

# *Reformation Sunday*

## *Sunday, October 27, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**215 N. Warren St.**  
**Orwigsburg, PA**  
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### **GATHERING**

*As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves, and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.*

**PRELUDE**                      “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”                      J. S. Bach

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

We gather in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”      #504

**GREETING**

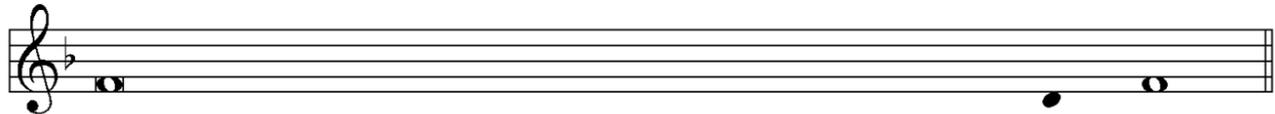
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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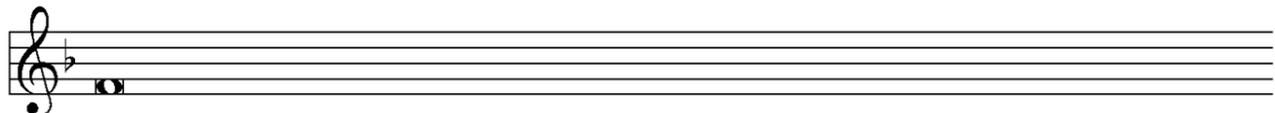
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



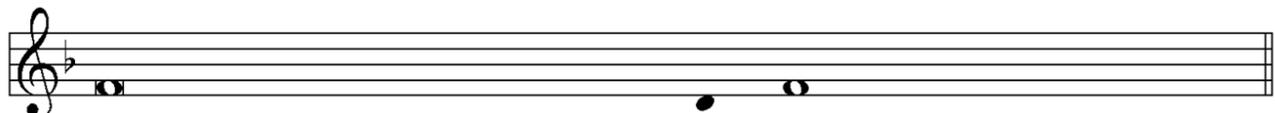
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



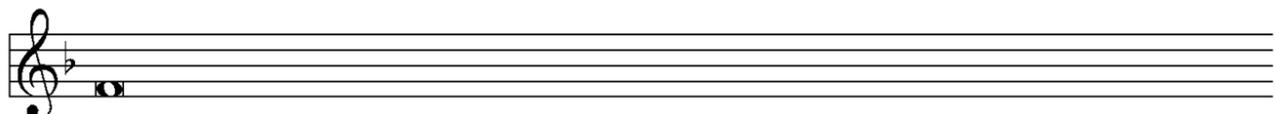
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



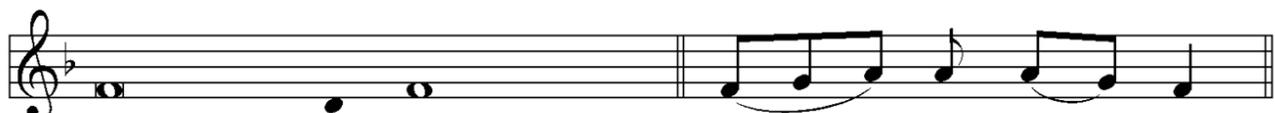
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



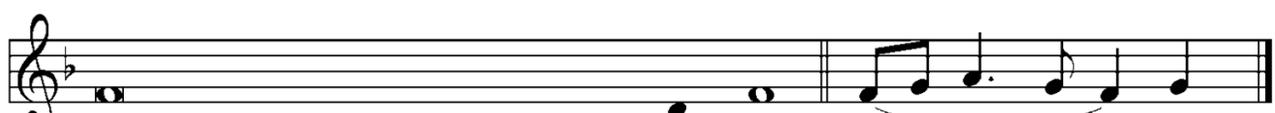
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men





al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Jeremiah**

<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. (Jeremiah 31:31–34)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 46**

<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.

### **A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans**

<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. (Romans 3:19–28)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Gospel** John 8:31–36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.

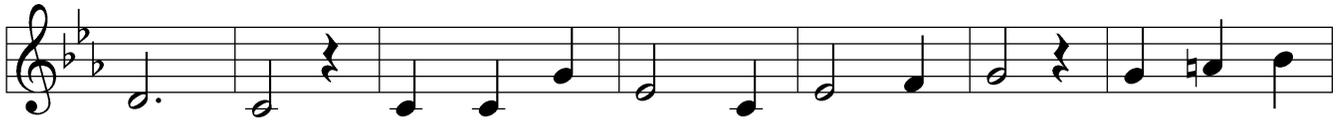
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Built on a Rock”



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth-ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant-ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim-ing and call - ing— call-ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with  
prom-ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst would show his grace, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant-ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

# SERMON

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, our refuge and strength, you make all things new. Reform your church so that our life together bears witness to your unmerited love. Free us from sin and write the law of love upon our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Reform our relationships with you, with one another, and with all creation. Restore this good earth, which you have entrusted to our care. Enrich soils, cleanse waters, and purify the air. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring an end to war and to the violence that shakes the nations and threatens your people. When voices of fear threaten to overwhelm us, fill the earth with your peace and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Be the present help of those who suffer with poverty, abandonment, unemployment, and uncertainty. Bring your calm and healing to those who are sick, ill, injured, or broken (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Keep us mindful that, in ourselves, we are all miserable sinners, but by your grace we are daily being fashioned into saints. Help us trust in your mercy, freely offering others what you give us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation. We trust your presence now even as we wait for your glory to be revealed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.*

**OFFERTORY (8:00)**

“Built on a Rock”

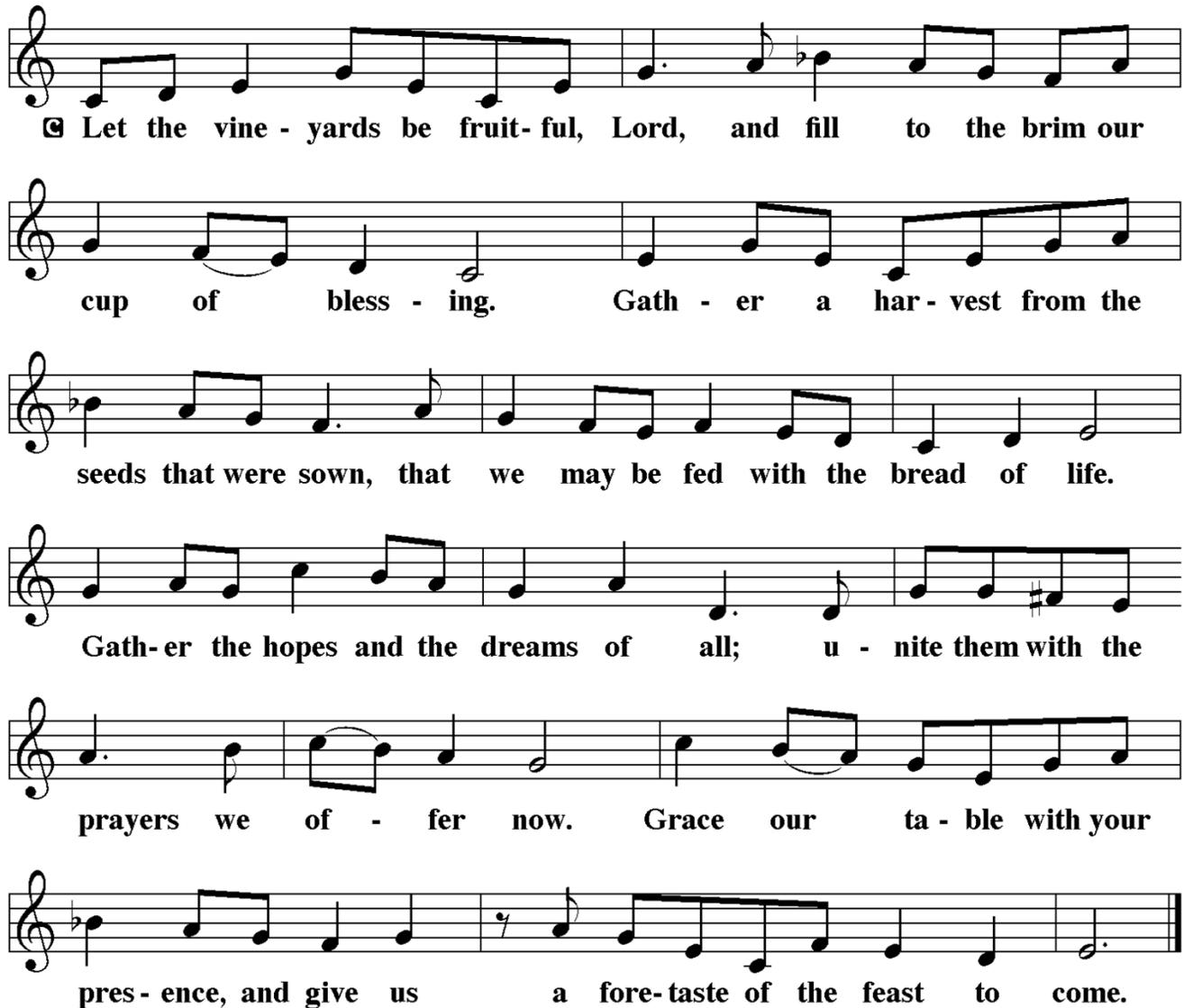
F. Ritter

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

\*“God Is Our Refuge”  
*Chancel Choir*

A. Pote

## OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

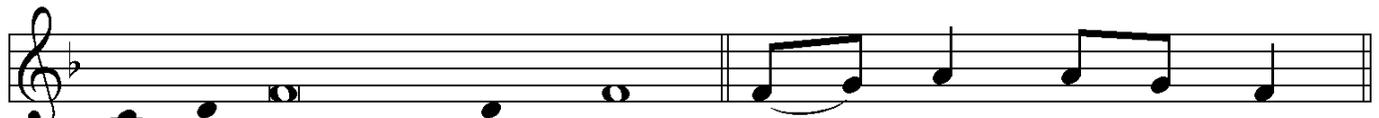
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Nourish us now with new and abundant life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

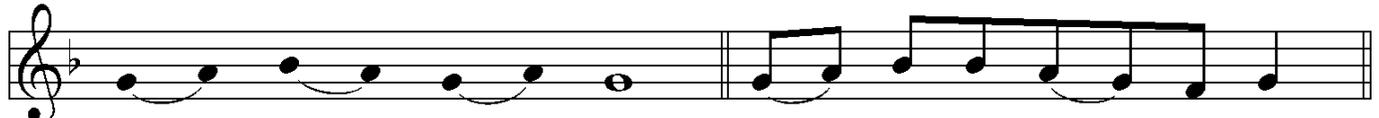
**Amen.**

# MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

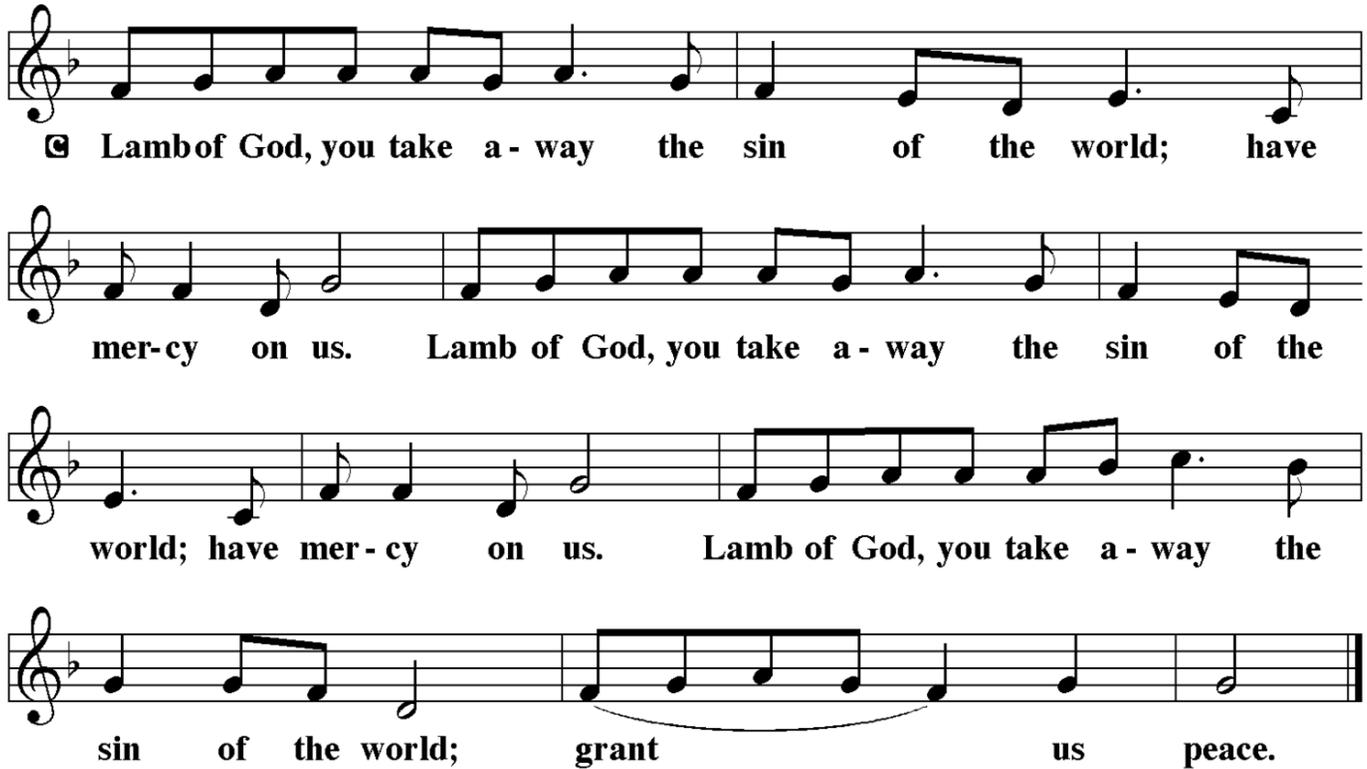
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 has prepared a banquet for all to share.  
Come, take your place at the feast.

## AGNUS DEI



**☐** 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**      “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”      #488

## TABLE BLESSING

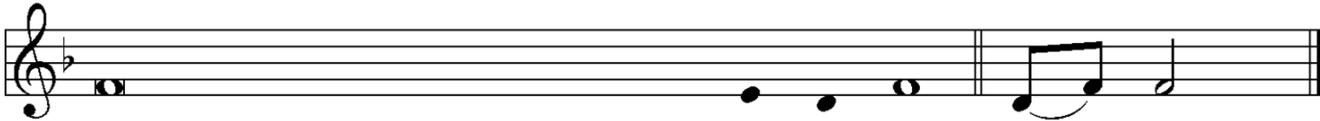
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING



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.

A - men

## SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

#654

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

D. Cherwin

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Rachel E. Zehner on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday by Sonny and Connie Teter.

**Altar flowers** are also presented in memory of Jack Taylor by Skip Taylor.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of Kermit, Cathlene, and Jody Krammes and Kirsten Vidzicki by Robin Zimmerman.

**Today’s bulletins** are presented in memory of my mother, Margaret Piacine, by Danielle Piacine Richards.

**\*This anthem** is presented in honor of the ordination (August 2007) of our son, The Rev. Michael Scholtes, by his parents, Pastor and Bonnie Scholtes. (2007)

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**SERVING TODAY (10/27/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Becky Herb; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers; USHERS: Becky & Mark Herb; GREETER: ; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Jean Premich & Joyce O'Rourke**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Tom Wehr; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Madelyn Knecht; USHERS: Connie Teter & Cindy Sklar; GREETER: Steve Couch; ACOLYTE: Emily Heydt; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Jean Premich & Joyce O'Rourke**

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/3/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; GREETER: ; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Jean Premich & Joyce O'Rourke**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Deb Bolinsky; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel; USHERS: Joyce O'Rourke & Barb Sterner; GREETER: Steve Couch; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Jean Premich & Joyce O'Rourke**

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**CALENDAR**

Saturday, October 26	5:30 PM	Worship—Reformation
Sunday, October 27	8:00 AM	Worship—Reformation
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	9:15 AM	Property Committee
	10:30 AM	Worship—Reformation
Monday, October 28	6:30 PM	FPU

Wednesday, October 30	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, October 31	6:00 PM	Trick or Treat at the Church
Saturday, November 2	5:30 PM	Worship—All Saints Day
Sunday, November 3	8:00 AM	Worship—All Saints Day
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship—All Saints Day

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**EVANGELISM NEWS**

St. Paul’s will be handing out candy on Trick or Treat night, Thursday, October 31. And moms and dads can enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or coffee while the kids are getting their candy!

We will also be having a potluck dinner for all following the Saturday night worship service on November 9! Please sign up to bring either a hot dish or dessert!

Sunday, December 15, we will be having breakfast treats for all following the 8 AM service!

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**NEWS FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, POTTSVILLE**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W. Arch St., Pottsville, will host the 15<sup>th</sup> annual organ recital by organist Michael Kiehner and choral selections by a choir made up of area singers under the direction of Catherine Zimmerman, on Sunday, October 27, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Kiehner will play selections by David Kidwell, Searle Wright, Marianne Kim, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Denis Bedard. The choir will sing the following anthems: “New Every Morning” by Cindy Berry; “I’ve Been in the Storm So Long,” arranged by Vickie Tucker Courtney; “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,” arranged by Karen Buckwalter and featuring trumpeters Christian Honicker and Shane Melochick; and “Hallelujah” from “The Mount of Olives” by Ludwig van Beethoven. There will also be congregational singing and refreshments served afterward.

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## ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCES

During our worship services on Saturday, November 3, and Sunday, November 4, we will remember and celebrate the lives of the following members who have passed away since our last All Saints observances:

Roberta E. (Krell) Sterner

Gary L. Correll

James F. Orwig, Sr.

Almeda E. (Dolly) Keller

Herbert J. Steinert

Janet L. (Gruver) Bensing

Linda L. (Kolb) Doyle

Please come to our All Saints worship services. Let us remember all our members who have left this world, and let us give thanks for everyone who has been such a blessing to us and those we love.

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## CHILI AND SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili and Soup Sale on the Square on Saturday, November 16, 2019, from 9 AM until everything is gone. Homemade chili and a variety of delicious soups will be available for \$7/quart.

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