

Reformation Day



**REFORMATION DAY
OCTOBER 26, 2025
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Divine Service Setting Four with Holy Communion

Prelude

Lindsay Roach

Welcome

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655 (3v)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

1 To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven

Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,

The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior,

You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;

Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated

At God's right hand on high—

**B For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *(sung by half verse)*

Psalm 46

¹*God is our ref- | uge and strength, **

a very present help in | trouble.

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

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

³*though its waters | roar and foam, **

though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

⁴*There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, **

the holy habitation of the | Most High.

⁵*God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved; **

God will help her when | morning dawns.

⁶*The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter; **

he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

⁷*The LORD of hosts is | with us; **

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

⁸*Come, behold the works | of the LORD, **

how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

⁹*He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth; **

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the chariots | with fire.

¹⁰*“Be still, and know that | I am God. **

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted | in the earth!”

¹¹*The LORD of hosts is | with us; **

the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

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

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon

Conviction

Reception of New Members

Geoffrey Richardson, Tamara Couette

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering - Love of God

Choir

It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life, my heart will sing the answer
Only the love of God

Singing oh, how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

It's so kind, it leads us to repentance
And it's so bright, the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah, it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

For what could break the chains of any prison?
What force could rob the power from the grave?
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches?
Only the love of God
Singing oh, how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

Though I try, my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high, too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life, the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song
For everything that You've done
How great the love of God

Singing Oh, how great is the love of God

He paid our debt on that rugged cross

For all our days, we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your

only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

n Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and

blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Tbody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

n the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Tblood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Sit

Communion Statement

Distribution

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865 (4v)

**1 Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism’s doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.**

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,

To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566 (6v)

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.

Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends 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.

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 (10v)

1 Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.

Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

2 What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

3 It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,

Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;

And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Dismissal

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in
peace.*

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles**

**Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 I give you peace.

C Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657 (4v)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;

In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion – God’s word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promises and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing.

SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE TODAY

ELDERS: Eric Zadow & Karl Hammel

ACOLYTE: Avery Timm

PSALM CANTOR: Margaret Trautrim

COMMUNION: Nathanael Alles & Eric Zadow

HOSPITALITY: Sarah Biggs

SOUND: Richard Kramer

ELEVATOR: Jon Hammel

ORGANIST: Debbie Bernard

TV OPERATOR(S): Lauren Biggs

LIVE STREAM: Richard Kramer/Karen, Rachel & Ashlyn Craig

COMMUNION SET-UP: Alison Shalla

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Raglin, Sarah Goltz, Susanne Hammel

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK

TODAY (October 26)

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Divine Worship/Holy Communion/Reception of New Members
- 11:30 AM Pastor Appreciation Cold Potluck Lunch/Welcome New Members

MONDAY (October 27)

- 1:00 PM Memoir Writing Course
- 6:00 PM Embers

TUESDAY (October 28)

- 7:00 PM Choir
- 7:30 PM AA

WEDNESDAY (October 29)

- 9:30 AM Quilters
- 5:00 PM Worship Service

THURSDAY (October 30)

- 7:00 PM Bible Study

FRIDAY (October 31)

SATURDAY (November 1)

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
- 11:00 AM LWML

NEXT SUNDAY (November 2)

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Divine Worship/Holy Communion
- 11:30 AM Fellowship/Tea & Coffee

NEWS & NOTES

PLEASE PRAY FOR Frank Witt and family on the passing of Frank's mom Myra Witt. Myra passed away peacefully at Miramichi on Friday, October 17TH in her 105TH year. Visitation will be at Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer today from 2:00PM – 5:00PM, and tomorrow before the funeral service at Grace Locksley from 10:00 – 10:45AM. The service will then be at 11:00AM. May God comfort all who mourn.

PASTOR APPRECIATION Please join us downstairs after the service for a Cold Potluck Lunch in honor of Pastor Stephen. Please take time to sign the Pastor Appreciation book, if you have not already done so, with words of thanks, appreciation, and memories.

WELCOME We welcome Geoffrey Richardson and Tamara Couette into our church family this morning through the Reception of New Members. There will be a welcome cake downstairs for dessert.

THANK YOU I thank the Lord for being with me during my surgery. I also thank the Pastor and all my fellow Christians at St. John's for praying for me. It is of great comfort when laying in a hospital bed to know that your family, church family, and friends are praying for you to get better. The Lord hears our prayers. God Bless! ~Ron Lean

RAKE & RUN Youth Group Activity! November 15th...weather permitting. Do you need some assistance getting your yard raked this fall? Our Youth Group is looking forward to raking lawns so we want your name and number! The sign-up sheet can be found on the side table. For more info contact Dana Woodtke.

COLLEGE & CAREERS If your child is attending college/university, or has chosen to enter the workforce after high school and is between the age of 18-22, please send the following information to Susan at the office: Name, age, birthday, contact information (address, phone, email), college/university attending, or if they are working.

SEENAGERS CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 2:00PM. Dinner will be catered by Schmidt's Catering and will consist of a complete Christmas Turkey Dinner. \$30 per person. Check poster for details. Please contact Debbie Bernard to sign up.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00PM. Combined Choirs of St. John's Pembroke, Christ Lutheran Petawawa and St. John's Germanicus, will perform the cantata "Christmas Presence" and will also enjoy a Christmas carol sing-along with you. It's time to mark your calendars so that you don't miss this concert.

LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things." ~*Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jack Bucholtz in Palliative; Ruth Zadow; Jim Karau; Barrie Hartwick; Grant Bickel; Wanda Hilts; Orval Schultz; Norman Wodtke; Michael Hodgins; Larry Markus; Bradley

Nieman; Inge Reckzin; Michael Doucette; Doug Sell.