



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – 6:00 PM

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REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

(Series A)

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Freedom is a treasured gift. Nations celebrate it, people long for it, and history remembers those who have fought for it. Yet the freedom Jesus speaks of is greater than any earthly liberty. In today's Gospel, He declares, **"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."** We are not merely freed from outward burdens but from our deepest enemies: sin, death, and the devil. On this observance of the Reformation, we give thanks that God restored the clear proclamation of this saving Gospel to His Church. With the apostles, the reformers, and Christians of every age, we confess that we are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. As we gather around God's Word and Sacraments today, we rejoice that the eternal Gospel still sets sinners free and that the truth of Christ continues to be proclaimed to every nation, tribe, language, and people. In Him, we are forgiven. In Him, we are free indeed.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal. LSB 656:1

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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sts. 1–4



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 wins sal -
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



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

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✝ Word ✝

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
- C** I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.
- C** Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD
- P** The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

This system features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, primarily using eighth and quarter notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

This system continues the musical piece. The treble staff features a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody includes eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests. The bass staff features a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment includes chords and single notes, primarily using eighth and quarter notes. The system concludes with a double bar line.

KYRIE

LSB 186

G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

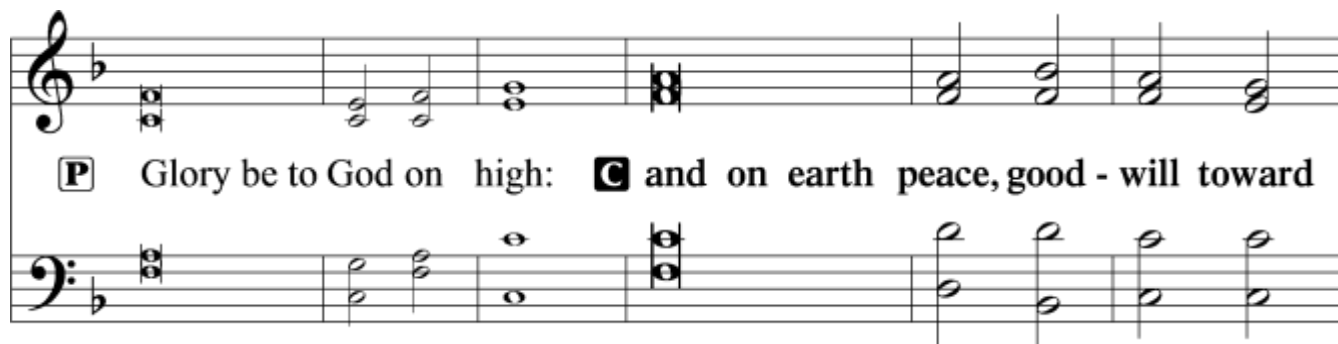
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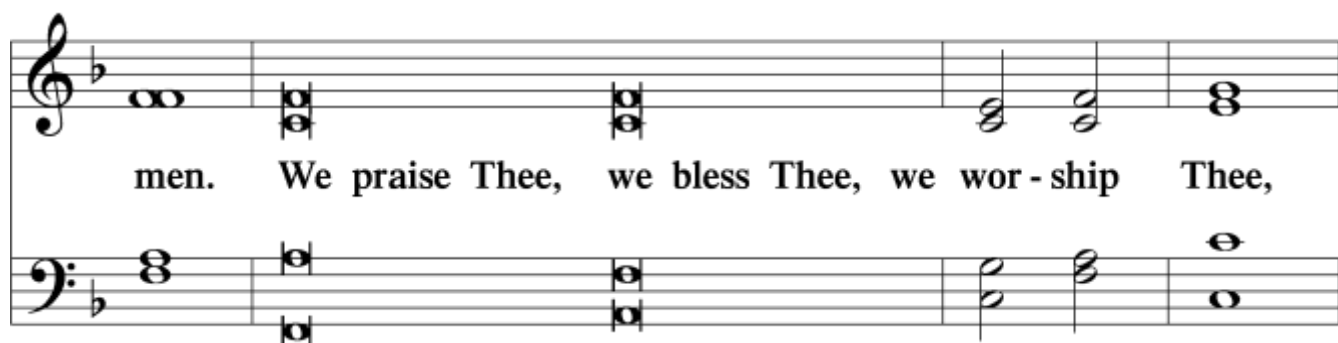
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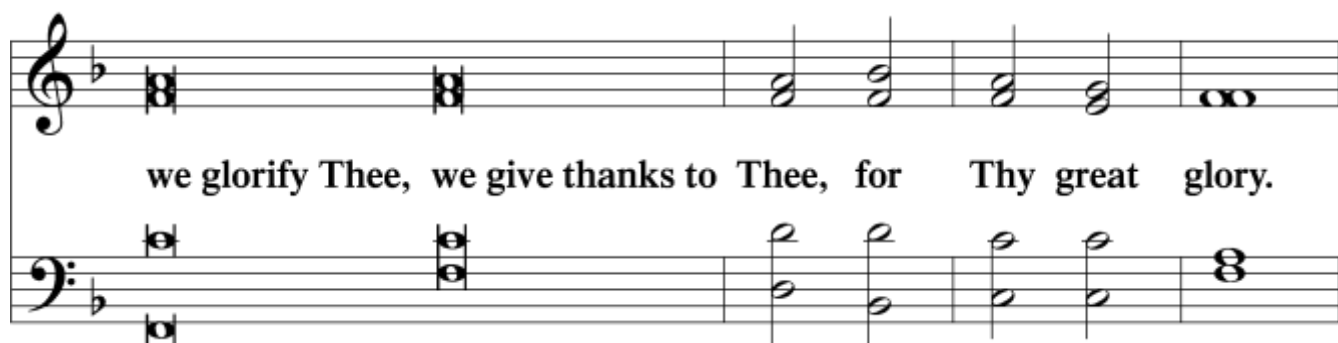
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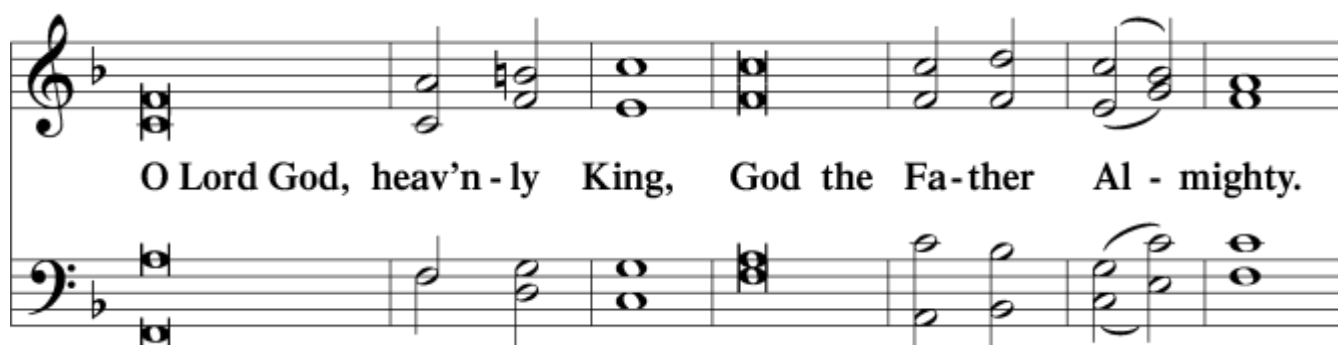
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



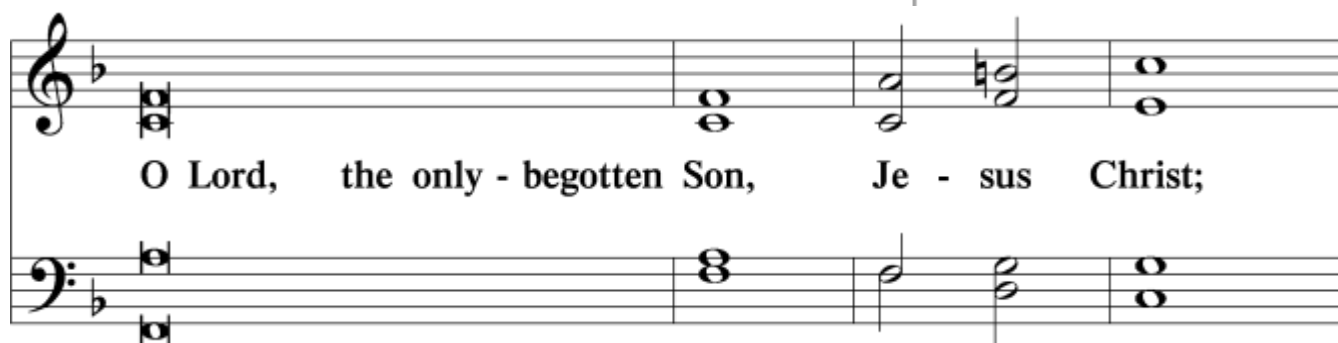
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

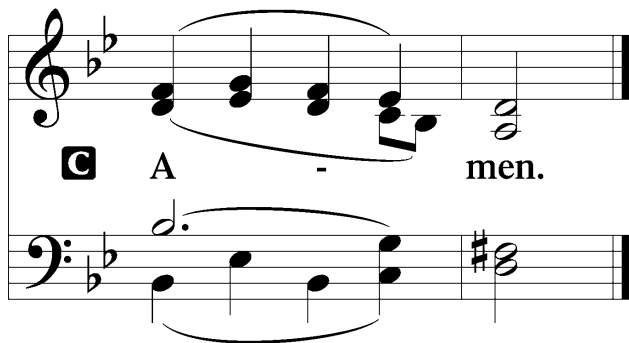
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have set us free by Your holy life, innocent death, and glorious resurrection. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, strengthen us in the true faith, and lead us to live in the freedom You have won for us, that we may boldly confess Your saving Gospel; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

(John shares his vision of an everlasting, all-encompassing Gospel.)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L ¹God is our refuge and strength,

C a very present help in trouble.

L ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

L ³though its waters roar and foam,

C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

L ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

L ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

L ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

L ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

L ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

L ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

L ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

(Paul declares the sinner is justified by grace through faith.)

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

(Christ announces Himself as the Son who gives freedom to sin's slaves.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

P We confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed,

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

555 SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

sts. 1, 5–7



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.

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SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

OFFERTORY - Special Music
JuBELLation Handbell Choir

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, we thank You for the eternal Gospel, proclaimed by prophets, apostles, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and faithful Christians throughout the ages. Preserve Your Church in the truth of Your Word, that many may come to know the freedom found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we praise You for Martin Luther and all who faithfully contended for the Gospel during the Reformation. Grant us courage to confess Christ before the world, steadfastness against error, and confidence in the saving truth that sinners are justified by grace through faith in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless all pastors, missionaries, church workers, and congregations. Prosper the proclamation of Christ crucified and risen to every nation, tribe, language, and people, that Your kingdom may be extended and many brought to saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You have called us to abide in Your Word. Bless our homes and families. Strengthen husbands and wives, parents and children. Grant that our households may be places where Your Word is taught, Your promises are trusted, and Your name is honored. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all wisdom, guide the leaders of our nation, state, and community. Grant them integrity, humility, and a desire for justice and peace. Restrain evil, protect the vulnerable, and bless all who serve the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Remember all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially _____. Grant healing according to Your will, comfort to the grieving, strength to the weary, and confidence in Your abiding presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Keep us steadfast in Your Word, O Lord. Preserve us from false teaching, strengthen us in faith, and lead us to trust not in our own righteousness but in the redemption won for us by Christ's holy life, innocent death, and glorious resurrection. 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

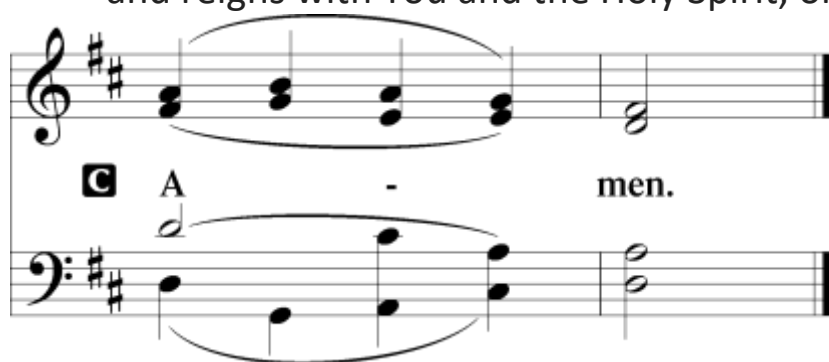
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COLLECTION OF PLEDGES

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

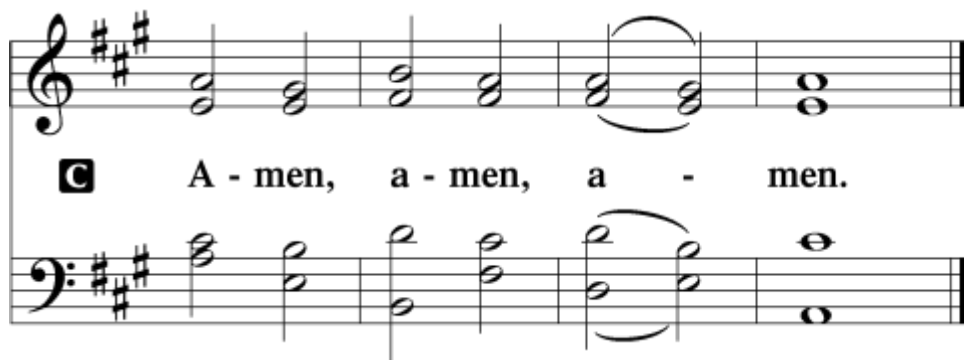
Almighty God, we thank You for every blessing You have bestowed upon this congregation and for the faith You have worked among us through Your Word. Bless the pledges offered this day for our campaign, *Faith in Christ, Building Our Future*. Grant us cheerful hearts, faithful stewardship, and confidence in Your provision, that through the ministry of this congregation and the building of a new sanctuary Your saving Gospel may continue to be proclaimed, Your people gathered around Your Means of Grace, and future generations brought to the knowledge of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

566 BY GRACE I'M SAVED



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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