



October 29, 2023

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Processional Hymn

### "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**ELW #504**

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| 1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br>a sword and shield victorious;<br>he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod<br>and wins salvation glorious.<br>The old satanic foe<br>has sworn to work us woe!<br>With craft and dreadful might<br>he arms himself to fight.<br>On earth he has no equal.                | 2 No strength of ours can match his might!<br>We would be lost, rejected.<br>But now a champion comes to fight,<br>whom God himself elected.<br>You ask who this may be?<br>The Lord of hosts is he!<br>Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,<br>God's only Son, adored.<br>He holds the field victorious.          |
| 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land<br>all threat'ning to devour us,<br>we tremble not, unmoved we stand;<br>they cannot overpower us.<br>Let this world's tyrant rage;<br>in battle we'll engage!<br>His might is doomed to fail;<br>God's judgment must prevail!<br>One little word subdues him. | 4 God's Word forever shall abide,<br>no thanks to foes, who fear it;<br>for God himself fights by our side<br>with weapons of the Spirit.<br>Were they to take our house,<br>goods, honor, child, or spouse,<br>though life be wrenched away,<br>they cannot win the day.<br>The kingdom's ours forever! |

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## Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\text{✠}$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

**"We Praise Your Holy Name"**

We need you God to fill us with your ho-ly pre-sence. to be our  
You sent your Son who sa-cri-ficed His life to save us. to take a -  
hope when life is so un-sure. For peace with-in our hearts,  
way the sins of the world. We're here to wor-ship You. F  
com-fort to our souls. We pray for u-ni-ty.  
here to give our thanks. We praise Your Ho-ly Name. F  
We praise your Ho-ly Name

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Blessed God, You have called these Baptized young adults to affirm their faith in you. Give them joy in their confirmation, peace in their hearts, and courage as they live their lives for you. Send them, and all of us, into the world to serve you in everything we do for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Anthem (10:30)

**"Jesus Loves Me" – Raney**

**Adult Choir**

## **Word**

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

### **Reading: Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Reading: Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter eight.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

<sup>33</sup>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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

**Sermon**

**"I Believe"**

**Pastor Kathy**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Here I Am, Lord"**

**ELW #574**

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed (8:30)

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

**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.**

**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 of Baptism, The Rite of Confirmation (10:30)***

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants 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.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
**I renounce them.**

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

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

P: Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: 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.**

P: 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**

P: 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?

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

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: 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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing God's Peace



## Offertory

### Offertory Song

### "Come to the Table"

ELW #481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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

**ELW #661, #723**

### Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### "This Little Light of Mine"

**ELW #677**

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

### Dismissal

**P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ***God Bless Our Confirmands***

<b><u>Confirmand</u></b>	<b><u>Verse</u></b>	<b><u>Parents</u></b>
Cole Mitchell Frederick	Psalms 69:5-7	Brent & DeAnn Frederick
Calleigh Evelyn Frederickson	Matthew 6:34	Jason & Crystal Frederickson
Brynn June Gramentz	Matthew 5:14	Patti Gramentz
Dirk Robert Haynes	Jeremiah 29:11	Jared Haynes Niki Hubert
Braxton Michael Kiecker	Phil. 4:13	Mike & Shawna Kiecker
Isabel Kathryn Krenz	Ephesians 2:8	Jason & Katie Krenz
Lauren Elaine Kveno	1 Cor. 13:13	Seth & Kristin Kveno
Kelsey Marie Landsteiner	Psalms 23:4	Melissa Weber Jared Landsteiner
Sophia Kathleen Lund	Galations 6:2	Doug & Kathy Lund
Sophia Renee Netzke	Proverbs 3:5-6	Amy Keech & Steve Netzke
Henry Carlin Oscarson	Jeremiah 17:7	Kelly Neidecker Carlin Oscarson
Aubree Lauren Schmidt	Jeremiah 31:3	Kelly & Sarah Schmidt
Brayden Gregory Wendinger	Proverbs 3:5-6	Greg & Amanda Wendinger
Jevin Allen Zamzow	2 Cor. 5:7	Shannon Zamzow, Doris Zamzow Josh Jones



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<b>Business Administrator:</b> Caryn Nelson	<b>Facilities Manager:</b> Scott Kathman
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b> Tom Maidl	<b>Pianist:</b> Tom Maidl
<b>Choir Director:</b> Madeline Cacciatore-Warta	<b>A/V:</b> Jeff Julien
<b>Deacon:</b> (8:30) Jenny Krosch	(10:30) Alyssa Nissen
<b>Acolytes:</b> (8:30) Zoey Havemeier, Conlin McAlpine	
(10:30) Isabel Krenz, Aubree Schmidt	
<b>Communion Servers:</b> (8:30)	(10:30)
<b>Lector:</b> (8:30)	(10:30) Confirmands
<b>Ushers:</b> (8:30)	(10:30)
<b>P/P:</b> (8:30)	(10:30)
<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Dirk Haynes	<b>Bible Bearer:</b> Braxton Kiecker

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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
<b>10/22</b> General Offering	\$ 7,658.03	\$ 355,720.88	\$ 436,882.58
<b>10/22</b> Building Fund	\$ 4,429.49	\$ 47,718.99	\$ 45,480.67
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,087.52</b>	<b>\$ 403,439.87</b>	<b>\$ 482,363.25</b>
<b>10/22</b> World Hunger	\$ 530.00	\$ 5,827.00	

### *In Our Prayers This Week:*

Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Marge Feil, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Marj Frederickson, Brenda Gruenhagen, Brad Haynes, Cindy Hillesheim, Nicole Hubert, Sharon Hulke, Mike Hysten, Joyce Jobe, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Dave Marsh, Treacy Meyer, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Ruth Skoglund