

*Service of Holy Communion – Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024*

(the assembly may stand*

Congregation speaks responses in bold

Music led by Choir and United Adoration

PRELUDE

“Erhalt’ Uns, Herr, Bei Deinem Wort” Johann Pachelbel

Jim Sawyers

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

WELCOME

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.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Presiding Minister)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,

who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts 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. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for 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.

The presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness with these words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age" ELW #729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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***GREETING** (*Presiding Minister*)

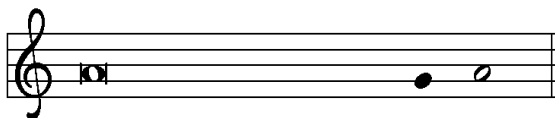
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

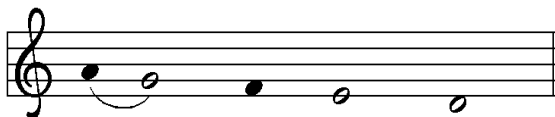
And also with you.



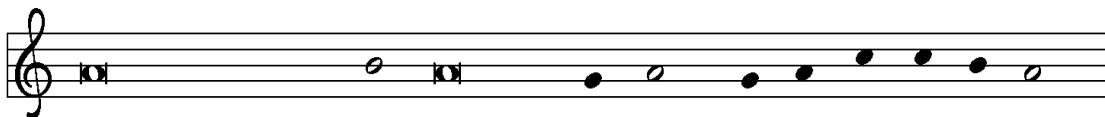
***KYRIE** (*Presiding Minister*)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



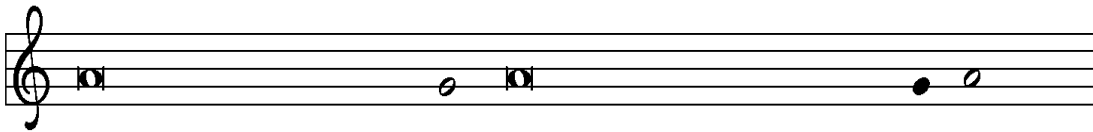
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



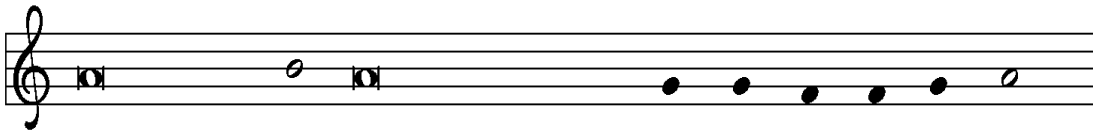
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



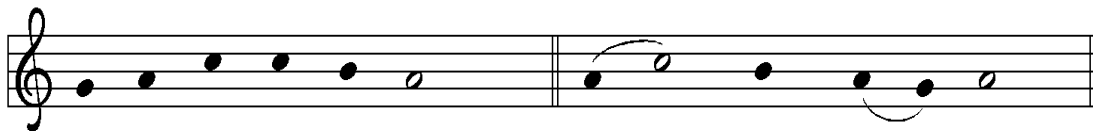
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Presiding Minister*)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Amen.

FAMILY MESSAGE

Grace Dads' Group

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

PSALM: Psalm 46 (*The psalm is sung responsively*)

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**

⁷The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works ^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ^l on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ^l shields with fire.

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

¹¹The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

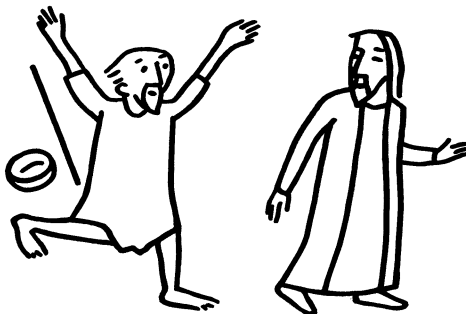
A reading from Romans.

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Your Grace Is Enough"

by Matt Maher

Verse 1

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.**

Pre-Chorus

**So, remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.**

Chorus 1

***Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.***

Verse 2

***Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.***

Pre-Chorus

***So, remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.***

Chorus 1

***Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
(REPEAT)***

Pre-Chorus

***Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God.***

Chorus 1

***Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.***

Chorus 2

***Yeah, your grace is enough;
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing: Your grace is enough;
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me__, for me.***

***NICENE CREED (Assisting Minister)**

Called into one by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith...

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Assisting Minister)*

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

A brief silence.

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, ***receive our prayer.***

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 collapse. God of grace, ***receive our prayer.***

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. We especially pray for... (*Marshall, Clay, Joan, Russell, Nancy, and family and friends of Ed Ward*).

We also pray for those we name aloud now or those we name silently in our hearts.

A brief moment of private petitions is observed.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Prayers for comfort and healing for:

- *Prayers of comfort and quick healing for Marshall Barry, Rob & Jeannie's oldest son, Kim & Bob's grandson, who was bitten by their family dog. He is at John Hopkins Children's hospital undergoing test and may be hospitalized for IV antibiotics.*
- *Prayers for Clay Spicer, young friend of Steve & Sheri Matheson, diagnosed with cancer several months ago is now waiting for bone marrow transplant treatment.*
- *Prayers for comfort for Joan Eshchezi, family friend of Steve & Sheri Matheson, as she begins treatment for recently diagnosed cancer.*
- *Prayers for complete recovery and pain relief for Russell Stracke, good friend of Maggie & Doug Gould, who recently had emergency neck/spine surgery.*
- *Prayers for comfort and strength for Nancy Richardson as she mourns the sudden death of her husband Lamont on Oct. 12. His funeral service will be held on Nov. 2 and is being handled by Loyless Funeral Home, Land O Lakes, 656-444-7482.*
- *Prayers for comfort for the family of Ed Ward, friend of Mary Threm, who passed last week.*

Continued prayers for:

Dottie Pihl, Yvonne Daily, Holly-Jerralynne's daughter in-law and family, Miles, Tricia Dunn, Betty Campbell and her family, Ann Case-college roommate of Linda Gravatt, Richard Taylor, Jennifer Anderson, Chris Adams-Mickey Castor's son, Carolyn Scott, 9-year Fayden and her family, friends of Lori Daquila and the Meints', Sharon Sletkolen, Betty Freshcorn, Laura Shepherd, Michelle Dorn-Tim's niece, Richard Beeman, Ginger Derenthal, Rich Leum, Robin Valder, Sean Joannes-Patti's son, Steve Matheson, Richard Andree, Kathy Crouthamel, Jean Hoornstra, Millee Dietrich, Mike Campbell, Troy Brueggemeier, Andrew Rodriguez, Judy Zimmerman, Irene Daidone and Rachel Boccio-friends of Mike and Jacci Milo, Rob and Christine-friends of Joey Hills, Rachael Dillavou-friend of Kerri Shaw, Cindy Drummond-friend of Mary Threm, Fred Bondzeit-Dave Davies' brother in law, Kathy Rodeheaver, Debbie Covington, Paul Hess, Rudy Paul-family member of Kim & Bob Barry,

*Lynda St. Pierre-friend of Carol Priede, Miles Brown-Christine Vickers' brother-in-law,
Pr. Wayne Gollenberg-friend of the Milo's, Henry Jaroszewsk-Peggy Falor's brother.*

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

Amen.

***PEACE** *(Presiding Minister)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

United Adoration Band

by Llewellyn and Gilkeson

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Thank You, Lord"

ACS #1092

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church band.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray...Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you
have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

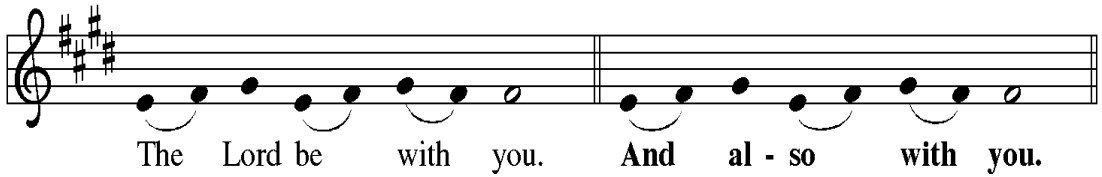
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the
one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

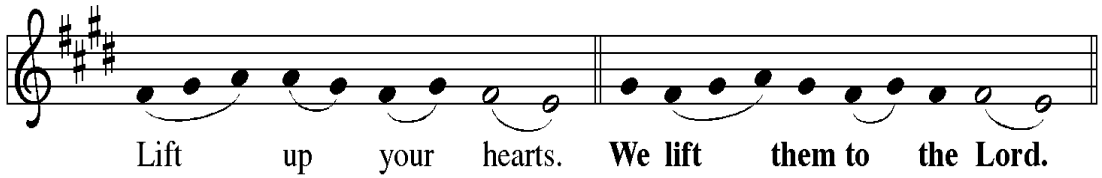


***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

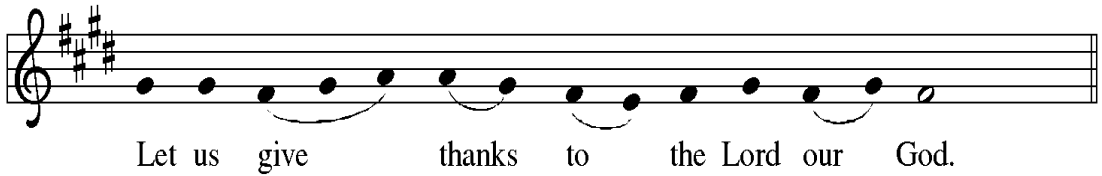
***DIALOGUE** (*Presiding Minister*)



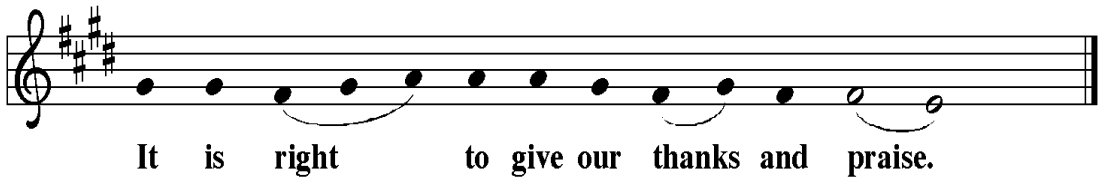
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.



***PREFACE** (*Presiding Minister*)

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (*Presiding Minister*)

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,

the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;

and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (*Presiding Minister*)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Be Still”

by Mary McDonald

Choir

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING** (*Presiding Minister*)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – see bulletin insert

***BLESSING** (*Presiding Minister*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress"

ELW #504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!