reformation Sunday October 26, 2025

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#### **Our Mission**

To strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship; to be the face of Christ for all.

Pastor: Rev. John "Ben" Mandrick Secretary: Terry Smith **WELCOME!** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!. We are glad you have joined us in worship today as we celebrate Jesus' victory over the power of sin and death.

### Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Faith, Worship, Fellowship

Everything you need to participate in worship is printed in this worship booklet.

## **Bold print = Congregational Responses**

**Holy Communion** is a gift of God's grace. This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome.

## Introduction to the day

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

A Time for Meditation & Prayer

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

(We stand as we are able)

#### P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief time of silence for self reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

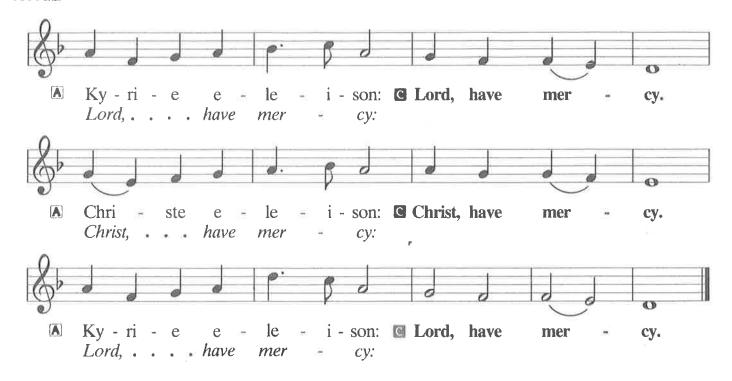
Amen.

## Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### Amen.

## **KYRIE**





#### **GREETING**

P: 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.

**GATHERING SONG ELW 504** 

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

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.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

(Children will receive a small pack of fruit snack gummies. If allergy sensitive please let Pastor Ben know to substitute another treat)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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#### PSALM: 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our ref- <sup>|</sup> uge and strength, a very present <sup>|</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the <sup>1</sup> earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths <sup>1</sup> of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> though its waters <sup>|</sup> rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble <sup>|</sup> at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD of <sup>|</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob <sup>|</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>5</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- <sup>1</sup> y of God, the holy habitation of <sup>1</sup> the Most High.

<sup>6</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be <sup>1</sup> overthrown; God shall help her at the <sup>1</sup> break of day.

<sup>7</sup> The nations make much ado, and the king- <sup>1</sup> doms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall <sup>1</sup> melt away.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD of <sup>1</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>9</sup> Come now and look upon the works <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, what awesome things he has <sup>1</sup> done on earth.

<sup>10</sup> It is he who makes war to cease in <sup>|</sup> all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the <sup>|</sup> 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."

<sup>12</sup> The LORD of <sup>|</sup> hosts is with us; the God of Jacob <sup>|</sup> is our stronghold.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

R: A reading from Romans.

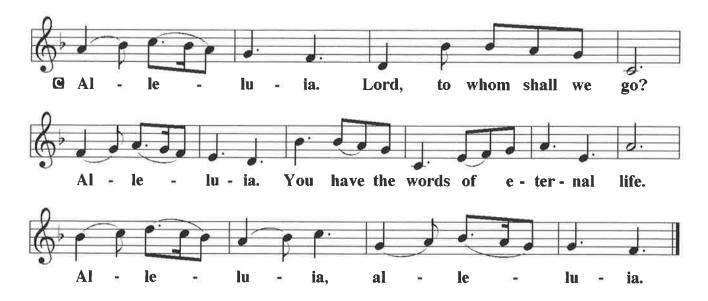
<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(We stand as we are able)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36** 

P: The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> 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'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON: Pastor John "Ben" Mandrick

(We stand as we are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 729

# The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

- S: I present Liam & Tess Mandrick and Graicyn & Madisyn Collins, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.
- P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

The congregation stands.

P: People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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I renounce them.

- P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.
- P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.
- P: Do you believe in God the Father?

  I believe in God, the Father almighty,

  creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. P: Sisters and brothers who are affirming baptism today:

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support those who are baptized today, and those making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Liam & Tess Mandrick and Graicyn & Madisyn Collins, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Liam & Tess Mandrick and Graicyn & Madisyn Collins the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

#### A: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel.

God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose.

God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. We especially pray for those from our prayer list and these we say silently or aloud. (*PAUSE*)

God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times.

God of grace.

#### receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another.

God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

Almighty God, you are our sure foundation and rock of salvation. Draw near to all those who put themselves in harms way for the sake of others, especially our military personnel, first responders, and those in the medical field.

God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

(We stand as we greet one another with Christ's blessing of peace)

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING** (Responding to God's grace, we offer our gifts and our tithes)

#### SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

(We stand as sing as the gifts are brought forward)

#### **OFFERTORY**



#### OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

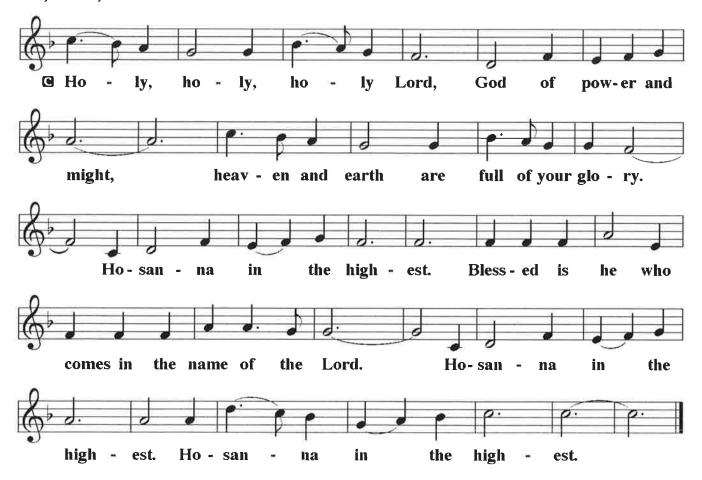
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

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 all 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



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

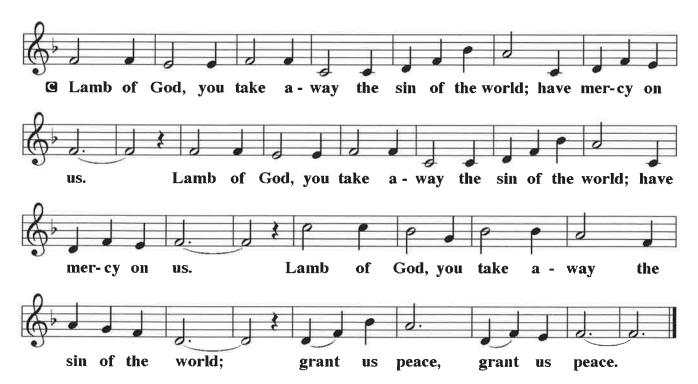
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** (Holy communion is a gift of God's grace and is open to all. Please come down the center aisle as directed by the ushers to receive the host from the pastor. Gluten free hosts are available. Receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Grape juice is available in the center ring. Return to your seats by the side aisle placing empty cups in receptacle.)

#### **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



COMMUNION SONG ELW 815

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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# **Borning Cry**



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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# Change My Heart, O God

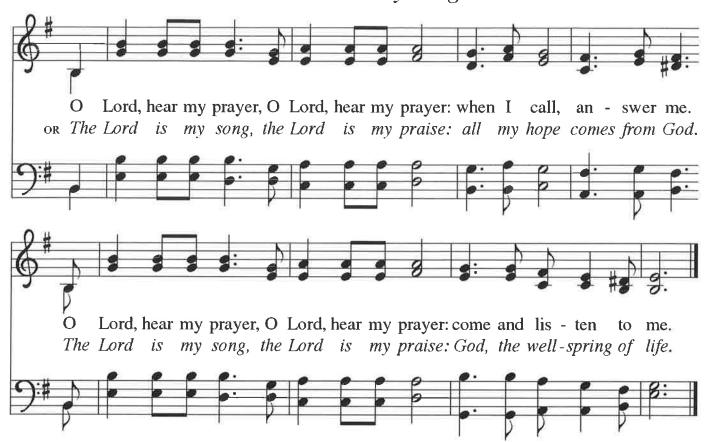


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# O Lord, Hear My Prayer The Lord Is My Song



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(When all who desire have received the sacrament, we stand as we are able)

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in the faith in his grace.

Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

P: Please receive this blessing. May God be with you all, above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, within you to bring you to eternal life. May God watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.

Amen.

#### **SENDING SONG**

#### **ELW 654**

## The Church's One Foundation



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- 2) Changes to the prayer list,
- 3) Announcements for the bulletin.

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