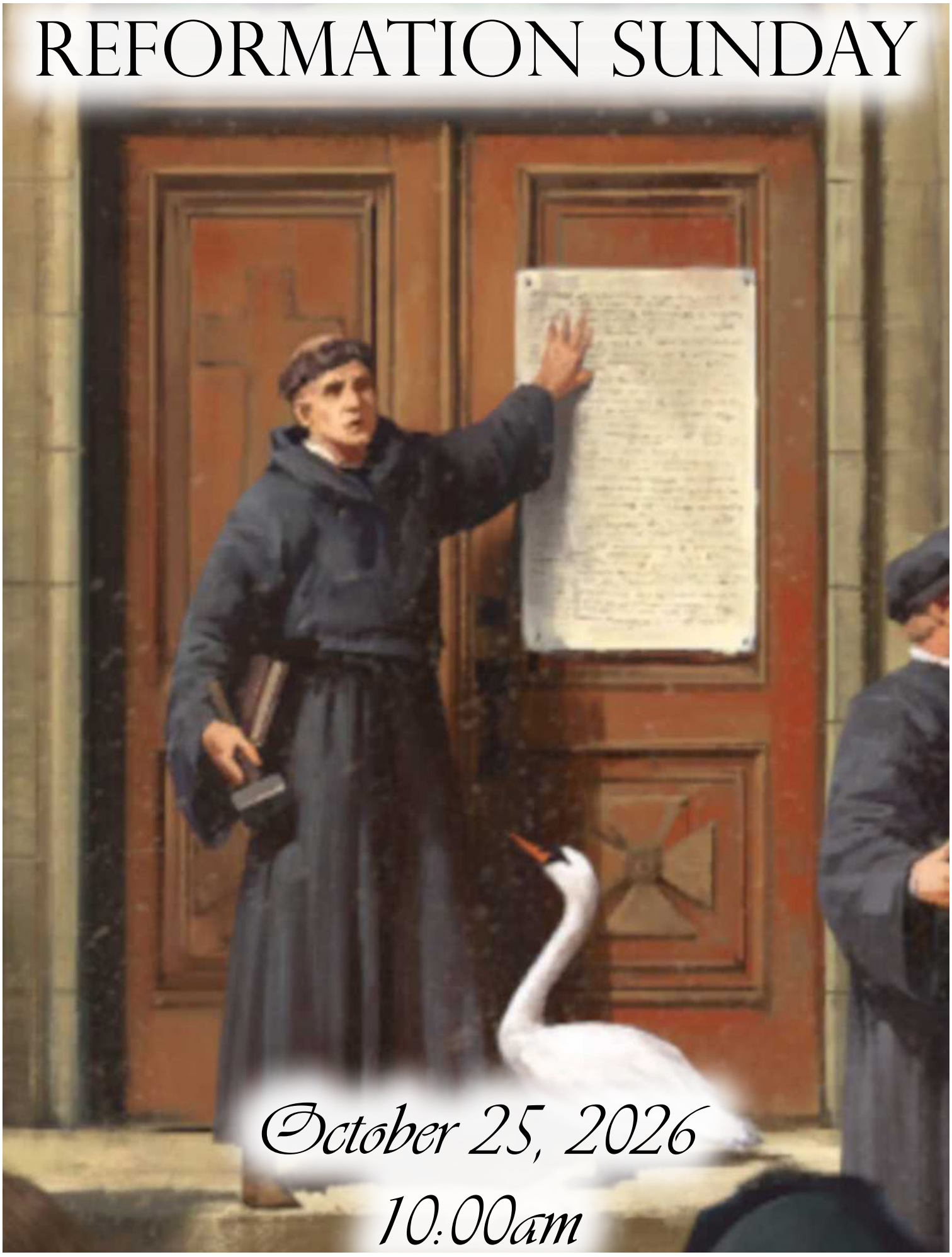
REFORMATION SUNDAY



October 25, 2026

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment
We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

Gathering

Prelude Ein Feste Burg *J. S. Bach*

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Opening Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #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.

Hymn of Praise All Glory Be to God on High (verses 1 & 2) #410

Prayer of the Day
O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Word

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, Chapter 31.
31 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. 32 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.
33 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. 34 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from First Romans, Chapter 3.
19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds
prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed
and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through
the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom 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 forbearance
he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at
the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies
the one who has the faith of Jesus.

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

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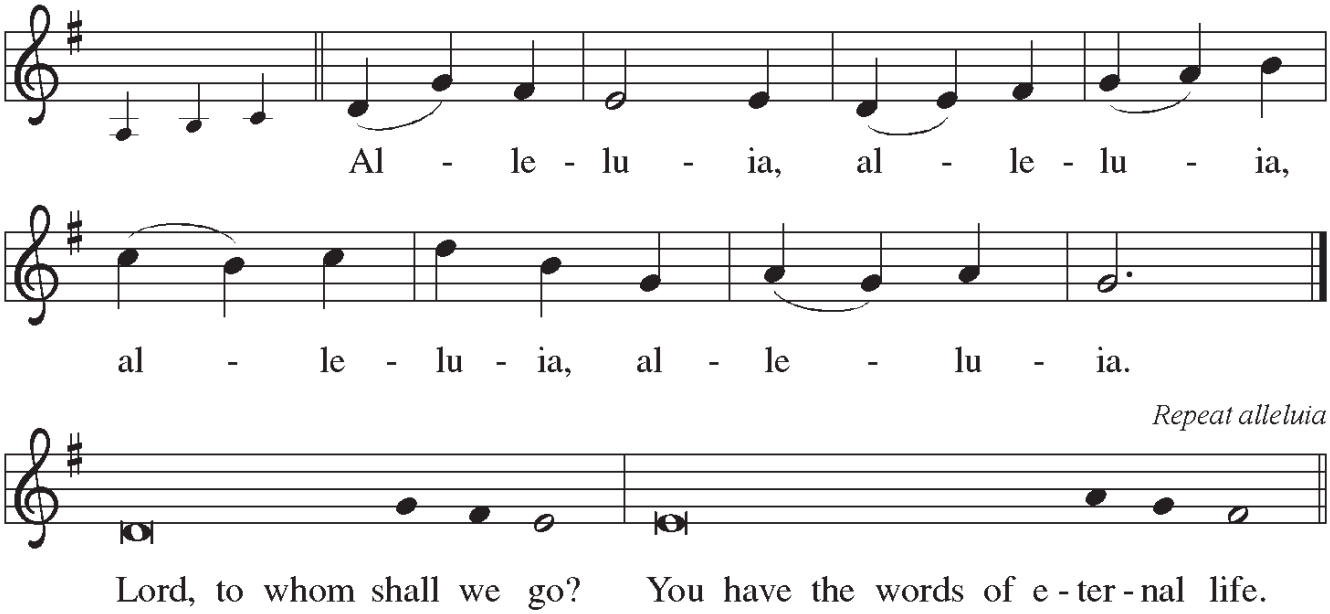
Anthem What Shall I Render to My God *Austin Lovelace*

What shall I render to my God
For all His mercy's store?
I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed
And humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace
I will with thanks receive,
And all His promises embrace
And to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name
Before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am,
Upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant,
Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine.
Born in Thy family below.
And by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me,
Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my hands
Hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him ye saints,
the God of love who hath thy sins
forgiv'n,
Till gathered to the church above,
We sing the songs f heav'n.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel for today is from John, Chapter 8.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word #517

Apostles' Creed
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.
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.

Prayers of the Church
Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

. . . 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.

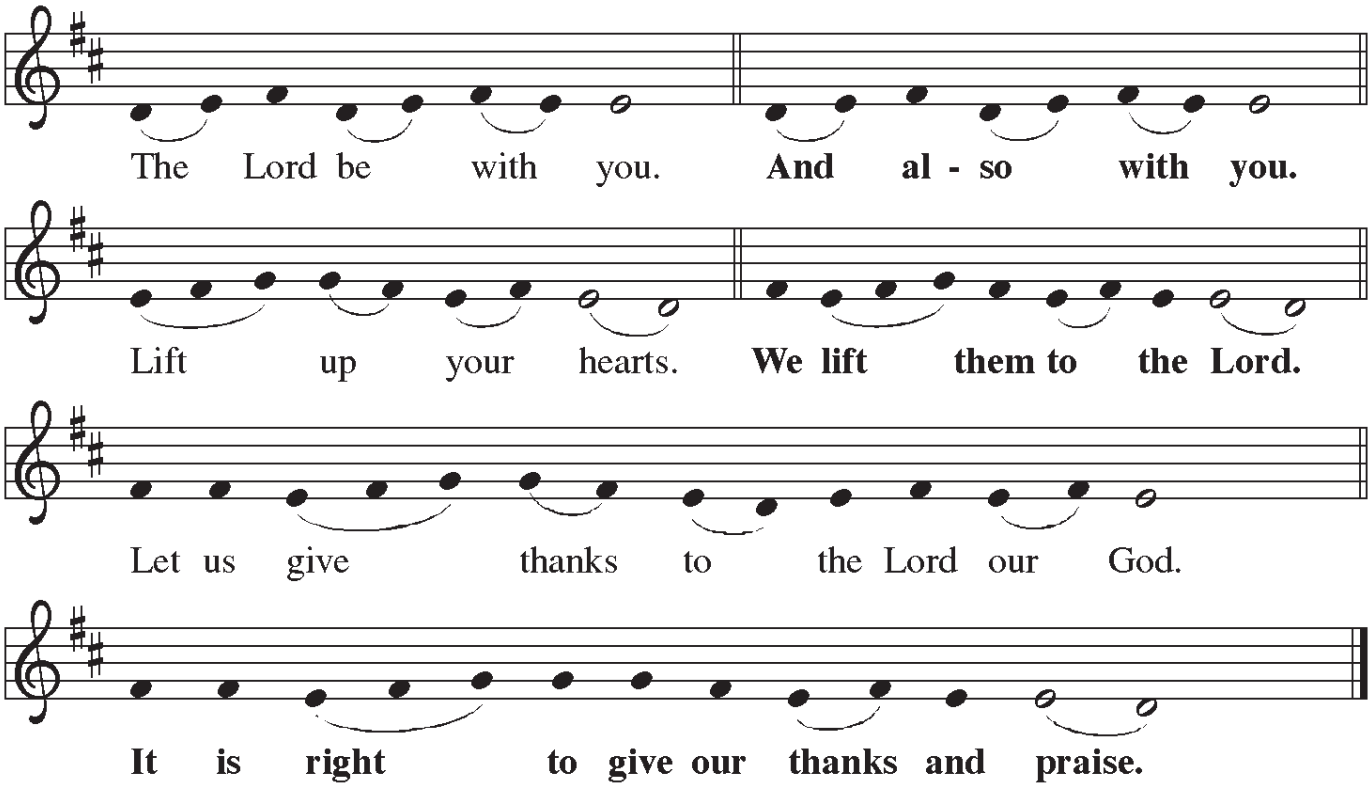
Peace

Meal

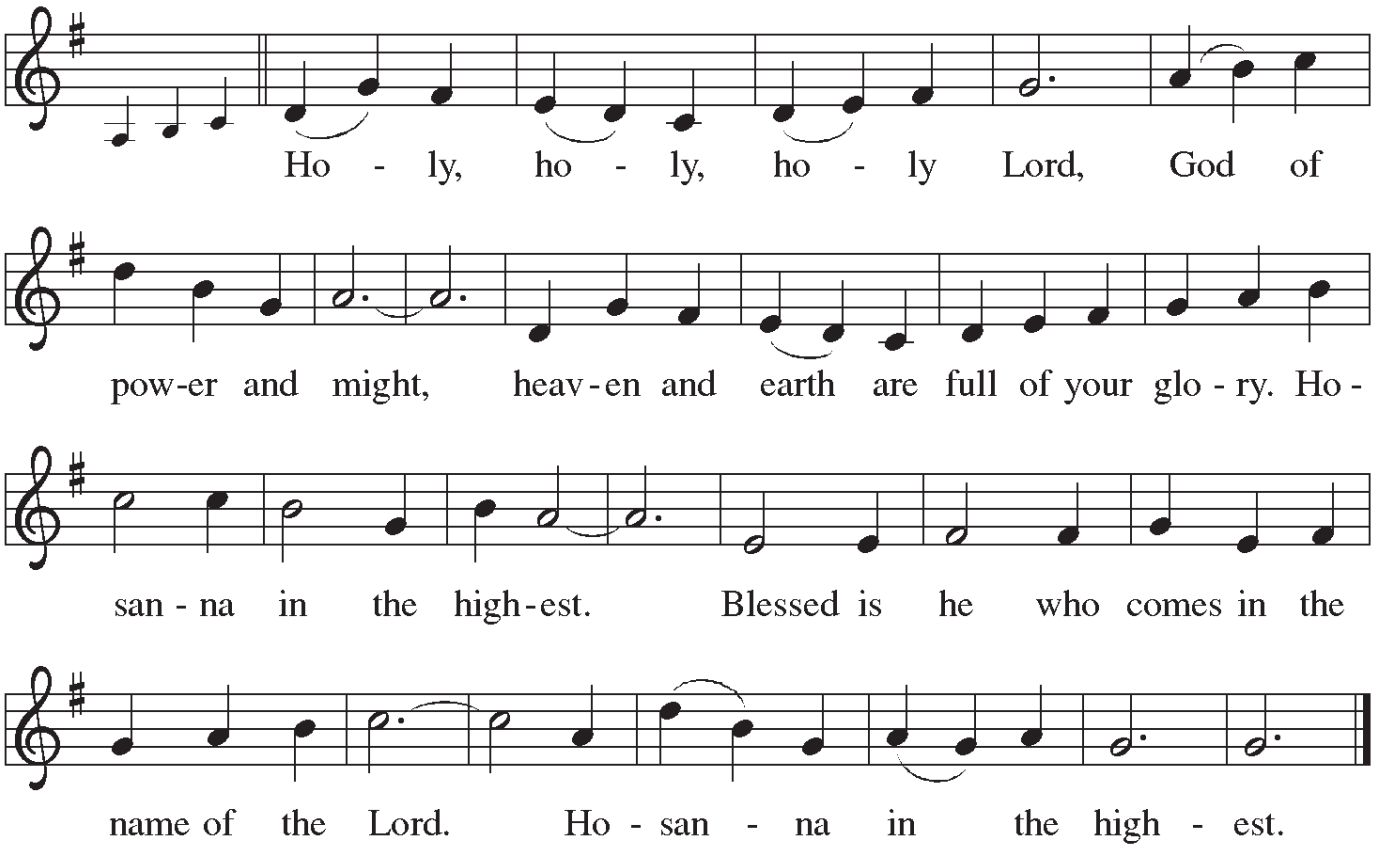
Offering All Glory Be to God on High *Johann Walther*

Offering Prayer
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

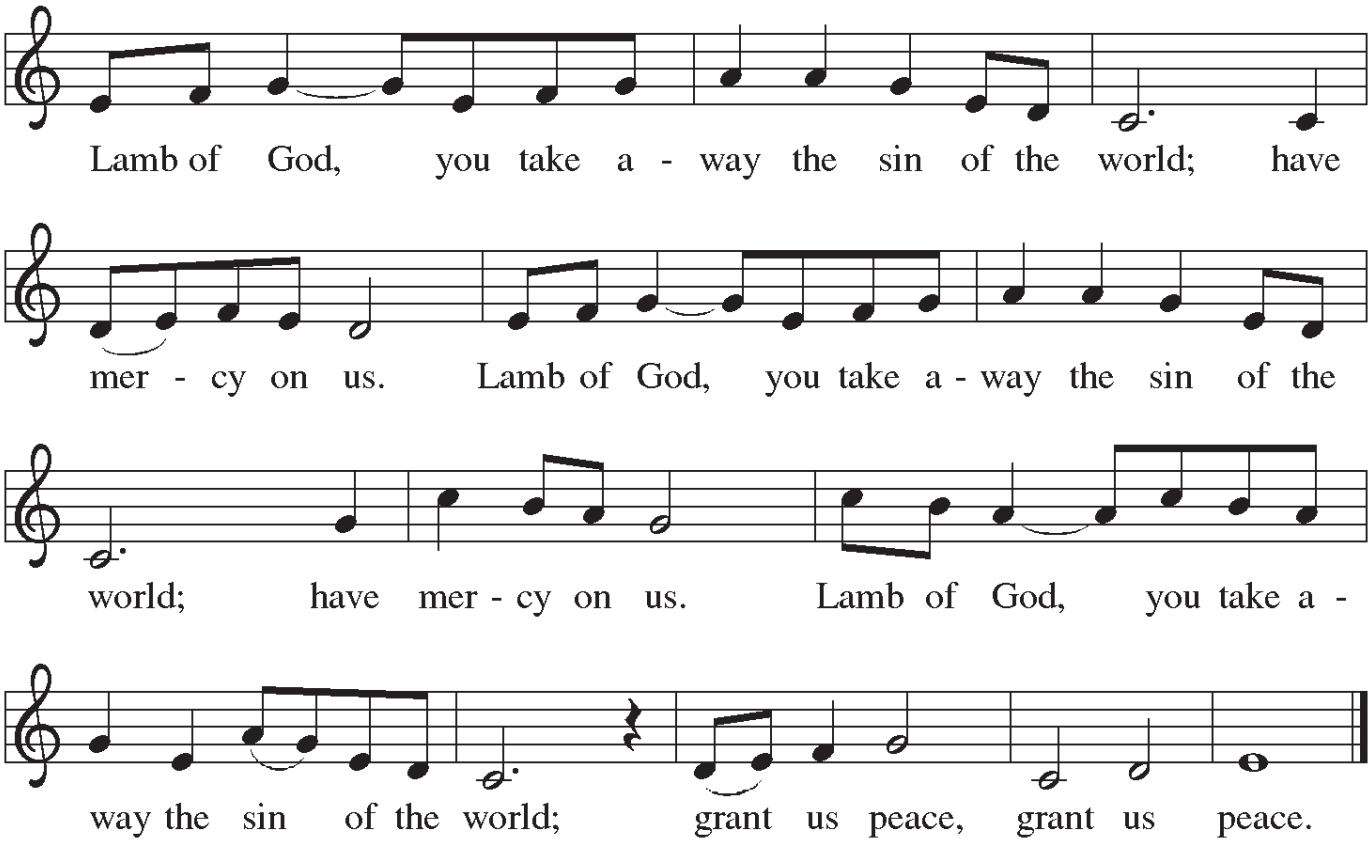
Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



Prayer After Communion
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5) #654

Dismissal
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude We All Believe in One True God
based on ELW 411, by Martin Luther J. S. Bach

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2026-10-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (25th)
Reformation Sunday
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Monday
Scouts – 6pm

Tuesday
Grace Pacers – 9:30am
Prayer Group – 11am
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

Wednesday
Constantine wins the Battle of the Milvian Bridge – 312
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
AA meeting – 7pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

Thursday
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

Saturday
Halloween
Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses on a church in Wittenberg – 1517

Sunday (1st)
All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Grace Lutheran Foundation, Brighter than Sunshine, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time will end November 1. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour Halloween night. You don't want to miss church service!

Stewardship Reminder

Please fill out your pledges and time and talent sheets and turn them into the office by November 15. Extra forms are available in the back of the Narthex. Thank you.

And, congratulations, to Elaine Berg, for winning the stewardship word contest.



Spiritual Care

Grace Lutheran Communities is offering an accompaniment opportunity.

The Spiritual Care department provides spiritual, emotional and social support residents and family members within Grace Lutheran Communities. Volunteers are a crucial part of our program, so we are looking for individuals who might be interested in visiting with residents on a regular basis: weekly, bi–weekly or monthly.

Spiritual care volunteers are assigned to individuals after an assessment of needs/interests by the department. Some examples of volunteer support include: life review, discussion about faith/support systems, activities/cards/games, walks, devotionals/readings, prayer, emotional and social support.

Volunteers are supported individually and as a group with quarterly lunch meetings (food provided), ongoing education, and regular check–ins with the director.

If you have any questions or are interested in signing up to be a spiritual care volunteer, please contact Jordan.

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/
- Youtube embedded in our website: https://grace–church.org/our–ministry Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page — http://grace–church.org/our–ministry

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace–church.org or by calling the office at 715–832–9713