

# Reformation Sunday: God's Gospel for the World

## October 25, 2020

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**CATECHISM SERVICE**

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

**Opening Hymn**

**Salvation unto Us Has Come**

LSB 555 sts. 1, 8-10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science-  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

## **Invocation**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

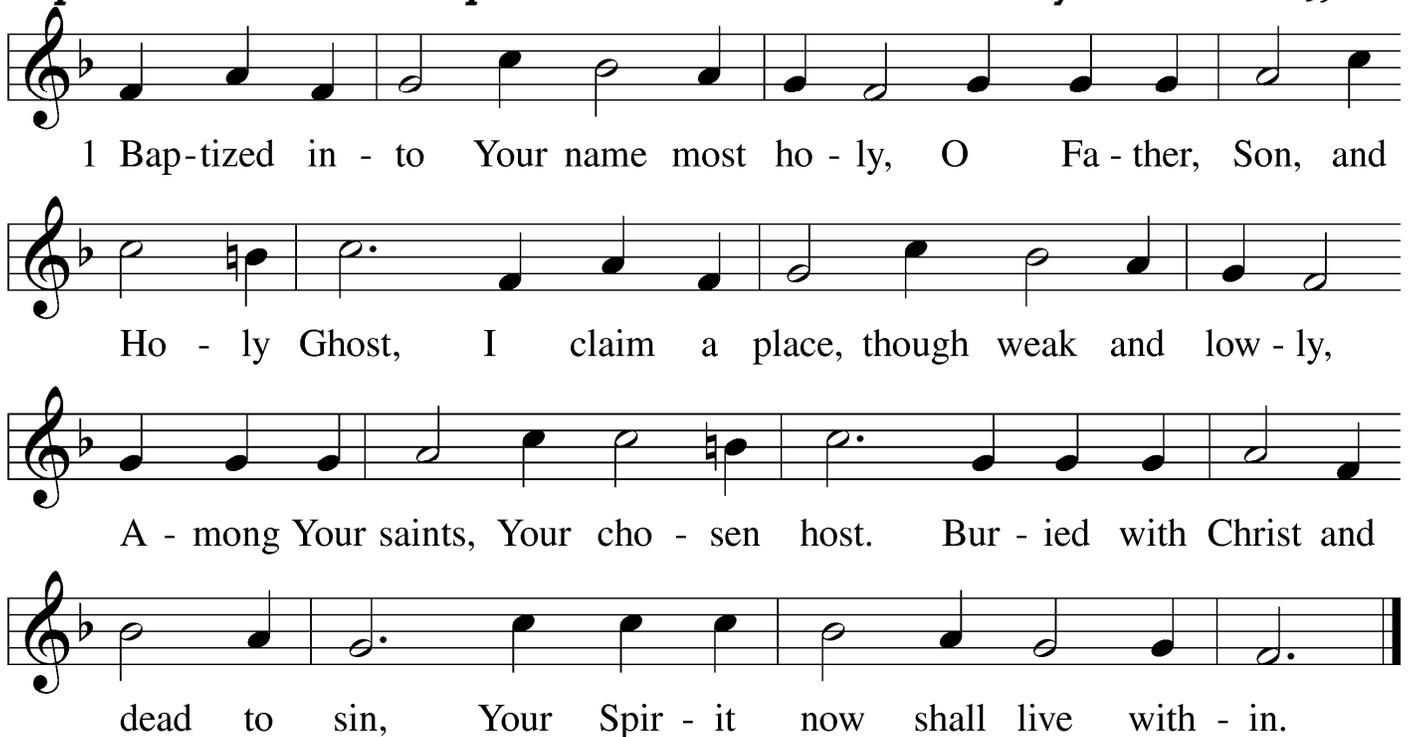
P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: **"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

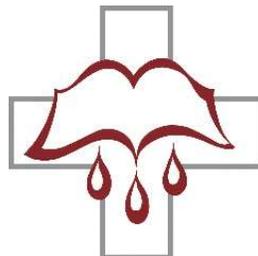
## **Baptism Verse**

## **Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

LSB 590 st. 1



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.



## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

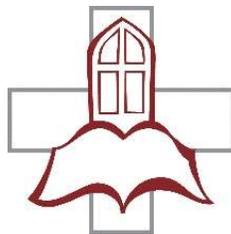
**C: I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?

**C: I do.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



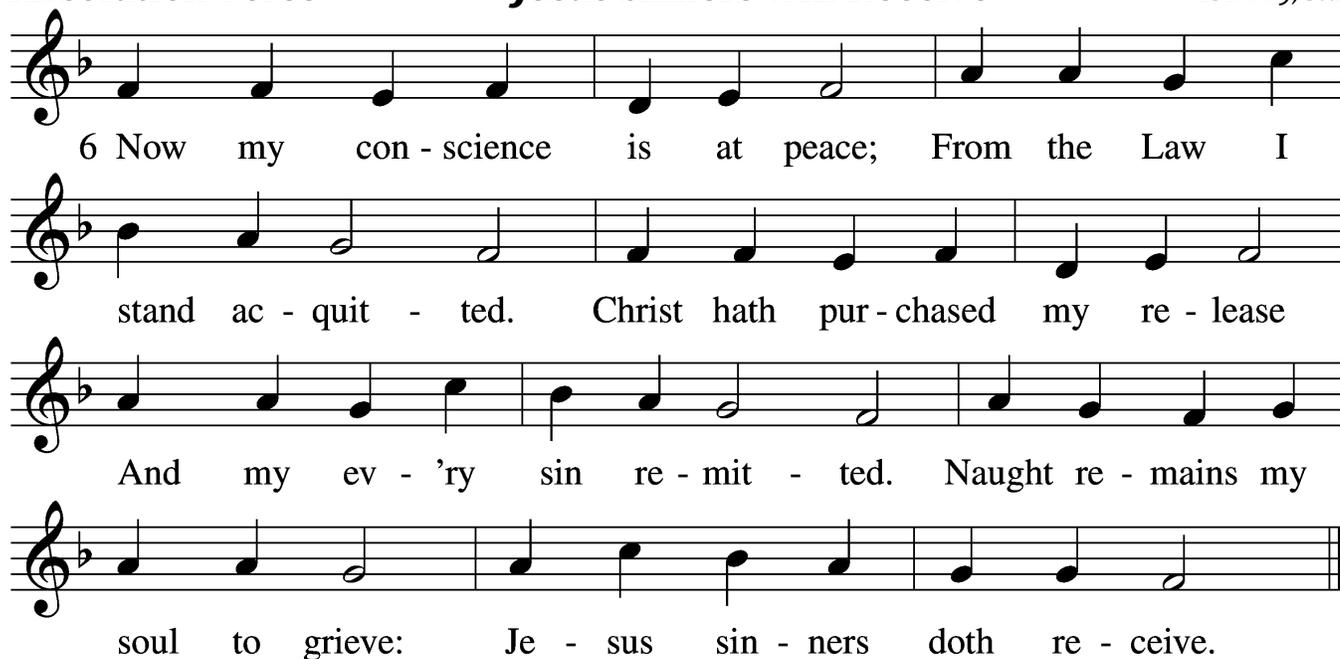
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**Absolution Verse****Jesus Sinners Will Receive**

LSB 609, stanza 6



6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I  
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease  
And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my  
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

**Greeting, Collect (Prayer of the Day), and Luther's Morning Prayer**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

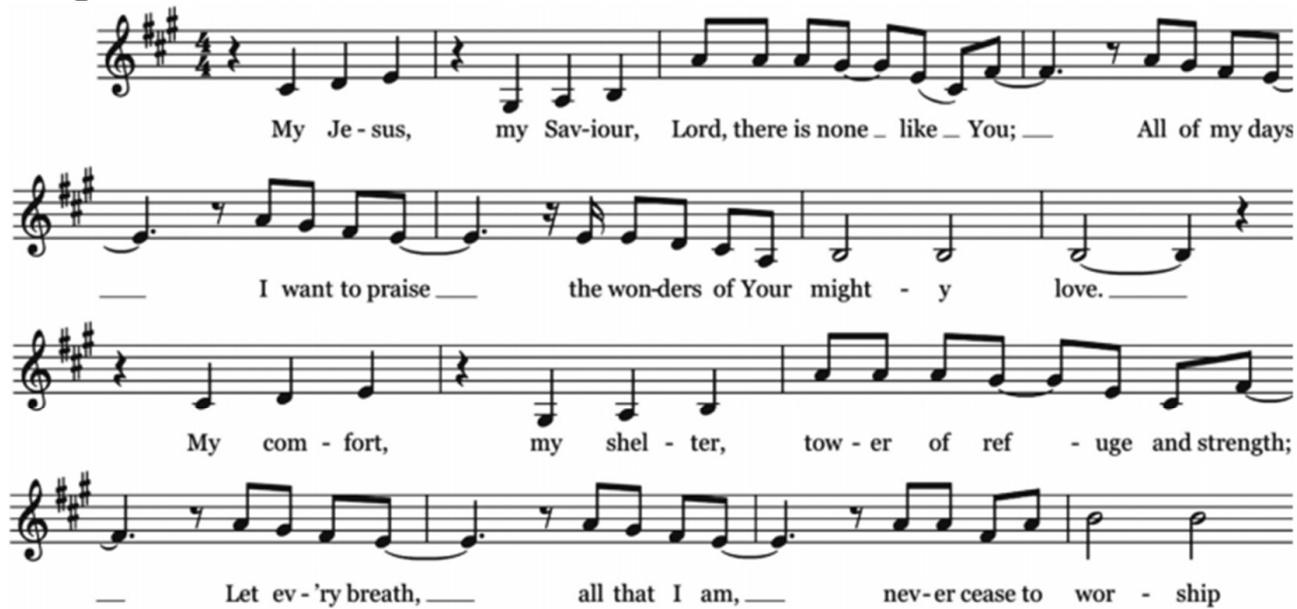
P: Let us pray together.

C: **I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**



# Song of Praise

# Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav-iour, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days  
I want to praise the won-ders of Your might - y love.  
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;  
Let ev - ry breath, all that I am, nev - er cease to wor - ship

## CHORUS



You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas  
will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, for - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev -  
er I'll stand, noth - ing com - pares to the prom -  
ise I have in You. *Repeat Chorus.*

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**First Reading****Revelation****14:6–7 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup>Then I, [John the Apostle], 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter) Romans****3:19–28(ESV)**

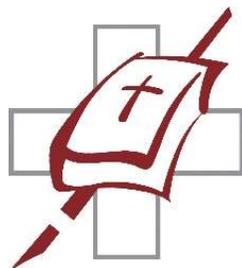
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge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

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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. <sup>26</sup>It 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.

<sup>27</sup>Then 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. <sup>28</sup>For 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.**



## **Anthem**

## **Only Through Faith**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Only through faith can our hearts be made pure.  
Only through faith is our hope made secure:  
Faith in God's promises, faith in God's Son,  
Faith in the cross where redemption is won.*

*Only by grace are we wrapped in God's love:  
Undeserved favor from heaven above.  
Only by grace did God send us His own:  
Word became flesh that God's love be made known.*

*Only the Word can our weary souls feed,  
God's Word provides us with all that we need.  
Daily we're strengthened, uplifted, sustained;  
All things will pass, but the Word shall remain.*

*Forward in faith shall our motto now be:  
Death to all death on the lifegiving tree!  
Let us lift high our bold anthems of praise,  
Fed by faith's wellspring through all of our days.*

## **Holy Gospel**

## **John**

**8:31–36(ESV)**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

**C: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

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

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

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: *Praise to You, O Christ.***

**Hymn of the Day**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

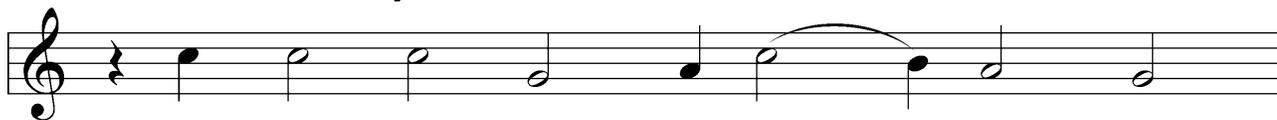
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
But for us fights the val - iant One,  
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce  
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
as he will, He can harm us none.  
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none other God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

**Sermon**

**The 3 Gems of the Reformation**

**Romans 3:19-28**

**Confession of Faith 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation**

P: What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**Prayers**

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

## **Prayer of the Church**

(At the end of each petition Pastor and the congregation respond)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our Prayer.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk.

We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

Communion will be held in the Bethel gym from 11:15am until Noon. Additional details on the communion process are available at the end of this bulletin.

## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

P: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

C: *The person who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.*

### ***Words of Institution***

#### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      C: ***And also with you.***

- Please share the peace of the Lord with any family members at home.
- If you are on the Facebook Live page, please share the Lord’s peace in the comments.

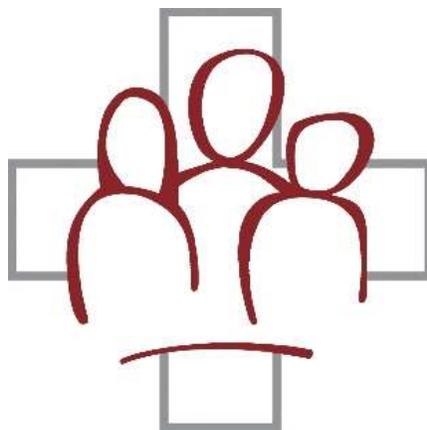
#### ***Post-Communion Prayer***

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this blessed gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.      C: ***Amen.***

#### ***Benediction***

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

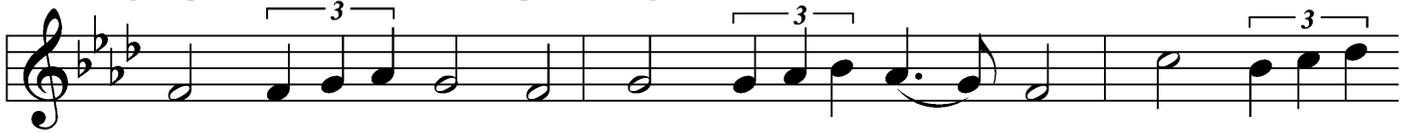
C: ***Amen.***



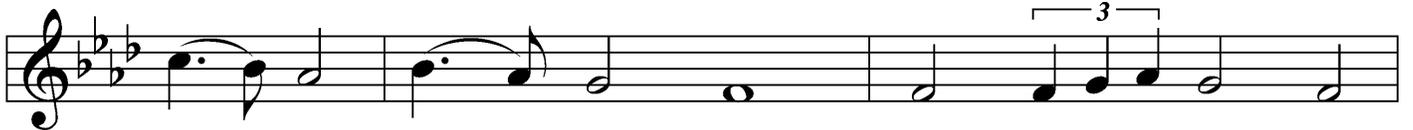
**Closing Hymn**

**Thy Strong Word**

LSB 578 sts. 1-3



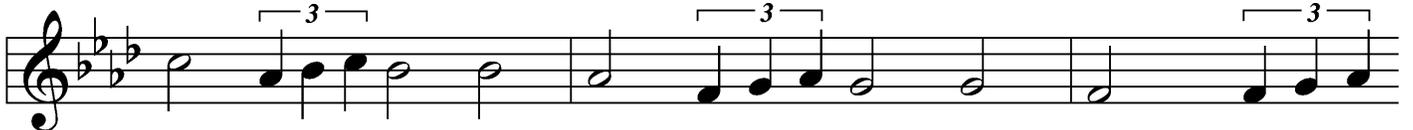
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with



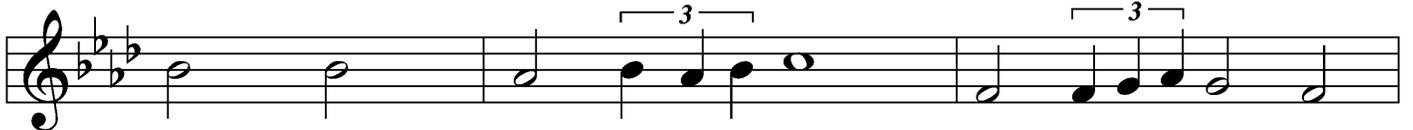
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
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**Announcements**



# OCTOBER 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## OCTOBER 25 – REFORMATION SERVICE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE: PRACTICES: *SERVICE* 10:15-11:00AM\*

INDOOR COMMUNION 11:15AM - NOON

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# **INDOOR Communion**

## **Sunday, October 25 11:15 A.M.- Noon**

Pastor, Communion Elders and Ushers will wear masks and gloves and use sanitizer to clean off tables, trays, etc.

### **Communion Distribution Process**

- An usher will greet you as you enter the lot.
  - Please park in west spots outside the gym.
  - Handicapped may pull into one of the curbside spots near the gym ramp.
    - You can let an usher know if you would need Communion brought to your car by Pastor and an Elder, using a tray to deliver it. The tray is wiped down after use.
- Enter the gym via the door at the top of the ramp.
- When you enter the gym, you will see spots for waiting marked on the floor. (Usher will help find spots to wait).
- When you are invited, approach the Communion kneelers. Families may stay together.
- You will receive a Communion liturgy card to follow.
- Pastor will place a wafer in your hand.
- An Elder will place an individual cup on the rail.
  - Please indicate if you desire alcohol removed wine.
- Pastor & Elder will speak brief words of distribution as you take the bread and wine.
- Put your cup in the container provided. You will exit the gym through the northeast door. If you need to use the ramp to leave the gym an usher will accompany you out the door and make sure you are safely out of the building and on the way to your car.

# Fall Clean Up Ideas!

Here are some chores that need to be done around the Bethel Property if someone would like to get out of the house for a while!  
(Contact Monte Stoltzman with questions)

## Inside the building:

- Wipe down cabinets in kitchen
- Cobweb patrol
  - Be sure to get kneelers in gym
- Vacuum windowsills
- Vacuum bugs out of light diffusers
  - West stairwell, basement hall, anywhere else
- Test emergency signs
- Oil pumps for boiler system
- Straighten up storage room
- Gym floor blackmark patrol



## Outside the building:

- Pull up annuals
- Cut down any dried-up perennials
- Bring in hoses and hang in garage
- General grounds clean up
- Cover AC units
- Turn on heat tape
- Straighten up garages/bring out snow blowers
- Check gutters and clean if necessary



Although all these items can be completed anytime,  
the Property Board will make plans for a fall cleaning day on 11/7/20.