

St. John's Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

REFORMATION October 27, 2024 | 10:30am



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission. **PRELUDE** The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.

We stand.

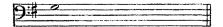
HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

A Mighty Fortress



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.





THE CONFESSION OF SINS

¶ The Minister shall say:

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.



¶ Then shall the Minister say:

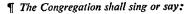
ALMIGHTY God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

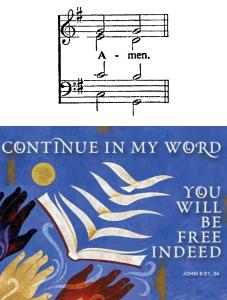
The Congregation shall say with the Minister:

O MOST merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Minister, standing, and facing the Congregation, shall say:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on his Name, he giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.



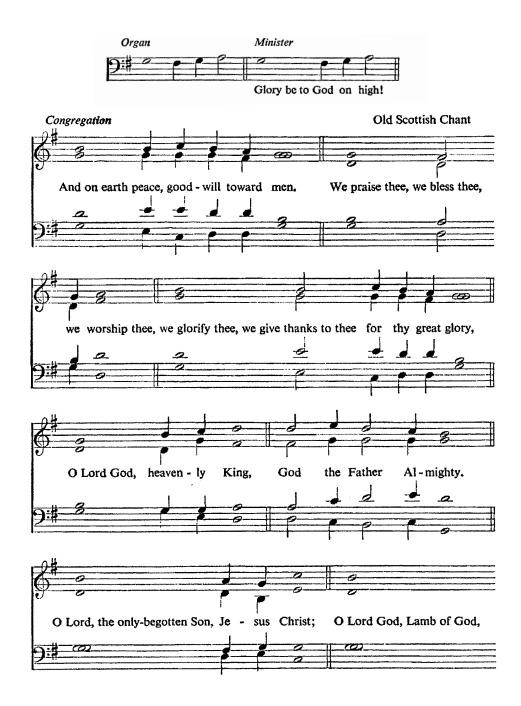


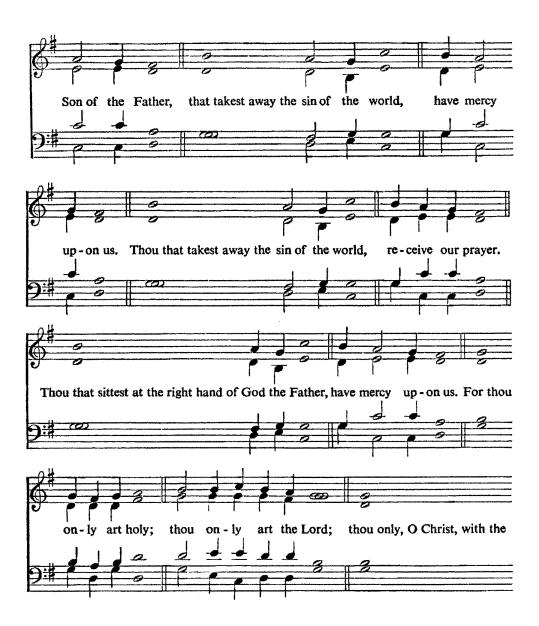
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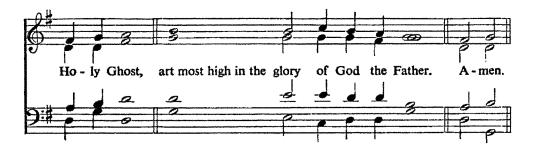
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE &GLORIA









PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; 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.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

HE days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the choir.

¹God is our hope and strength :

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :

and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

³Though the waters thereof rage and swell :

and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

⁴The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

⁵God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us :

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

⁹He maketh wars to cease in all the world :

he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰Be still then, and know that I am God :

I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

OW 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in

Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly faces the center aisle to welcome Christ in the Gospel.



GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John. Sung Glory to you, O Lord.

esus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you J free." ³³They 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'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. Sung Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit. SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, keep us steadfast



And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

NICENE CREED

E believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE



We sit. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

HYMN 488

We stand.



HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

SURSUM CORDA//PROPER PREFACE//SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY art thou, Almighty and Merciful God. Holy art thou, and great is the Majesty of thy glory.

Thou didst so love the world as to give thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life; Who, having come into the world to fulfill for us thy holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation, IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH (a) Here he shall HE WAS BETRAYED, ^aTOOK BREAD; AND, WHEN HE HAD take the BREAD in his GIVEN THANKS, HE BRAKE IT AND GAVE IT TO HIS DIShand.

CIPLES, SAYING, TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU; THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

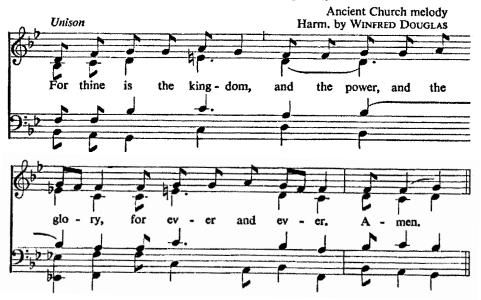
AFTER THE SAME MANNER ALSO, HE ^bTOOK THE CUP, (b) Here he shall WHEN HE HAD SUPPED, AND, WHEN HE HAD GIVEN take the CUP in his THANKS, HE GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, DRINK YE ALL hand.

OF IT; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; THIS DO, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary precept, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to thee, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we beseech thee mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with thy Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, thy servants, and these thine own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who partake thereof may be filled with heavenly benediction and grace, and, receiving the remission of sins, be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all thy saints.

And unto thee, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in thy holy Church, world without end. Amen.

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.



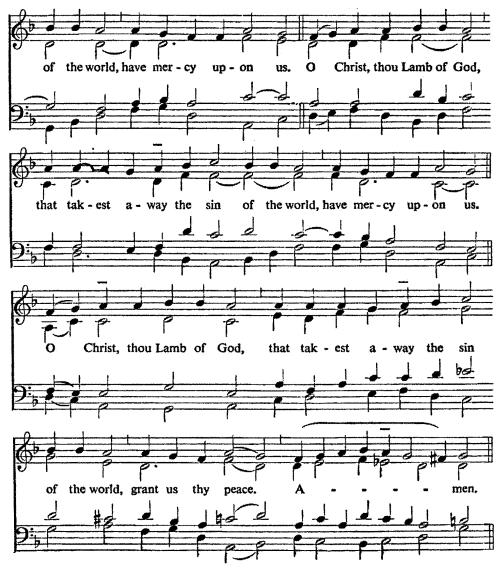
¶ The Congregation shall sing or say:

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.





We sit.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Lord, thee I love with all my heart

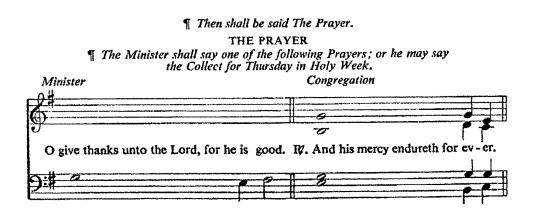
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We stand. POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



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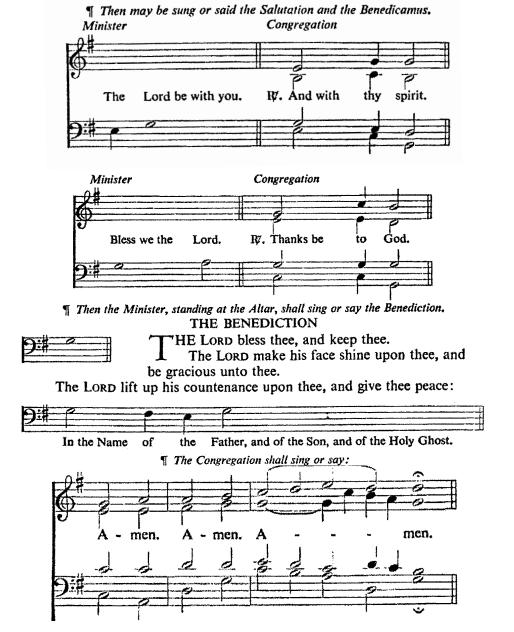




BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

POUR forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of thy love, that by thy mercy thou mayest make of one will those whom thou hast fed with one heavenly food; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.





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The church's one foundation

HYMN 654

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Mass, David Bednall, Oxford Music Press Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaan's, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Pat Fisher
Reader	Jennifer Leffers
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Leffers
Acolytes	Max Leffers, Isaac Ylitalo, Liz Ylitalo
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Janet Segerdell
Counters	Diane Egley, Joe & Cheryl Milukas, Michele Taylor
Little Free Pantry	Peter Coffin, Gary Esposito
Coffee Hour	Susan Ylitalo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 29:

Sneak Peek Bible Study - 7:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesday, October 30:

Confirmation - 4:30 pm Sweden Room Handbells - 6:00 pm Reformation Room

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Friday, November 2

Quilting - 5:30 pm Welcome Room

Sunday, November 3:

All Saints Sunday - Worship - 8:30 & 10:30 am Evensong - 5:00 pm

Mission Statement

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Congratulations to Henry Pruitt for receiving his First Communion today.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

October 27	Evensong St. John's Episcopal - 5:00 pm
November 3	All Saints Sunday
	All Saints Requiem Concert - 5:00 pm
November 10	Stewardship Sunday
	Youth Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am
November 17	9:30 am Single Worship - Bishop Pipho
	Evensong - 5:00 pm
November 24	9:30 am Single Worship
December 1	10:30 am Advent Lessons & Carols
	4:00 pm Decorate Church
	5:00 pm Advent Night - Welcome Room
December 8	Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - 5:00 pm
December 15	Santa Lucia Procession
December 24	Family Christmas Eve Worship - 5:00 pm
	8:30 pm Prelude & 9pm Candlelight Service
December 29	9:30 am Single Service

SUNDAY 27 OCT | 5 PM

Choral Evensong

at ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 628 Main Street, Stamford, CT 06901

sung by the choirs of St Barnabas Episcopal, Greenwich & St John's Lutheran, Stamford

with music by Coxhead, Smith, Widor, Wood, Ficarri,

and Balfour Gardiner

Sunday, November 3, 2024 5pm

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAMFORD, CT

World Premiere of MARGARET WOODLEY'S EQUEM

towards the light