

# Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Reformation Sunday  
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We Give Thanks for  
Arlo Gabrielson, Owen Janni and Bo Parker  
Who are affirming their baptismal promises during this celebration of the  
Reformation

# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

ELW 504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God...

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of...

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

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. 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. 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. 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46

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 nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

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

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon 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 is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## CHORAL ANTHEM

## *The Truth Will Make You Free*

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

The Atonement Choir

*Written by Anne Krentz Organ for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (2017) and published by Augsburg Fortress, "The Truth Will Make You Free" draws on today's Gospel, John 8:31-32: "If you continue in my word . . . you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." This graceful setting for two-part choir and piano centers on Christ's word of promise—the heart of the Reformation and our faith today.*

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

A reading from Romans.

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. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; 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.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia*

ELW 174



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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## GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON AND FAITH STATEMENTS

# HYMN OF THE DAY (V.1-3,5) *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* ELW 729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## PRESENTATION

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Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young man, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present Owen Benjamin Janni and Bo Douglas Parker who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray.

**Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW p. 236

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for him in his life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray...

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (Now the Feast)*

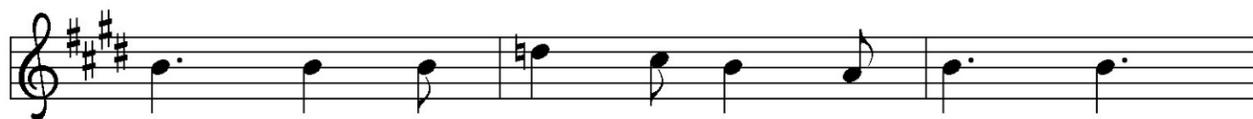
ELW 191A



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*God Alone Be Praised*

By Zebulon M. Highben

The Atonement Choir

*Commissioned by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians for its 30th anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, "God Alone Be Praised" pairs Susan R. Briehl's hymn text (from Psalm 46) with music by Zebulon M. Highben. Published by Augsburg Fortress, it calls the church to sing with confidence and joy: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

# COMMUNION SONG *As Rain from the Clouds*

ELW 508



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,  
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.  
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.  
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow  
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow  
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.  
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.



We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.  
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,  
We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,



for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.  
for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: AFTON WATER, Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812-1896

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# COMMUNION SONG *Soli Deo Gloria*

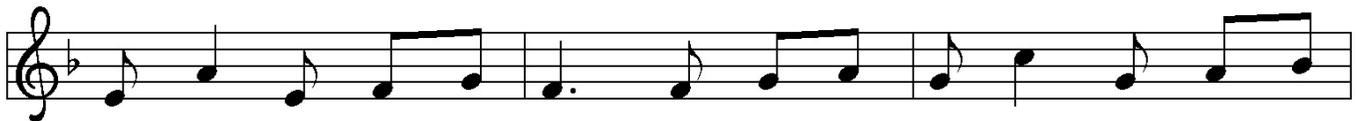
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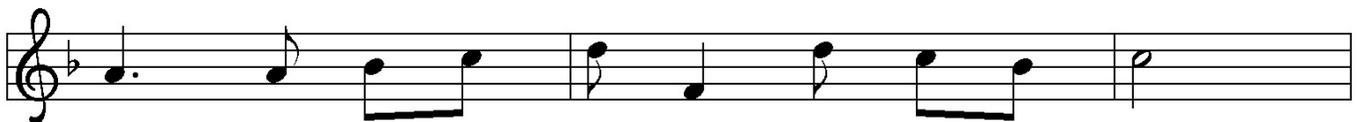
1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

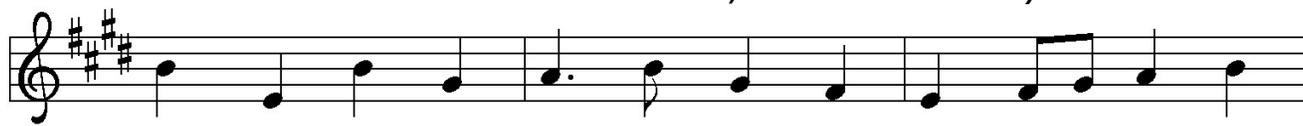
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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

# POST COMMUNION SONG *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

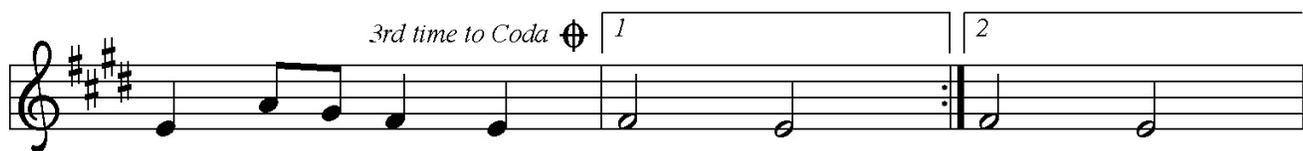
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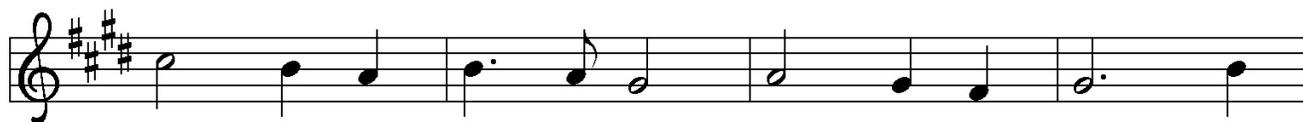
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ *Coda*



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

# SENDING SONG (V.1,2,4,5) *The Church's One Foundation*

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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# **NEWS AND UPDATES:**

## **PRAYER LIST**

The Family of Neil Perry	Mindy	Kitty R.
The Family of Barb Meyer	Baby Kalha	Lainey M.
The Family of Tom Bevans	Deon C.	Angie F.
Christopher	Patsy M.	Pat & Brian R.
Jane A.	Dennis D.	Traci N.
Barb B.	Jeffrey A.	Mark A.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

### **Global Health Ministries**

Join us to hear about Global Health Ministries (GHM), a Lutheran organization located in the Twin Cities. GHM provides medical equipment and supplies to Lutheran mission hospitals and clinics in underserved countries around the world. GHM also offers community-based health care and education. Many Atonement members have volunteered at the GHM warehouse and/or assembled health kits, over the years. Come learn how we have made a difference!

## **HOLIDAY WREATHS**

Schreiber's will be selling wreaths, porch pots, spruce tips the next few weeks at church to benefit the St Cloud Area Special Olympics team or call 320-293-3894 or email [LTJSCHREIBER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:LTJSCHREIBER@HOTMAIL.COM). Orders must be received by October 31. Delivery will be Thanksgiving weekend.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Trunk or Treat is Thursday, **October 30<sup>th</sup>** 6-7pm. We ask that participants bring a nonperishable food item for the local food shelf. We need people to have trunks to give out treats, volunteers to help with keeping the parking lot safe, also volunteers to help with games.

## **FARE FOR ALL**

FARE FOR ALL from The Food Group in New Hope, MN is coming to Atonement. They will be here **Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm - 5:00pm**. This is an affordable way to acquire meat and produce. Atonement is collaborating with Together as One, Latter Day Saints and Unity.

## **INSPIRING HOPE BREAKFAST**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is October and the Anna Marie Shelter is the October Mission of the Month. If you'd like to learn more ask Pastor Tim for an invitation to the Inspiring Hope Breakfast on October 29th, 7:30-9am. At this annual fundraising breakfast, you'll learn more about the great work of Anna Marie's Alliance and hear inspiring stories of survivors who live right here in our community.