



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

10:00 Worship
October 25, 2026

Reformation, NPK, and Confirmation Sunday

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God Arr. Thomas Keesecker
This is a new setting that Tom has just done and not yet published.
Tom will be in worship with us on Nov. 15.

Please stand as able, facing the back of the church.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Verses 2 & 3 in parts as able)

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your church. **Fill us with all truth and peace; 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. Amen.**

Please be seated

NPK Presentation and Installation of Ruth McBrayer as NPK Director

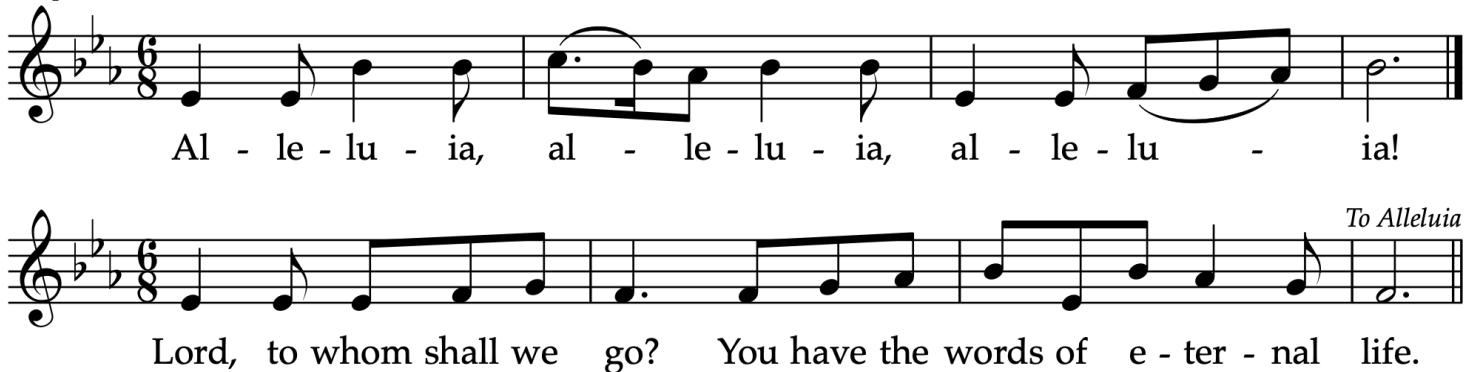
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Reading

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Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

To Alleluia

Gospel

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Please be seated

Sermon

Response to the Word

Affirmation of Baptism Rite

Council Representative: I present Peyton Jordan, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this brother whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in

the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Pastor addresses the confirmand.

Profession of Faith

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? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Please stand as you are able and respond.

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. Amen.**

Affirmation

You have made a 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 sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Please be seated. Confirmand kneels.

Confirmation

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Joshua Peyton Jordan the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.
Amen.

Let us welcome this newly confirmed disciple in the faith.

You may show your joy with applause.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you and then be seated.

Meal

Offering

The Truth Shall Make You Free
The text is from today's Gospel

Anne K. Organ

Please stand as able

Offering Response

What shall we give to the Lord for all his blessings to us? We will

5 lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, we will call on his ho - ly name.

9 We will keep our pro-mise to the Lord in the pres-ence of his peo-ple.

13 We will of - fer — with thanks-giv - ing a — sac - ri - fice of praise.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. **All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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

join their unending hymn...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Christ invites you to this table. **All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

This is the feast of all the baptized, regardless of denomination. All are welcome.

Please be seated

Lamb of God

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way our sin. Have

mer - cy on us; have mer - cy on us. This is our

hope, this is our pro-mise: We are cleansed by the blood of the

Lamb of God, we are freed by the bo - dy and the blood. O

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way our sin. Have

mer - cy on us and grant us your peace.

Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion by intinction (dip the bread in the wine or grape juice). Grape juice is in the stoneware. A gluten-free, celiac-friendly option is also available. Please ask the server if you require a gluten-free option. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Refrain

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are'. The second line contains 'giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er'. The third line contains 'joined, the great-est and the least, we all are'. The fourth line contains 'one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth line.

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giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. **By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
(Verses 2 and 3 in parts as able)

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Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through
the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. **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.