



**Reformation Sunday  
October 29, 2017**

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In keeping with our Mission Statement of "Uniting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in love, and Sharing the Good News, WE welcome you to Christus Victor and we are blessed that you are spending time with us in worship.

**Theme:**

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.

**PARTICIPANTS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Ave verum corpus, *W.A. Mozart*

**GATHERING**

**P.** God call us to:

**Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good news.**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P.** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**P.** 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.**

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

**A.** 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.**

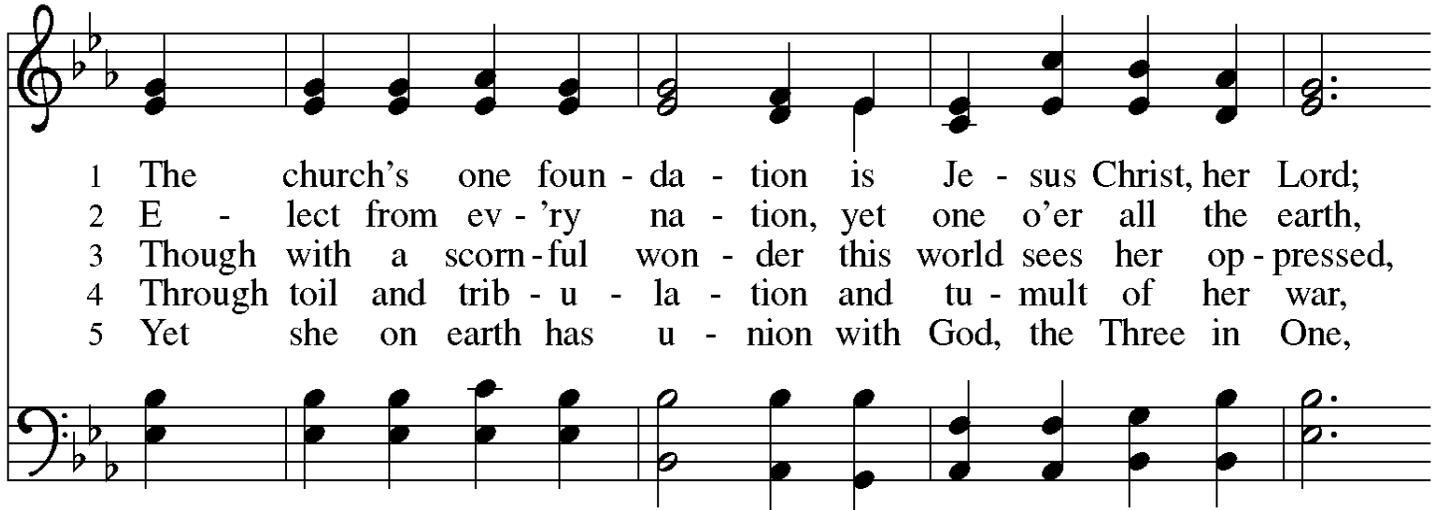
**Amen.**

**P.** 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.

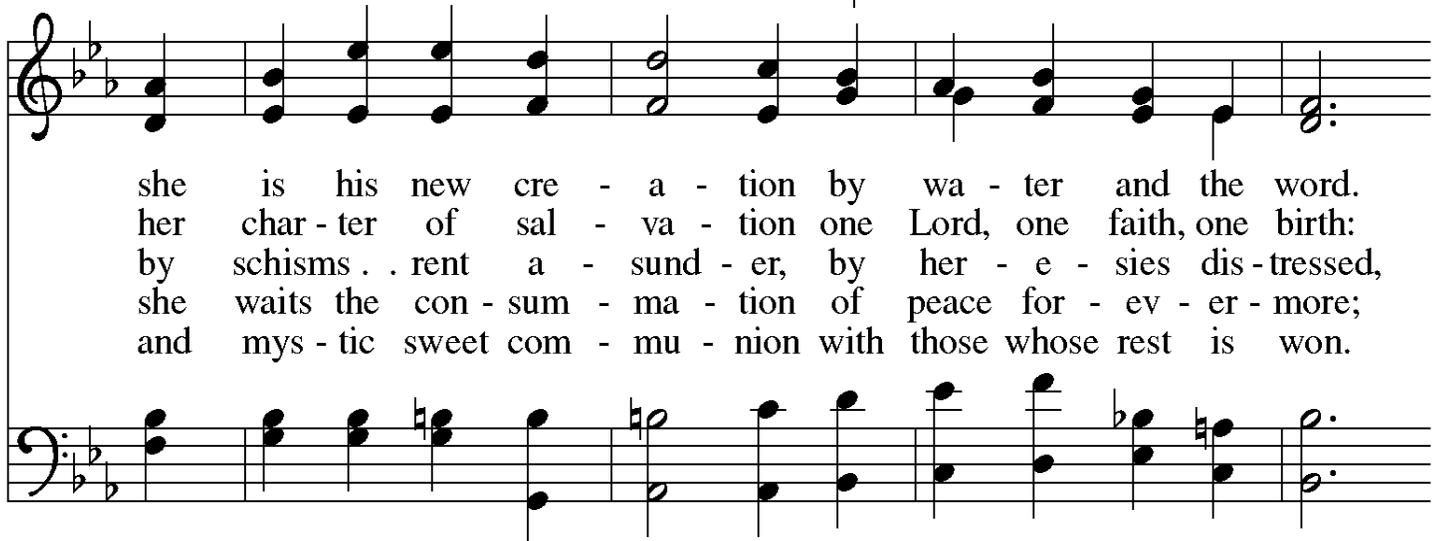
**Amen.**

# \*GATHERING SONG (ELW 654)

## The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

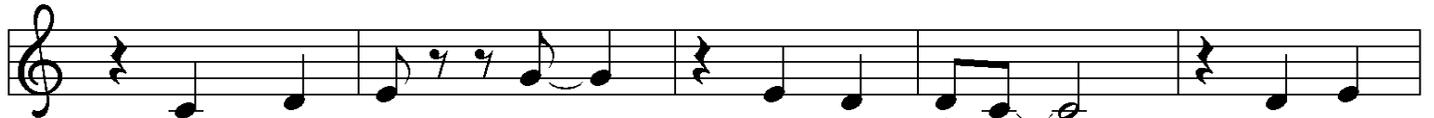


with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

# \*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.**

## Build Us Up, Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

### *Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P.** 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.**

## **WORD**

### **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.*

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 46**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (*Ps. 46:7*)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge 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 city 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.**

<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 upon 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.

## **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.*

<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

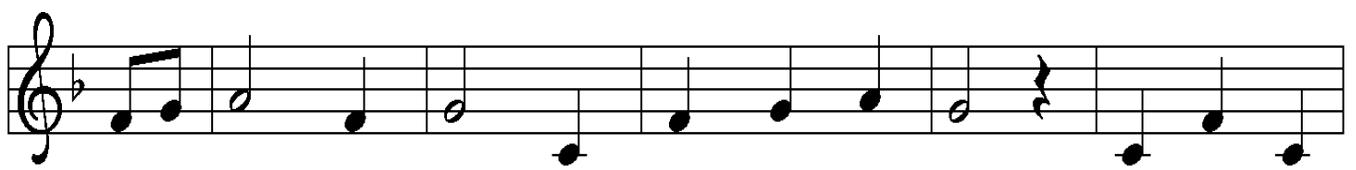
whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<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.

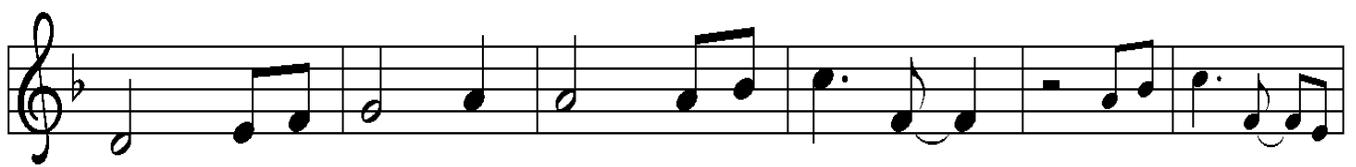
<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

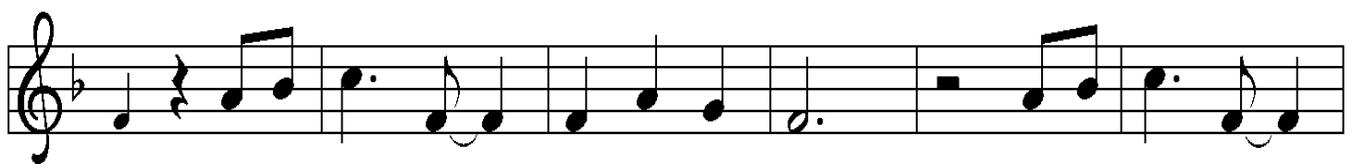
**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)**



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



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



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



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

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

The holy gospel according to John.

**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.*

<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.

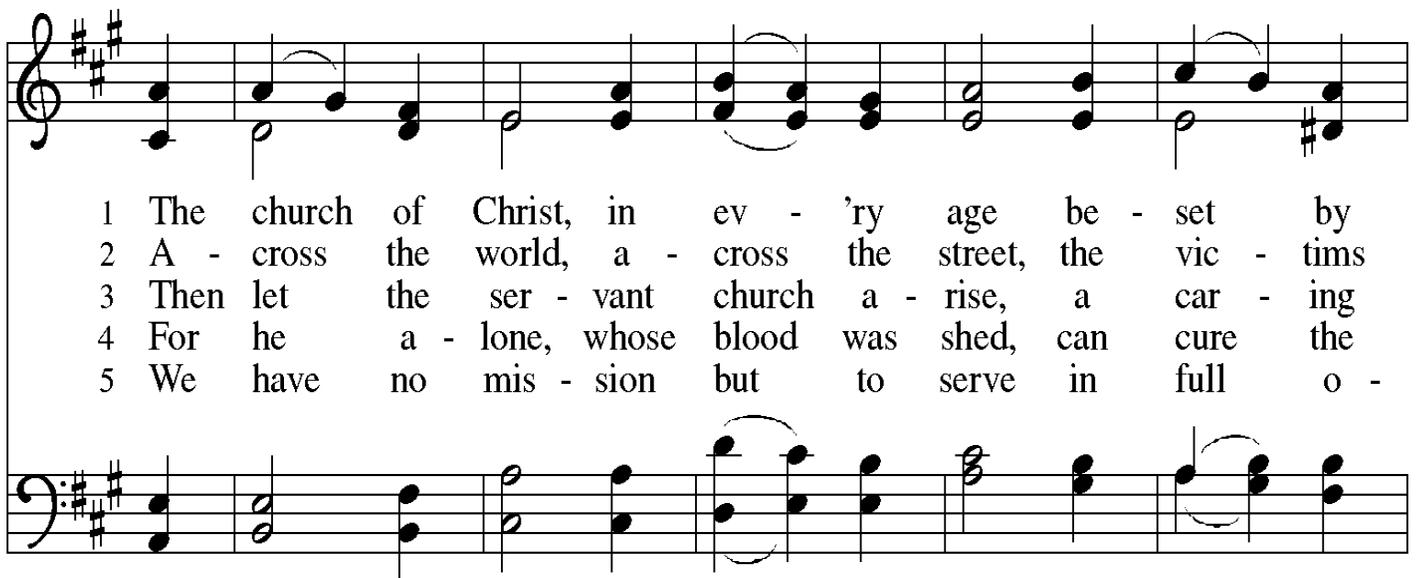
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 729)**

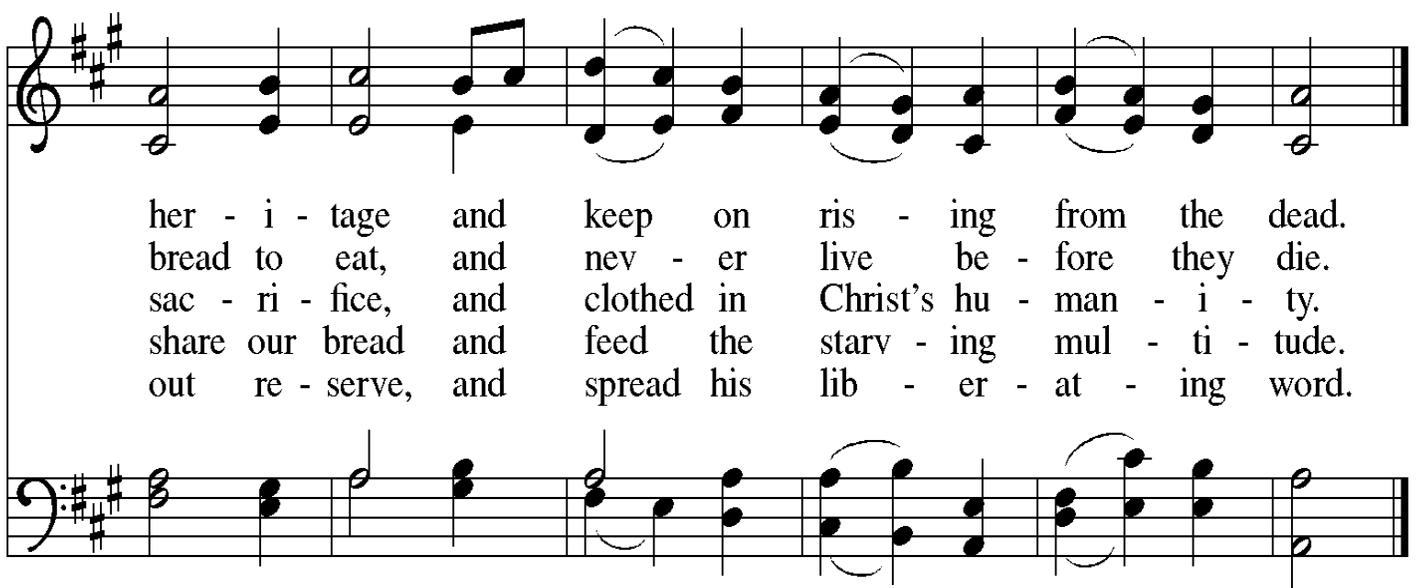
**The Church of Christ, in Every Age**



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.

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## RITE OF CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION

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.

I Call forward **Madison Renee Hieber, James Alexander Gail, James Albert Jester V, Fiona Raigin Mitchell, Benjamin Alton Myers**, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

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.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

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.**

## **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 brothers* 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.

**Madison Hieber:** In praising God with Gifts and talents - “Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe (Psalm 150:4).”

*Laying on of hands:*

Stir up in your servant Madison 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.**

**James Gail:** In Paul’s words about God’s greatest gift of love – “It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Cor. 13:7).”

*Laying on of hands:*

Stir up in your servant James Alex 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.**

**James Jester V:** Paul writes in our everyday life – “Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.

*Laying on of hands:*

Stir up in your servant James 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.**

**Fiona Mitchell:** In how we interact with God in our lives – “But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).

*Laying on of hands:*

Stir up in your servant Fiona 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.**

**Ben Myers:** In remembering to whom we belong – “He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord (1 Cor. 1:30 – 31).”

*Laying on of hands:*

Stir up in your servant Ben 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.**

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.**

## **Presentation of Confirmation Certificates**

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## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A.** Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

**A.** We pray for the unity of your church. Free us to be Christ's one body, graciously receiving his life and boldly offering it to a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We pray for the renewal of creation: for a shared, plentiful harvest, for lands unable to bear fruit, for what is neglected or destroyed by our hand, and for the earth's advocates. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We pray for all nations of the world: for leaders of villages, cities, states, and nations, for lawmakers and judges, for teachers and students, and for all who work for peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We pray for those who seek refuge and strength: refugees, the imprisoned, and those bound by addictions or burdened by guilt. We pray for the ill or injured (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We pray for continual reformation in this and every assembly. In new beginnings, impart wisdom. In established traditions, inspire creativity. In all ministries, revive our hope in the one who makes all things new. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A.** We give you thanks for our sisters and brothers in Christ, Maddy, Fiona, James, Jimmy, and Ben. As they begin their new journey in faith, use us to as your hands and feet to support, care for them, and walk together as the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer**

**A.** We give thanks for your saints. United with them in the covenant of baptism, increase our faith in your promised life for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**P.** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY (8:30):** Aria in G, *J.S. Bach*

**ANTHEM (11:00):** Sing with the Spirit, *Martin/Paige*

## \*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

### We Are an Offering

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The musical score is written on seven staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes at the end. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and a triplet. The lyrics are: "of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The third staff features a triplet of eighth notes and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,". The fourth staff has a longer note value, possibly a half note, and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you." The fifth staff continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:". The sixth staff features a triplet of eighth notes and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The seventh staff concludes the piece with a final triplet of eighth notes.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

A. 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

P. The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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**

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.**

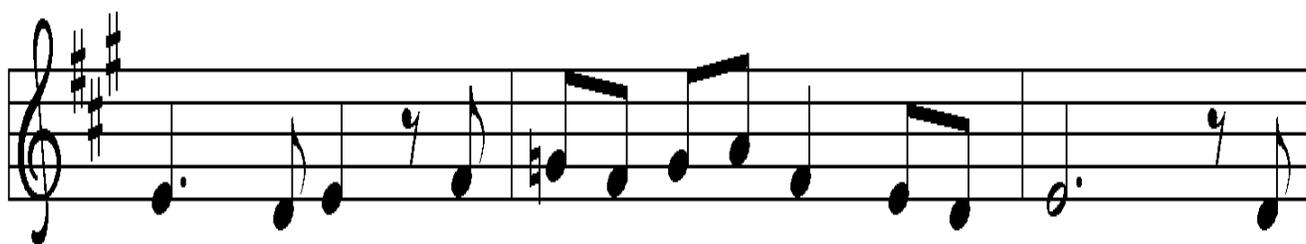
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION**

# COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



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, Lamb of God.

# COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 517)

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes, providing a harmonic support for the vocal lines.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

**\*P.** The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. **Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A.** Let us pray.

**A.** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

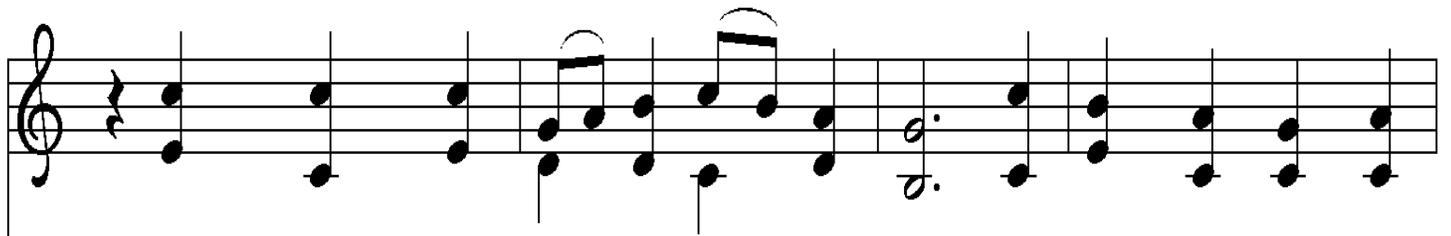
### **SENDING**

#### **\*BLESSING**

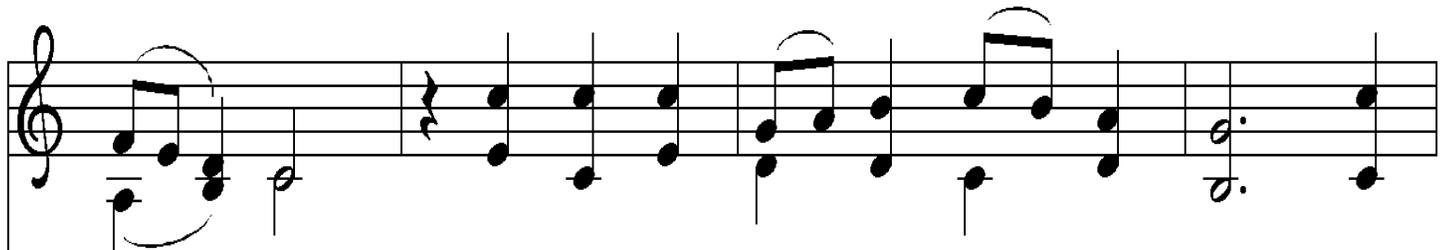
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG (ELW 504)**

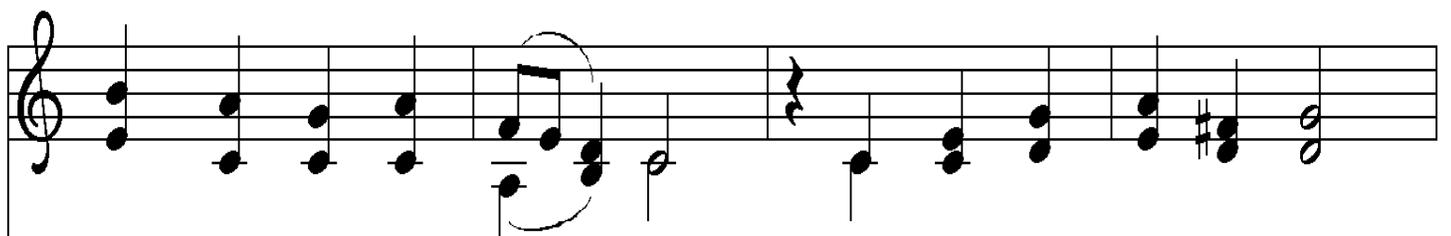
# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



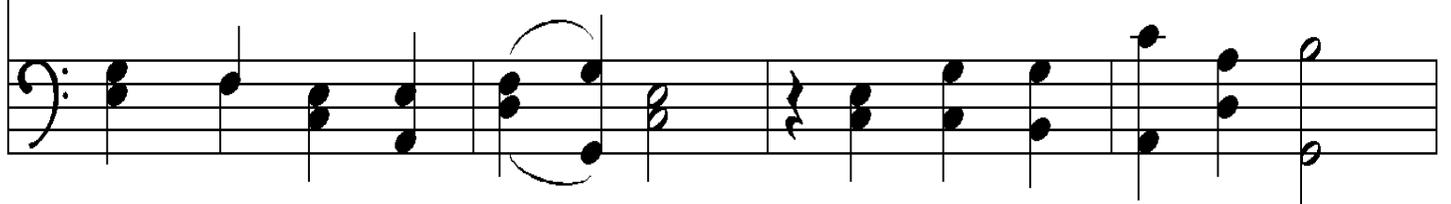
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

A. God calls us to:

**Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good News!**

**POSTLUDE:** Te Deum, *Charpentier*

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## Care & Concern List

Nancy Barnes*	Elaine Myers
Pat Crum*	Earl Robinson
Alfred Ebrado	Harold & Diane Robinson
Margaret Fidler	John Ruby*
Narciso Gabriel	Mildred Taylor*
Samantha Kimbler	Rev. Jack Trautwein
Tom & Marti Mabry*	Laura Young

\*member of CVLC

Names remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks**. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, or [office@christusvictoronline.org](mailto:office@christusvictoronline.org) to **request a longer listing**.

### Homebound Members:

Kay Diggs	Jean Doty	Gloria Forrester
Betty & Frank Hines	Mabel Meinhardt	Elizabeth Raines
LindaWalck	George Warren	Ruby Wilt

**Attendance:** 10/22/17: 8:30 – 51; 11:00 - 33

**Count Our Blessings:** 10/22/17 - \$956.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Christ Flowers:** In Honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Given by Wayne Schaumburg.

**Chancel Flowers:** In Honor of Our 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Given by Pat and Joan Ruby.

**Chancel Flowers:** In Honor of Our Great-Grandmother, Grandmother and God-Mother, Beatrice Walshinsky Given by the Myers Family.

The **2017 Flower Book** is available in the Narthex. In order to defray the cost of flowers, we are increasing the price to \$20.00. Once again, we will offer Chancel flowers for \$20.00.

We thank **Thomas Bithell** for helping us to celebrate Reformation Sunday with music for trumpet.

**Please remember Christus Victor Lutheran Church in your will.**

**Congregation Council meeting minutes** for September are available in the Narthex & on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Pastor's Schedule:**

**Monday - Office Planning (a.m.)**

**Cottage Meeting (12 noon)**

**Office Hours (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)**

**Tuesday - Visitations**

**Wednesday - Coffee, Cake, and Commentary**

**Teleconference**

**Office Hours (1:00 -4:00 p.m.)**

**Thursday - Pastor's Conference (a.m.)**

**Office Hours (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)**

**Friday - Pastor's Day Off**

**Office Hours:**

This is intentional time set aside for Pastoral Care type meetings, other meetings that may need to occur i.e. Worship and Music, Stewardship Cmte, Finance Cmte, etc. There will be meetings of various committees and planned leadership meetings that will occur in the evenings. Also, pastoral care meetings can be scheduled in the evenings to accommodate work schedules. Emergencies will also be priority.

Have ideas to help show God's love? Please E-mail them to [victorstew@gmail.com](mailto:victorstew@gmail.com).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Oct. 30** - Cottage Meeting 12:00 Noon

**Oct. 31** – Christus Comforters 9:30 AM

**Nov. 1** – Coffee, Cake & Commentary 10:00 AM

**Nov. 6** – Cottage Meeting 7:00 PM

**Nov. 11** – Christmas Bazaar 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

**Nov. 13** – Church Council 7:00 PM

**Nov. 15** – LMS Pickup

**Nov. 15** – Oakleaf Articles Due

**Nov. 19** – Town Hall Meeting between the services

**Nov. 26** – Congregational Meeting – One Service

## **VICTOR'S VITTLES:**

**November 4** – Merle Vogel, Diane Hopple, Cindy Brazil (C)

**Driver Pick-up – November 3** – Tom & Ginny McCurdy

**Happy Birthday Wishes:** Oct. 30 – Roberta Patrick, Jake Biedronski

**Happy Anniversary Wishes:** Oct. 29 – Joan & Pat Ruby

On the third Wednesday of every month, the LMS comes to Christus Victor to pick up any donations from the congregation. Please leave any donations in the fellowship hall behind the coat rack and label your items **LMS**. Due to the Christmas Bazaar on November 11<sup>th</sup>, please do not leave any donations in the hall until November 12<sup>th</sup>. The next pickup date is **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**.



# Christmas Bazaar

Christus Victor Lutheran Church  
9833 Harford Road  
Carney, MD 21234

November 11, 2017

~ 9am-3pm ~

Come shop for  
unique handmade crafts  
and seasonal decorations!

For more information, call 410-668-8089



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