



October 27, 2024

# 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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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> |
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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: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Forgiveness

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **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.**

## This is the Feast

vs 1,2&4

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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 (8:30) "We Are the Followers" – Dave & Jean Perry Wednesday LinC†

Anthem (10:30) "Lead Me Lord" – arr. Mark Hayes 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

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

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

## Hymn of the Day

## "Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670

- 1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
set in us a strong foundation.  
Lead us to do your holy will;  
form and shape your new creation.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
as we guide and teach each other,  
help us to share your love with the world:  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

*Refrain*

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!

- 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
let our lives reflect your glory.  
Cast away all our doubts and fears;  
help us tell the world your story.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
help us bear good fruit for you,  
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.  
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *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.

Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life. 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 – The *Noisy Offering* today benefits Heart to Home Furnishings.

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.**

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

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## Communion Hymn

## “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*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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## 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

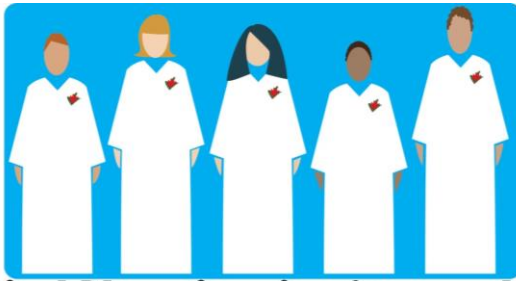
Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

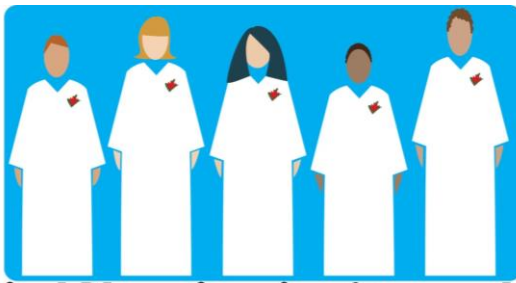
***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Rich Baumann, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Al Gramentz,  
Brad Haynes, Bryan Hopf, Marilyn Hudson, Lyndon Jones, Troy Kamm, Treacy Meyer,  
Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, Marge Schmidt, Jim Senske



## God Bless Our Confirmands

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Colton John Anderson	Psalm 62:6	Darren & Nicole Anderson
Tanner Jay Backer	Psalm 56:3	Jay & Jenny Backer
Gracie May Baker	Romans 8:28	Randy & Chandra Baker
Logan Leonard Booth	Phil. 4:13	Troy Booth & Amber Backous
Megan Elyse Brudelic	1 Cor. 13:13	Josh & Elly Brudelic
Eliana Jean Cariveau	Luke 18:27	Melissa & Chris Cariveau
Natalia Harriet Frederickson	Matthew 17:20	Jason & Crystal Frederickson
Shyla Kaye Gehring	Isaiah 41:10	Emily & Joseph Gehring
Levi Marcus Hopp	Jeremiah 29:11	Michelle & Marcus Hopp
Mitchell Davry Hopp	Philippians 4:13	Michelle & Marcus Hopp
Kane Eugene Johnson	2 Chr. 15:7	Brent & Nicole Johnson
Regan Dale Johnson	Romans 8:31	Brent & Nicole Johnson



# God Bless Our Confirmands

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Keira Ann Kral	John 3:16	Blake & Lizelle Kral
Ian Christopher Lee	Joshua 1:9	Mike & Sarah Lee
MaKenna LeAnn LeGare	Deut. 31:8-9	Darren & Kristen LeGare
Owen Parker Rasche	Romans 8:11	Charles & Ashley Rasche
Kate Christine Schmidt	John 13:7	Kelly & Sarah Schmidt
Allie Grace Schneider	Galatians 2:20	Ashley Schneider Scott Schneider
Natalie Harper Severson	Matthew 17:20	Isaac & Kristina Severson
Jackson Ross Sharits	Proverbs 27:17	Daniele & Andrew Sharits
Jesalyn Marie Skoglund	Luke 10:27	Christine & Erik Skoglund
Keira Marie Sullivan	1 Cor. 13:13	Scott Sullivan Sue Sullivan
Jett Jacob Volk	Psalms 23:3	Ashley & Jake Volk
Taven Steven Wurtzberger	Hebrews 12:1	Sheila Wurtzberger & the late Edward Wurtzberger



**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner  
**Education Ministries Coordinator:** Lindsay Medina  
**Business Administrator:** Lois Aufderheide  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Thomas Maidl  
**Choir Director:** Madeline Cacciatore-Warta

**Associate Pastor:** Dave Nissen  
**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger  
**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman

**Pianist:** Tom Maidl  
**Deacons:** (8:30) Heidi Wilker  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Jasmine Grussendorf, Addley Berg  
 (10:30) Natalia Frederickson, Natalie Severson

**A/V:** Jeff Julien  
 (10:30) Karissa Fenske

**Communion Servers:** (8:30) Joan Krikava  
**Lector:** (8:30) Joan Krikava  
**Ushers:** (8:30)  
**P/P:** (8:30) Dyan Miller  
**Cross Bearer:** Colton Anderson

(10:30) Linda Postel  
 (10:30) Kate Schmidt  
 (10:30)  
 (10:30)  
**Bible Bearer:** Tanner Backer

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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>10/20</b> General Offering	\$ 9,556.97	\$ 393,810.07	\$ 430,518.48
<b>10/20</b> Building Fund	\$ 5,269.00	\$ 108,365.00	\$ 44,422.98
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,825.97</b>	<b>\$ 502,175.07</b>	<b>\$ 474,941.46</b>
<b>10/20</b> World Hunger	\$ 95.00	\$ 5,806.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>7:30PM Wed.</b>
10/20/24	111	96	83