



Reformation Sunday

10:30 am - October 26, 2025

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

"Fantasy on Ein Feste Burg" *Brass Quintet*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

GATHERING HYMN

#504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



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
vour 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!

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text. **You are invited to read the bold portions.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **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.**

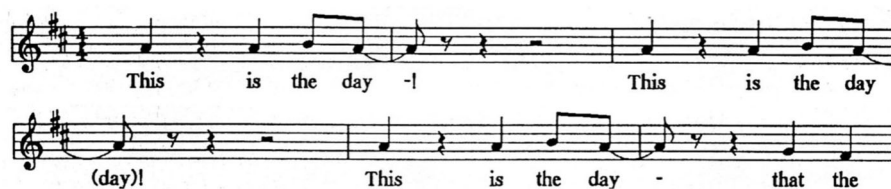
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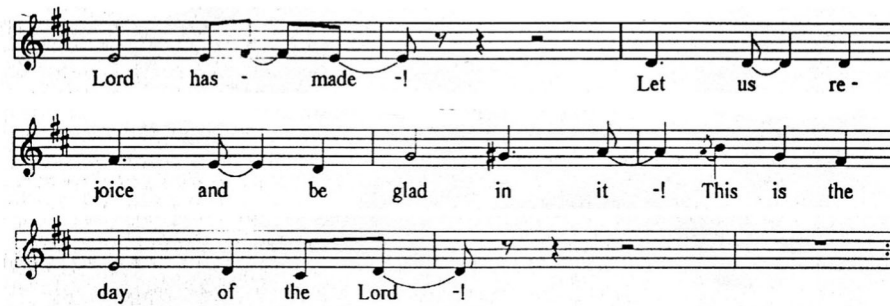
#154 "Kyrie"



HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Day"





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ 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.

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Jazz Alleluia"

Please
stand as
you are
comfort-
able in
body or
in spirit.

1 Al - le-lu-ia, A-men! Let us hear the Word of the

7 Lord. Sing it o-ver a - gain. Let us

13 hear the Word of the Lord! Shout for joy, let the

19 earth re - joice. Sing to-ge-ther with one great voice!

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GOSPEL

Luke 18: 9-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS #1066 "By Grace We Have Been Saved"

Refrain

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,
not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the
2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the
3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,
still - ness you will find, you're a love - ly,
nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

Refrain
young or old, just lis - ten to the song.
pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.
there is hope, and love will take you home.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION Isabelle and Grayson Beaudoin

Please
stand as
you are
comforta-
ble in body
or spirit.

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.

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, His 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 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.

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.

Let us rejoice with these siblings 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill, especially... Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be
seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand
as you are
comfortable
in body or
spirit.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

It is right —

our joy and our calling—

... we lift our hearts and join the ancient hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glory, Ho - sa - na in the High - est." The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, 13, and 17 at the beginning of their respective lines.



...So we remember.

We remember his life, his death, his rising from the grave.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

Please be seated.



on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.

ff *mp* *f* *p* *rit.*

#1023 "God Alone Be Praised"

#1048 "Founded on Faith"

BENEDICTION

Please stand
 as you are
 comfortable in
 body or spirit.

Benediction:

*God blesses us
 and sends us in
 mission to the
 world.*

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Your Grace Is Enough" by Matt Maher

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 116$ G G/B C

1. Great is Your faith - ful - ness, O God;
2. Great is Your love and jus - tice, God of Ja - cob;



You wres - tle with the sin - ner's rest - less heart.
 You use the weak to lead the strong.



You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy and noth - ing can
 You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion, and all Your peo -

PRE-CHORUS



keep us a - part. So, re - mem - ber Your peo - ple, re -
 ple sing a - long.



mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1

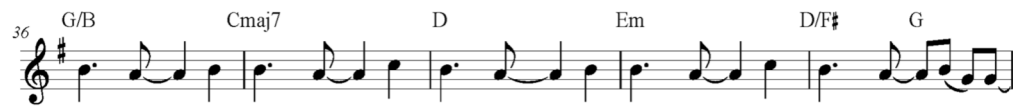


Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your grace is e - nough,

PRE-CHORUS



for me. Your Re - mem - ber Your



peo - ple, re - mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1



Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your

CHORUS 2

47 G D C G

grace is e - nough, for me. Yeah, Your grace is e - nough;
grace is e - nough;

52 D Em7 C G

heav - en reach - es out to us. Your grace is e - nough
I'm cov - ered in Your love. Your grace is e - nough

56 D C C

for me. God, I sing: Your for me. _
for me, _

ENDING

G Dsus Em7 C G

66 Dsus Em7 C G

SENDING

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

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Liturgists:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
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Songleader:	Emily Fitzpatrick
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
Organist:	Kathy Strazzinski
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