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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

9:00 service
Stand

GATHERING HYMN

151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:7

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,
3. And tho' this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,
4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

Our help-er He a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph thro' us.
The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe— His craft and pow'r are
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He— Lord Sab-a-oth His
The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him— His rage we can en-
Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so— The bod-y they may

great, And armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell him.
kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: His king-dom is for-ev-er.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46
MUSIC: Martin Luther; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Bruce Greer

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8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.



BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P 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 sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Stand



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.

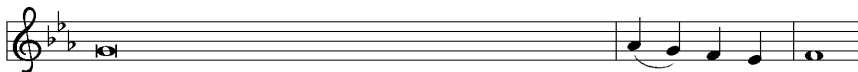
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



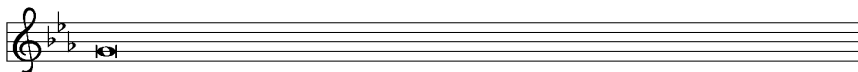
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



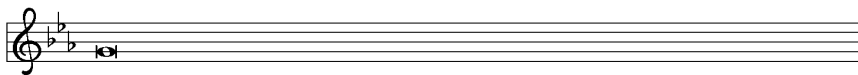
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Chorus:




Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

5 *fine*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God; peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

9 *1. Verse One:*



Al-migh - ty God, au - thor and king of cre - a - tion, we give you glo-ry,

13 *(to chorus)*



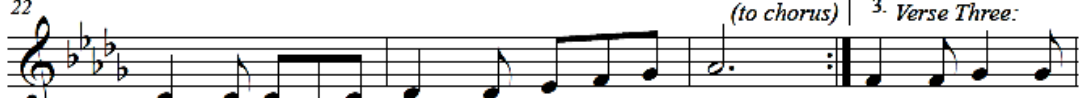
we give you praise, we give you hon - or, the e - ver - last - ing God.

17 *2. Verse Two:*




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lamb of God, you

22 *(to chorus)* *3. Verse Three:*



take a - way our sin. Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Spi - rit,

26



Lord and gi - ver of life, em - pow - er and sanc - ti - fy us. As you have called us,

30 *(to chorus)*



send us forth to de - clare the glo - ry of God:

 **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**



Be seated

 **FIRST READING: REVELATION 14:6-7**

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

 **PSALM 46**

R ¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

C ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

³though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸**Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.



SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

R The word of the Lord.

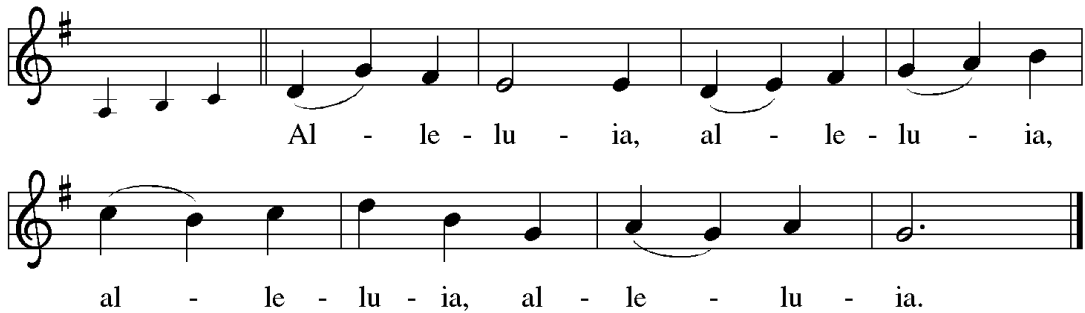
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated

SERMON

Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

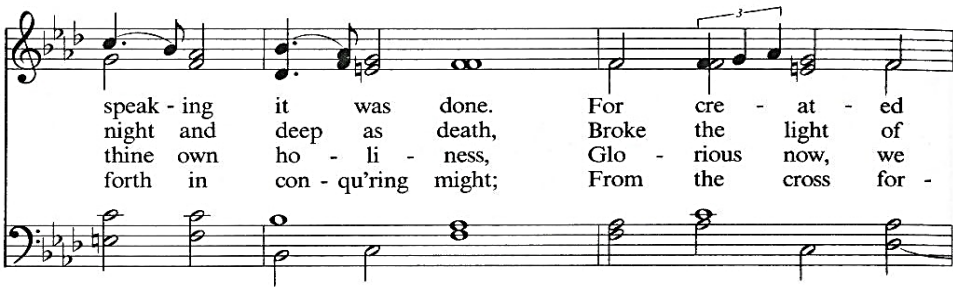
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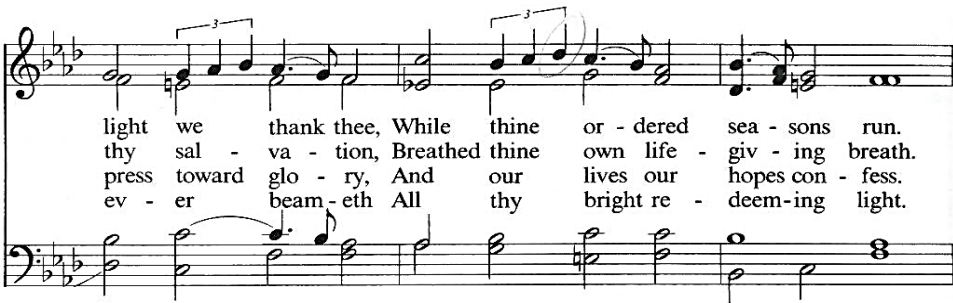
Thy Strong Word



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 - giv - 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
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thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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. Amen.**

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Lord Jesus, strengthen, sustain and guide your bride, the Church, to proclaim your love and demonstrate the power of your Holy Spirit. Make her bold and courageous in the face of ridicule and persecution in the world. We give you thanks for the life of Martin Luther, Reformer, teacher, saint and sinner, and all he contributed to the faith of generations that followed him. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Gracious Father, grant that the Holy Spirit would give us a clarity of vision and a firm sense of your mission. And through our faithful participation in God's mission, the kingdom of heaven may be extended through us and through the gifts we bring. Encourage us to greater generosity for the sake of the world you love. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Compassionate Holy Spirit, in your great love you have given us to one another, to live together in families, communities, and congregations. By your grace and power, move us to have concern for one another, and in bearing each other's burdens we would fulfill the law of Christ. Specifically, today we ask that you prosper of the work of His Hope Ministry. Bring wholeness and recovery to the lives of those they serve. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for all who are ill, [particularly ...] that they would know your love in the midst of their illness and that the healing strength of your mercy may be theirs. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of life, we ask that you would halt the spread of this pandemic, prevent further loss of life, hasten the development of an effective vaccine and use this mortal danger to draw many to the only One who can raise us immortal. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of the Nations, through the faithful proclamation of your word, draw our nation back to you. Enlarge the ministries of the leaders of our church, our bishop Dan Selbo, his assistants Mark, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, Andrew, our seminary president, Eric, those preparing for ministry, and all pastors in the NALC. May they be humble in serving, pressing on for the edification of your holy kingdom. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

 **PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Be seated

OFFERING

Special Music

***In order to reduce the risk of infection, our ushers will not pass the offering plate during the offertory. Please use this time to engage in silent prayer, reflection, and worship. Later in the service, as you approach the altar for communion, please drop your offering in the offering plate located near the front of the sanctuary.*

Stand

OFFERTORY



What shall we give to the Lord for all his bless-ings to us? We will



lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, we will call on his ho - ly name.



We will keep our pro-mise to the Lord in the pres-ence of his peo-ple.



We will of - fer — with thanks-giv - ing a — sac - ri - fice of praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with 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, Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE (9:00 In Spoken Word)

Presider: Cong:
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider: Cong:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong:
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Music: John Scheusner

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 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



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! Ho - san-na! Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**



Be seated

COMMUNION

**Grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*

From John 1:29



O_ Christ, the Lamb of God, you take___ a-way our sin. Have



mer - cy on us; have mer - cy on us. This is our



hope, this is our pro-mise: We are cleansed by the blood of the



Lamb of God, we are freed by the bo-dy and the blood. O_



Christ,___ the Lamb of God, you take___ a-way our sin. Have



mer - cy on us and grant us your peace.

Stand

PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn our hearts to yours, and nourished us at your table with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE (Vs 4 only)

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



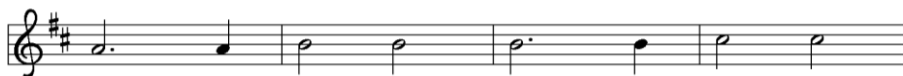
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God - has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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BLESSING

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.

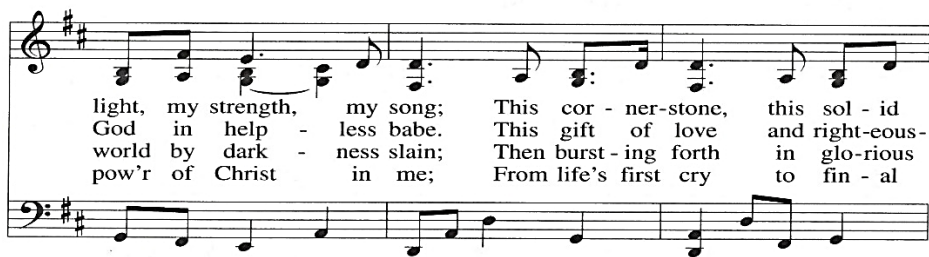
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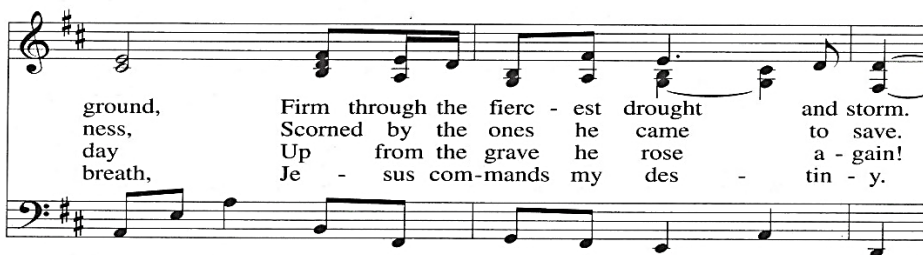
In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
2 In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, Full-ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
day Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y, Sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my all in
 God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me

(Fine)

all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

 **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PEACE
BE WITH
you

October/November Servant Schedule

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Oct 25	Joe Costantino	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino
Nov 1	Shirley Schryver	George Reinhart	Cynthia Michael
Nov 8	N'Anne Knight	Becky Reinhart	Kylene Terhune
Nov 15	Joe Costantino	Donna Tucker	Erika Wattrick
Nov 22	Sandy Rice	Julie Hohulin	Roseann Costantino
Nov 29	Shirley Schryver	Gary Ross	Cynthia Michael



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As a congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused

