



*“<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.”*

*~John 8:31-32*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2015**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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*On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.*

**PRELUDE:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – Jan Zwart

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose name is majestic in all the earth,  
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,  
who does all things well.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Steadfast and saving God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess to you all the ways**

**we turn from you and harm one another.**

**In your compassion,**

**forgive our sins and heal our hurts.**

**Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,**

**the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,**

**the sheaves of wisdom and justice;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,

receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your transgressions are forgiven;

God's love is healing balm for your wounds.

Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #504: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

#### **\*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.**

## \*GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



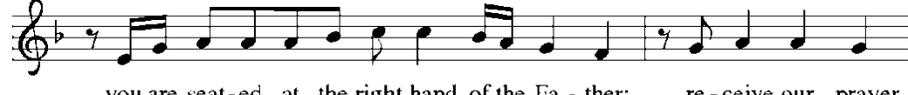
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**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.**

TEMPLE TALK: “Grace Alone – Stewards, Not Owners”

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*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.*

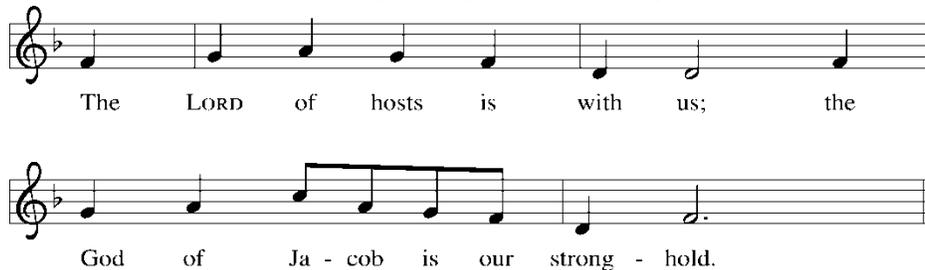
<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they 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.

PSALM 46

*The cantor sings the refrain, and all repeat it.*



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

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

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

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.           R**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.           R



## **10:30 AM SERVICE ONLY**

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM PRESENTATION**

*Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

*Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:*

I present ***Alaina Jordan Nagel and Gabrielle Ann Baysek***, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

***Alaina and Gabrielle***, many years ago you were brought to the font by your parents and through baptism were claimed as a child of God and made a member of His holy Church. At that time you were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters*,  
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.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The assembly stands and joins in the responses.*

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

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.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Revive those who live under the weight of anxiety, despair, or illness, especially Reed, Susan, Frieda, Jim, Raymond, Wanda Jean, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Fred & Jane, David & Ellen, and all those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Carry their burdens, and uplift them by your compassionate Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we remember the witness of your saints, we pray you remember your promise of mercy for us. Reunite us with all your holy ones when you come in fullness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

### **AFFIRMATION**

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?

*Each person responds:*

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

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

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

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.

*Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing. The blessing is repeated for each person.*

Stir up in *Alaina /Gabrielle* 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.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN #591: *That Priceless Grace***

*(Please stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward.)*

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you,

and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table,

that we may come to the help of all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*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,

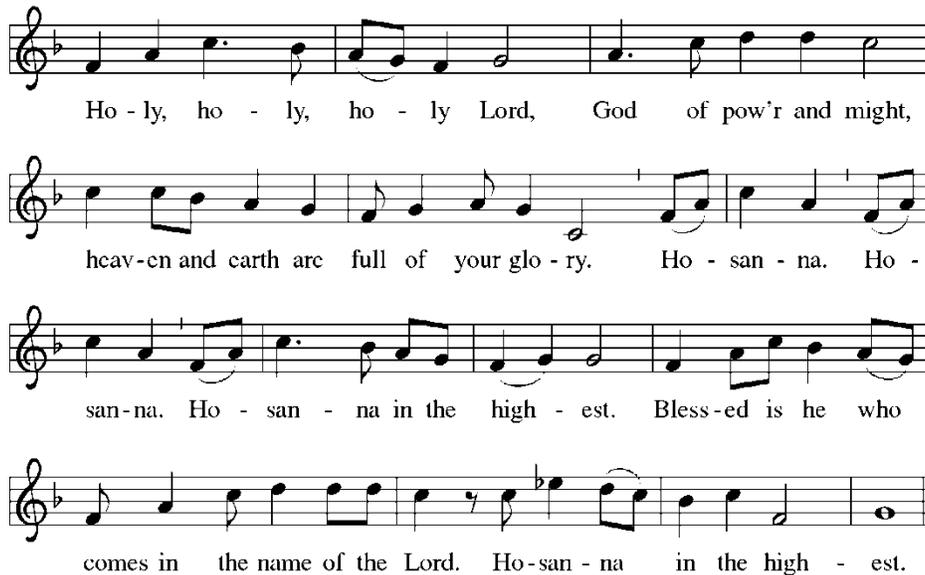
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

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**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*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.

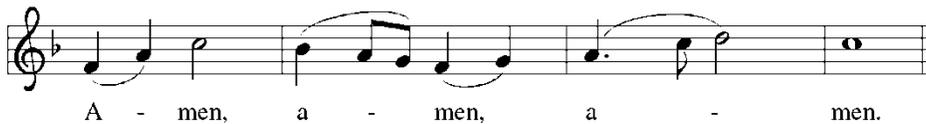
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
 and the promise of his coming again,  
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
 not as we ought but as we are able;  
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
 may be formed to live as your holy people  
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
 To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



**\*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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

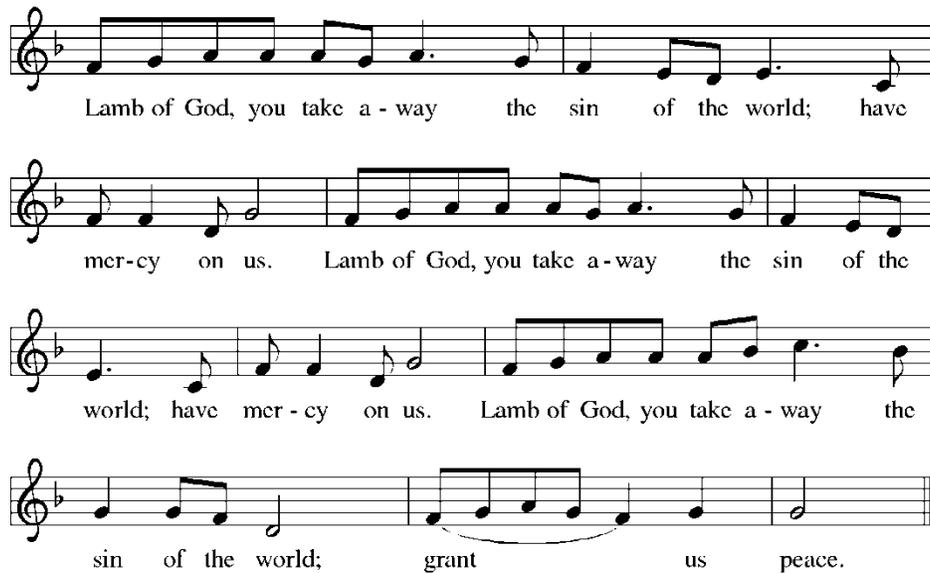
God gives food to those who hunger.  
 Come, be fed, be healed.

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.*

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
 The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION SONG: *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.

**COMMUNION HYMN #588: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace.  
**Amen.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
that you welcome us to your table  
and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.  
By your gifts of word and holy meal,  
strengthen us to take up the cross  
as we go about our callings in this world,  
following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:  
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 SONG #654: *The Church's One Foundation***

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – Helmut Walcha**

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**The flowers this week are given in memory of Bonnie Dobson Backderf by her family.**

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Dave Knauff  
**Communion Assistant:**  
**Acolyte:**  
**Usher:** Todd Niklewicz  
**Attendance Last Week:** 73  
**Weekly Budgeted Need:** \$ 2,755.44  
**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$115,728.58  
**YTD Actual Expense:** \$109,064.91

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Sally Foster  
**Communion Assistant:** Denise Hager  
**Acolyte:**  
**Usher:** George & Jan Leikauf  
**Attendance Last Year:** 55  
**Last Week's Giving:** \$ 1,849.00  
**YTD Receipts:** \$113,304.80

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