

Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA / www.zionharrisburg.org

October 27, 2024, Reformation Sunday

10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament and Healing Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

(During the prelude, you are invited to be in quiet prayer as we prepare to begin our worship of God. It can be an opportunity to pray for people and situations mentioned during the announcements; a time to prepare for confession and forgiveness; and/or a time to be in silence before the Lord.)

Prelude "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" - Georg Böhm

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P 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 is kept for personal confession.

P Most merciful God,

C 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 what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Red 150

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name, From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.




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




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.




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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ 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.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
C 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Sovereign God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to reform the church of Christ. Keep it in the true faith, restore, correct, and inspire its teachings, and embolden it to bear witness to the life-giving message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I 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."

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

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

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

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

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

⁹He 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!”

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

Second Reading: 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.

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

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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 practices 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 The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Anthem “The Beatitudes” - Albert Malotte

Sydney Hoke, mezzo soprano

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Prayers

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.


The Great Thanksgiving



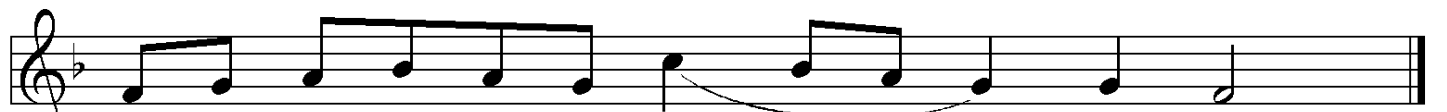
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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 indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you,
Lord of Heaven and earth.
In your 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.

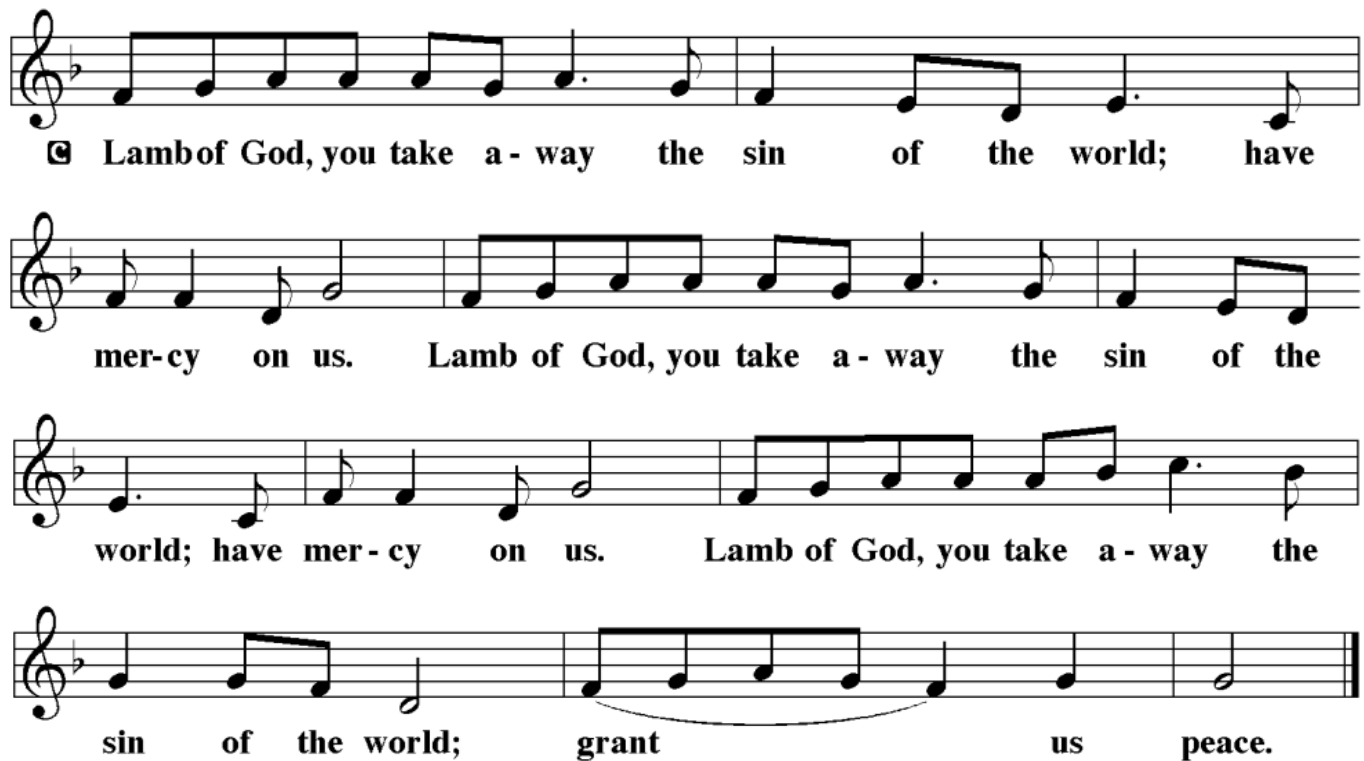
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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 in 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 which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.



☞ 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.

The Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord. All who would desire healing prayer are welcome to receive it.

For those communing in-person, take a clear communion cup to receive wine from the assisting minister or a purple communion cup to receive grape juice.

Communion is offered at the altar rail on the pulpit side. Healing prayer with anointing is offered at the altar rail on the lectern side.

For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually in my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Sung Response:

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Red 428 (tune 2, vv 1 & 4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His Blood can make the foulest clean, His Blood availed for me.

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, 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.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Green 320

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A time of fellowship with those attending online directly follows the worship service.

Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another following worship is encouraged.

Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Worship Leader:

Pastor Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

AV on Site:

Bob Haas, Jeff Springer, John Cooper

Minister of Music:

Norma Swain

Soloist:

Sydney Hoke

Cantor & Responsive Reader:

Ricky Perrine

Lector:

Rev. Keith Eslinger

Assisting Ministers:

Rev. Keith Eslinger, Sam Pejack,

Judy Atticks

Next Week's Readings:

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12