

## Reformation Sunday October 27, 2024

**Prelude** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, arr. by Stephen P. Folkemer*  
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### Announcements

### Children's Sermon

### Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

### Apostolic Greeting

**L** 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.**

### Gloria

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**All: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

### Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you**

**L** Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

<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, <sup>[9]</sup> 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 46** *chanted responsively*

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

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nation's rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

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.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The Lord of hosts with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **Second Reading: Romans 3: 19-28**

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the 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 the faith of 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 demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Holy Wisdom Holy Word.

**C Thanks be to God**

**C Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**Holy Gospel according to John in the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; The son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

**ELW 504**

#### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

*Hymn 866 v. 3 We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God., we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, we are praying. We are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying OOOO, we are praying in the light of God.*

### **Prayers of the Church**

- L As a people freed by Christ from the shackles of sin, we boldly raise our voices in prayer for all who are in any need.
- AM For the Church justified by grace through faith, that we may, with Christ's mandate, serve all our neighbors with joy and love, Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the world, especially those living in fear or faithlessness, that they may know the redeeming mercy of God, Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For our nation in a time of decision, that our trust in Christ's grace may direct our choices, for our neighbors' sake, Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For ourselves, that our grateful hearts may overflow in generosity. Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any needs you now lift In silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**
- L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

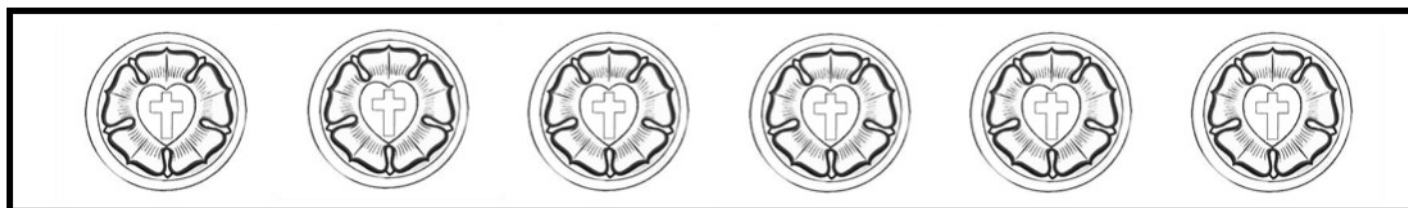
*Please share a sign of God's peace.*

*The Offering is received and the table is prepared.*

**The Anthem** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **Words – Robert Robinson**  
**Arr. Lloyd Larson**

*Come, the fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Here I raise my Ebenezer. Hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the lord! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. I am bound for the Kingdom, will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

*The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer*

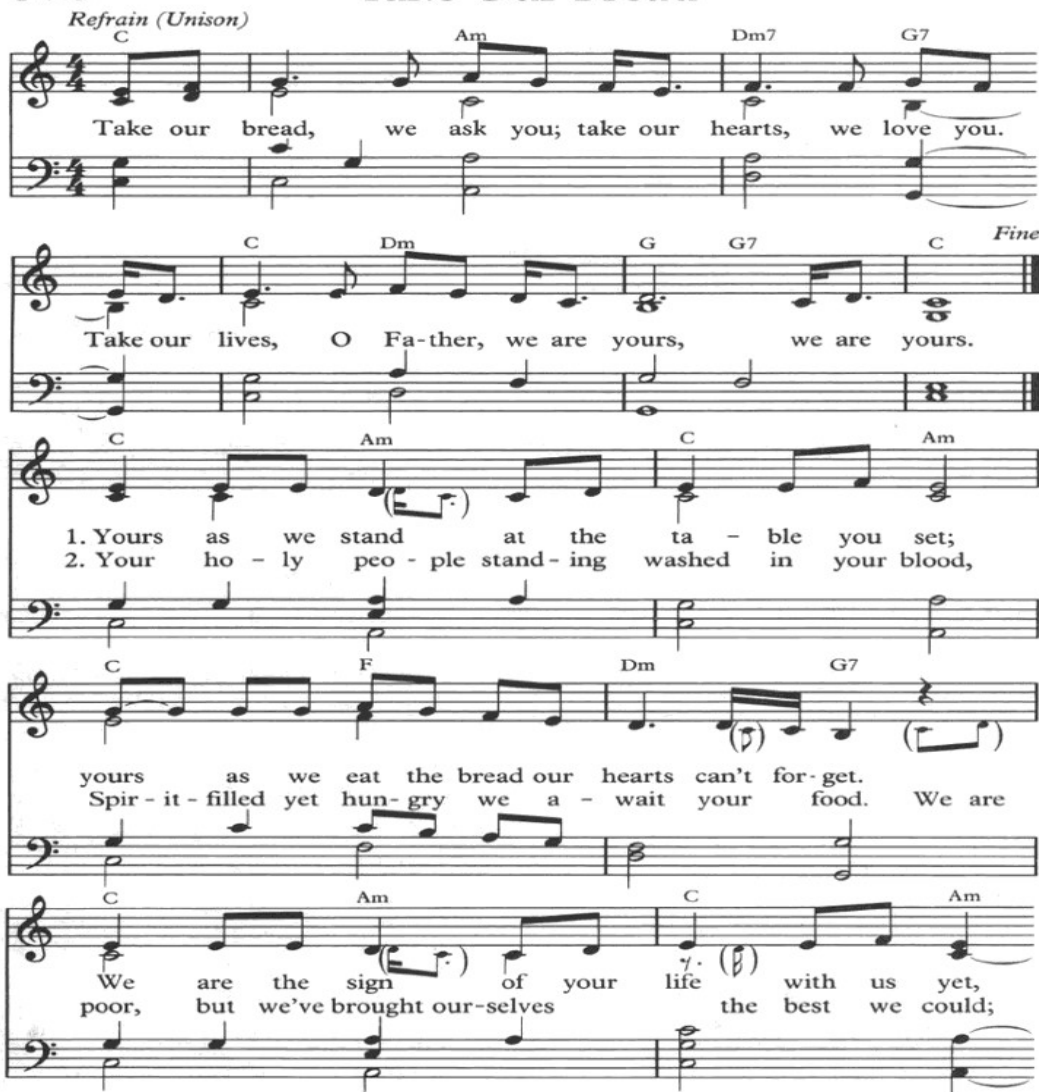


# Offertory Hymn

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## Take Our Bread

*Refrain (Unison)*



Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Fa-ther, we are yours, we are yours.

1. Yours as we stand at the ta - ble you set;  
2. Your ho - ly peo - ple stand - ing washed in your blood,

yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't for-get.  
Spir - it - filled yet hun - gry we a - wait your food. We are

We are the sign of your life with us yet,  
poor, but we've brought our-selves the best we could;

### The Great Thanksgiving –

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L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### *The Proper Preface is spoken*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.*

## 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 Agnus Dei

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord. Communion is distributed.*

**Communion** *You Are Mine, by David Haas (see ELW 581) c. 1991 by GIA Publications*

## Post Communion Prayer

**L** Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**C** The God of all grace, who has called you to glory, support you and make you strong.

## Closing Hymn

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

## Dismissal

**AM** Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

**C** Thanks be to God

## Postlude

*Amazing Grace, arr. by Bradley Sowash c. 2002 by Augsburg Fortress in "We Gather Together Vol. 1"*

***Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.***

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley  
Francine Ahrens  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Peggy Ali  
Joyce Almsted

Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Eli Boda  
Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable

Carol Cianciolo  
Cheryl Corey  
Leif Dallaire  
Emily Decker  
Linda Dellano

Carla Derrickson  
Sigrid Devita  
Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Mark Ebbeskotte

Jan Eucallito  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Ashley Friday  
Rosemarie Foth  
Joan Gerard

Ruth Grech  
Jack & Barbara Heintz  
Brayden Herzberg  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton

Jake Hoadley  
Erma Horn  
Amy Rose Jensen  
Eunice Jones  
Lynn Killingbeck

Marilyn Killingbeck  
Jason Lashbrook  
John Lewis  
David Little  
Rebecca Little

Linda Lundberg  
Audrey & Ernie Marquard  
Abigail Marine  
Eric Marine  
Michael Marine

Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Michael Meyers  
Rich Minelli

Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller  
Bill Muhl  
Dennis Nalette

Karen Ness  
Tom O'Brien  
Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne

Jack Quinn  
Jackie Quinn Wassik  
Caroline Quintal  
Roman Radzins

Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Judy Schaller  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Denae Seelye  
Teri Seleman  
George Shank  
Matt Simpson  
Christopher Slate  
Sigrid Smitley

Paul Smith  
Jennifer Stella  
Lynn Stengal  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
RuthAnn Stone  
Curtiss Trippodi

Julia Thompson Carroll  
Clarence & Priscilla  
Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden

Shirley  
Steve  
Lou W.  
Curtis  
Steve

Todd  
Robert K.  
Joe  
Carol G.  
Kristen & Jared

### Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch

## Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

## Around the Church

10/28	WELCA meeting	6:30 pm
11/2	Craft Fair	9:00 pm
11/6	Finance Meeting	6:00 pm
11/9	Concert- Maximum Dosage	5:30 pm
11/11	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
12/15	Congregation Meeting Part I	11:00 am

*Bible Studies 6pm most Tuesdays Zoom &  
10 am most Wednesdays in person*

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays



### Offerings Summary:

**Needed Weekly \$4,948**

**Actually Received \$2,468**

**Shortfall (\$2,462)**

**YTD Shortfall (\$75, 050)**



# FALL FAIR

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

837 Charles Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am – 3:00pm

- Handmade Crafts**
- Artisans Market**
- Soup & Sandwich Lunch**
- Bake Sale**
- Theme Baskets**
- and More!**

For info: 860-482-3555