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The Observance of the Reformation

Welcome!
We pray that your spirit would be uplifted and your faith strengthened as we gather together to receive God's divine service to us through Word and Sacrament.

A Word about Communion
We're glad you're worshiping with us today. In the Lord's Supper, we believe we receive Christ's true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). Because of this, Scripture also warns that receiving the Supper without a right understanding of it, or apart from the unity in the faith it proclaims, can bring harm rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27–29). Out of love for you—not judgment—we practice what's called "close communion." We ask that those who commune with us share this same confession of faith, typically shown by membership in this congregation or a sister congregation in fellowship with us. This protects you from receiving the Supper in a way that could do spiritual harm. This practice is meant as a kindness, not a wall. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing instead, you're warmly welcome to do so. We'd love to talk more about this. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

GREETING
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Opening Hymn: #566, "By Grace I'm Saved"

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

C **I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

C **Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

A **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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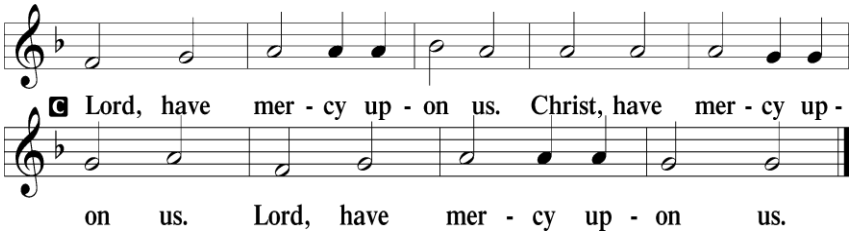

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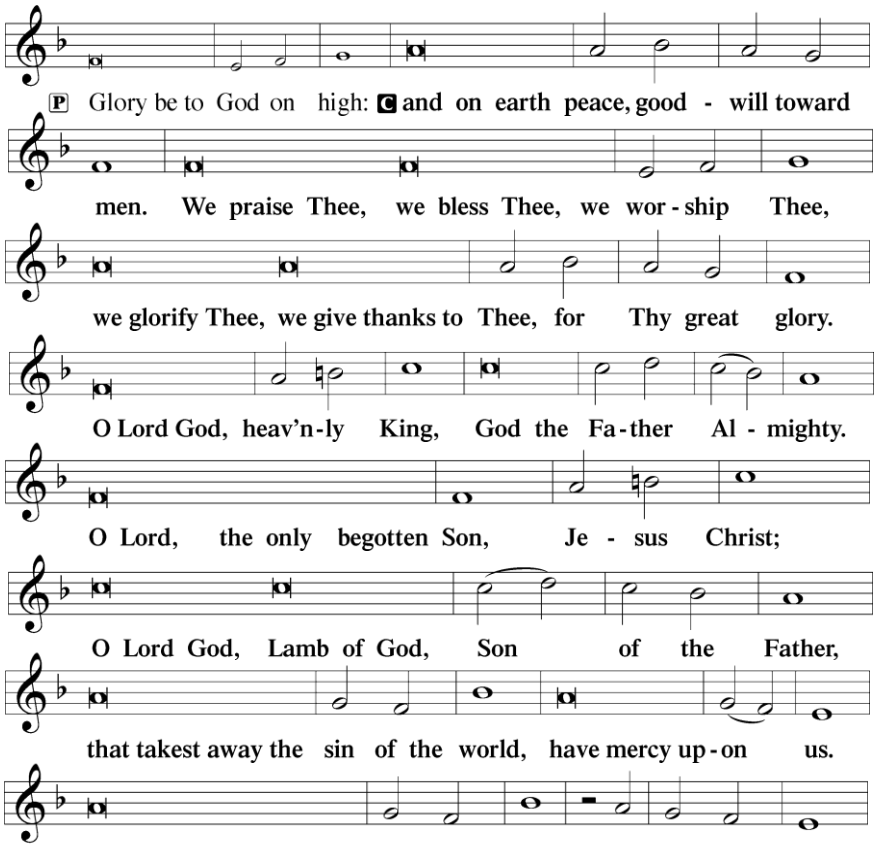
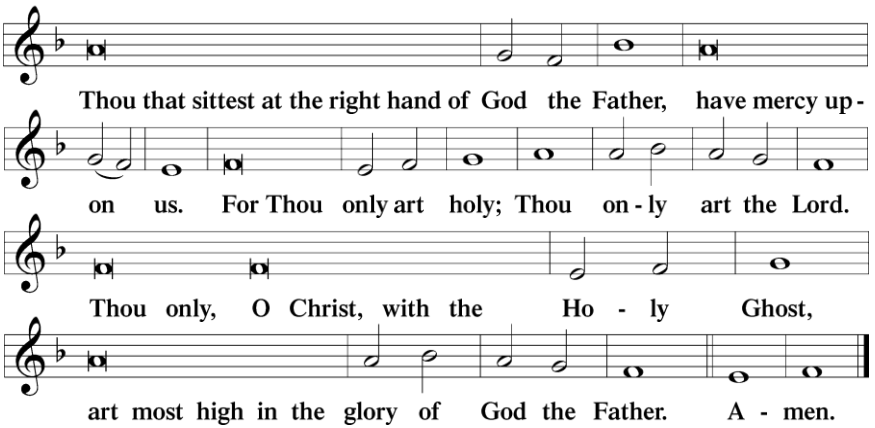




SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

[1]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy… [15]"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. [16]You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. [17]"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. [18]You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
C **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**
P that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

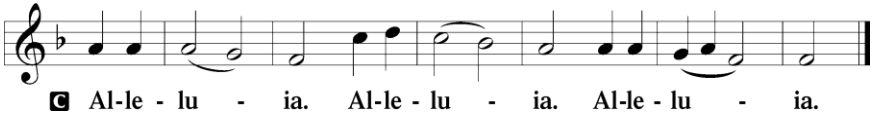
Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

[1]For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2]But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. [3]For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, [4]but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5]For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. [6]Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. [7]But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. [8]So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. [9]For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. [10]You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. [11]For you know how, like a father with his children, [12]we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. [13]And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

34When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together. 35And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a
question to test him. 36"Teacher, which is the great commandment
in the Law?" 37And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your
mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second
is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two
commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." 41Now while
the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,
42saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"
They said to him, "The son of David." 43He said to them, "How is
it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44"'The Lord
said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under
your feet'? 45If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"
46And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did
anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Seventh Commandment

P What is the Seventh Commandment?

C **You shall not steal.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

SERMON: by Rev. Robert Beinke, New England District President

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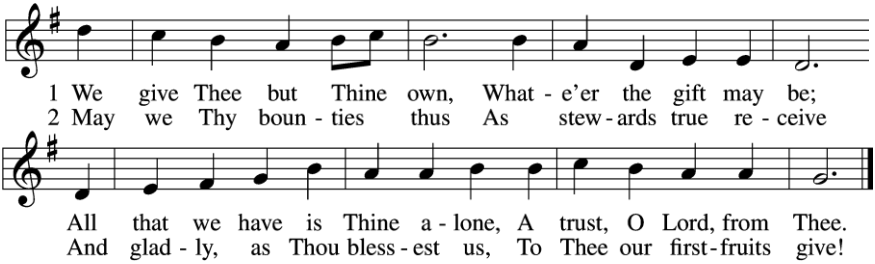
OFFERING PRAYER



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P …who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

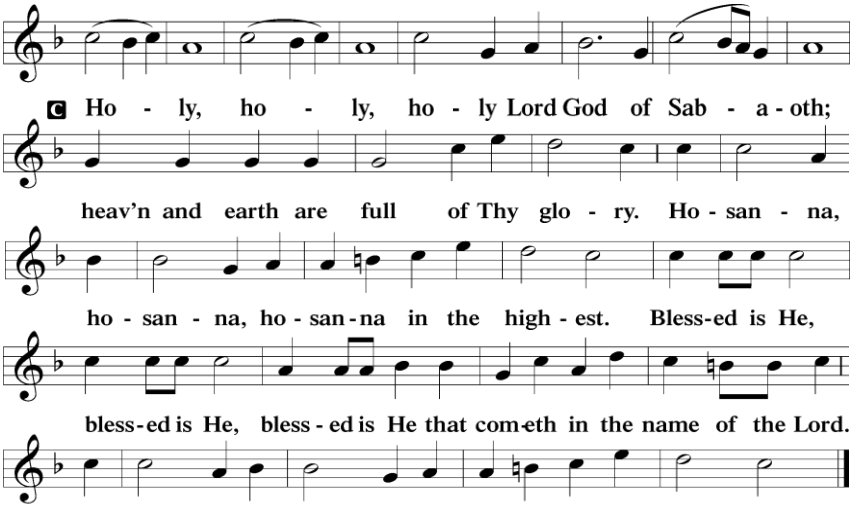
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *"Holy, Holy, Holy" Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts"
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20, I Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

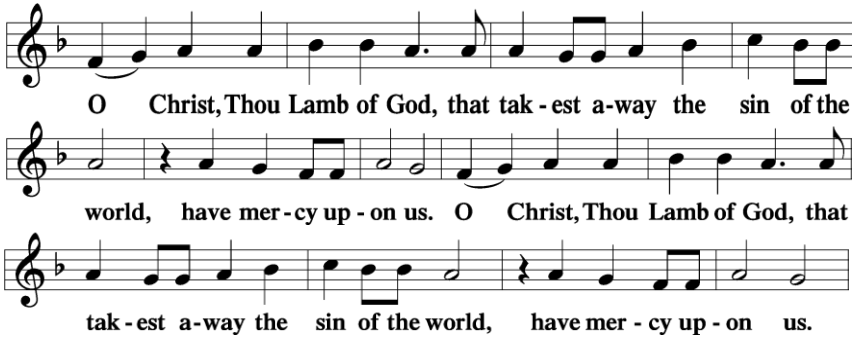
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

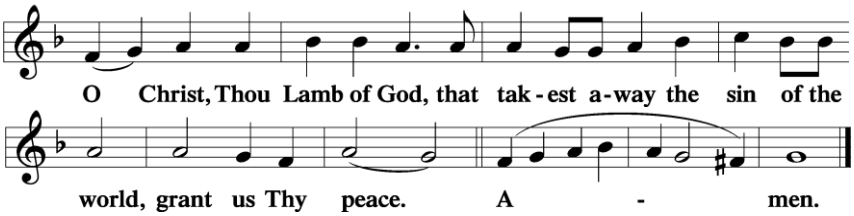
PAX DOMINI *"The peace of the Lord" John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *"Lamb of God" John 1:29*





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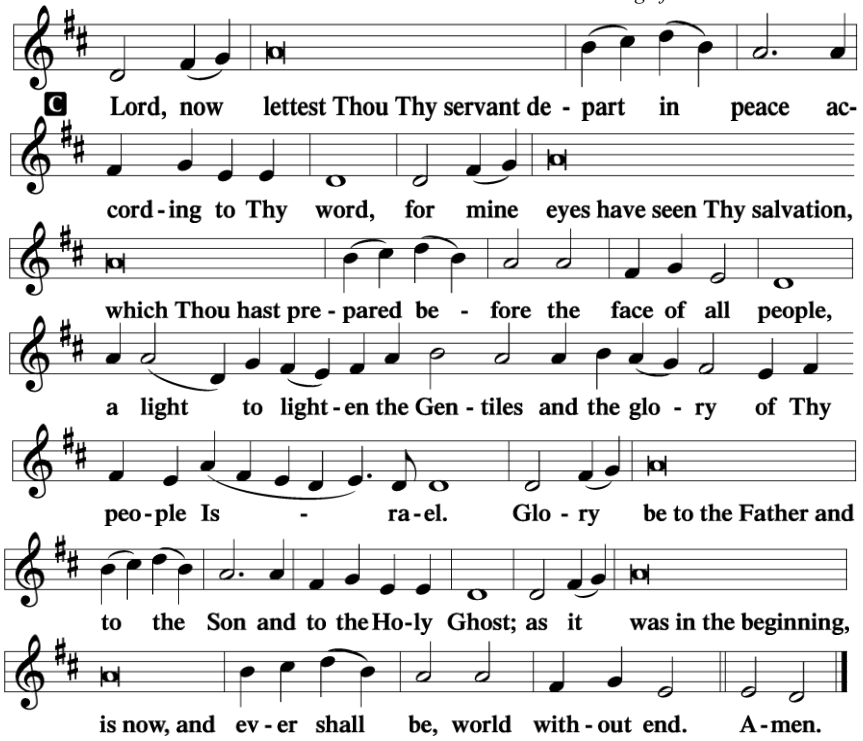
"Song of Simeon" Luke 2:29-32



THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endures forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #656, "A Mighty Fortress"

You are invited to stay for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible Class following the service.

District President Visit

We welcome the president of the New England District of the LCMS, Rev. Robert Beinke. President Beinke will be preaching today, and leading Bible Class following the service.

Chapter and Verse: The next book club meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 4th, 4:00 PM. We'd love to have all readers join us for reading, discussion, and treats.

Paths to Lutheranism Series…

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

Geneva-Ween
Geneva-Ween is an annual event launched in 2025 that allows kids and families a safe and easy cabin-to-cabin, trick-or-treating experience. This event is for friends and neighbors in Moultonborough and the surrounding communities. It's held at the Geneva Point Center, 108 Geneva Point Road, Moultonborough. LRLC will have tables and a cabin there. The event is today from 3:00-7:00 PM. You're welcome to come and assist with the event at the Geneva Point Center for any portion of the afternoon or evening.

A Life Thought in the Church Year for the Observance of the Reformation:
Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and also sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14)

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The Scripture Readings and Hymns for November 1st (All Saints Day):
Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

#677 (1-4), "For All the Saints"
#672, "Jerusalem the Golden"
#677 (4-8), "For All the Saints"

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