

# Reformation

November 5, 2023



Reformation Sunday

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**WELCOME, GUESTS!!!** We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

**THEME FOR TODAY'S FOCUS** - Lord, keep us faithful to your Word! The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church emphasizes the true Church's unfailing reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to it in the face of persecution. Jesus promised to pour out his Spirit on the Church that we might be God's mouthpiece even before kings. Today the Church prays that the Lord give us the strength to be faithful and the peace of knowing our lives are safe in his hands.

**MORNING PRAYER** - Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT— WS, p.26**

*The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*



## OPENING HYMN:

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WE HAVE A SURE PROPHETIC WORD

**\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\***

1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word  
2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,  
3 What - e'er the Word in times of old  
4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure,

By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,  
By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed, spurned,  
Of fu - ture days and deeds fore - told  
The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.

And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,  
The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,  
Is all ful - filled while a - ges roll,  
Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;

Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.  
While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.  
As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.  
Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Text: Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.

Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

### CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*KYRIE*

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

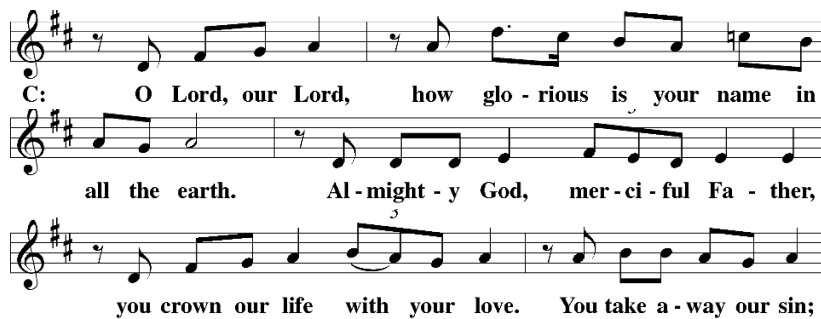


Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise. (*Psalm 145:3*)

## **O LORD, OUR LORD**



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**FIRST LESSON:****DANIEL 6: 10 – 12, 16 – 23**

*They didn't persecute Daniel because of theses nailed to a church door; they didn't accuse him because of stirring words spoken over a pile of condemned books. They persecuted Daniel because he prayed in his home. Daniel made a bold confession and faithful witness with his knees. Daniel went home and prayed, just as he had done before. He was faithful, even in the face of certain persecution.*

*Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."*

*Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.*

*At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?" Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."*

*Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



*Refrain*

God is our refuge and strength,\*  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

*Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall;\*  
God will help her at break of day.  
“Be still, and know that I am God;”  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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.**

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**2 TIMOTHY 4: 9 – 18**

*Paul learned firsthand that faithfulness to the Word of God brought persecution. His former brothers had abandoned him; his enemies had not stopped hounding him. Though he was by himself, Paul was never alone. Consider Paul’s confidence that God will rescue him from every evil attack—the point is not a rescue from danger, but rather a rescue through danger to the heavenly kingdom.*

***Make every effort to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this present world, has forsaken me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is useful to me for ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, and the scrolls, especially the parchments.***

***Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will pay him back for what he did. You be on your guard against him also, because he vehemently opposed our message. At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would hear it, and I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.***

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***\*\*Please Stand\*\****

#### GOSPEL

#### MATTHEW 10: 16 – 23

*Throughout the history of the Church, the story of faithfulness to the Word of God has always been the story of persecution. And rightly so, because Jesus promised it! Who would send defenseless sheep into a world of ravenous wolves? It makes no sense, yet that is precisely the plan that Jesus describes for his Church. It makes no sense—unless you are the Good Shepherd who wants his sheep to utterly depend on him.*

***“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you. “Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to***

**death. You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.**



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

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### A MIGHTY Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;





Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

## SERMON TEXT

### SERMON:

## MATTHEW 10: 16 - 23

### BEING SENT AMONG WOLVES

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### NICENE CREED

**We 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

**OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.**

### PRAYER FOR REFORMATION

**Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death in glorious splendor.**

**Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

**The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore us to the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

**May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the laziness that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

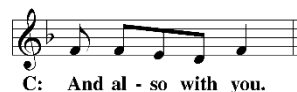
**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.**

#### THE 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 SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.





Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By his saints and witnesses of the past he encourages us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us and to live in righteousness and peace. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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### JESUS PRICELESS TREASURE

1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est  
2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my  
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of  
plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long  
lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth  
cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt  
plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -  
glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love  
in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,  
be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,  
not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me  
ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry  
the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Year - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O  
Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And  
While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards  
Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or  
Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I

Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to  
thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -  
ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -  
shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior  
here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est

hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.  
sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.  
move me Since he deigns to love me.  
plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

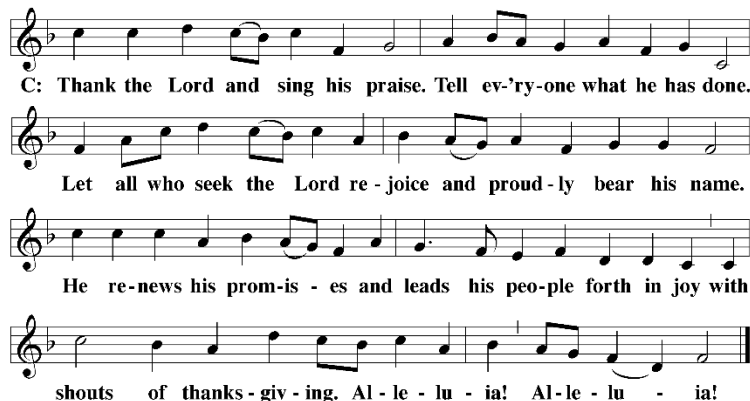
Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*,  
St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.  
Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

## DISTRIBUTION

***DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.***

***\*\*Please Stand\*\****

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN:

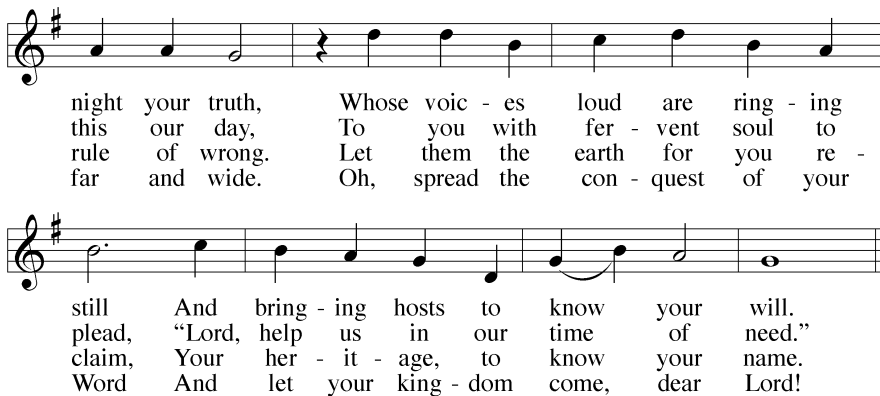
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AWAKE, O SPIRIT, WHO INSPIRED

1 A - wake, O Spir - it, who in - spired The  
 2 Lord, let our ear - nest prayer be heard, The  
 3 Oh, haste to help or we are lost! Send  
 4 And let your Word have speed - y course, Through

watch - men of the Church's youth, Who faced the  
 prayer your Son taught us to pray; For lo, your  
 preach - ers forth in spir - it strong, Armed with your  
 ev - 'ry land be glo - ri - fied, Till all the

foe's en - ven - omed ire, Who wit - nessed day and  
 chil - dren's hearts are stirred In ev - 'ry land in  
 Word, a daunt - less host, Bold to at - tack the  
 hea - then know its force And fill your church - es



night your truth, Whose voices loud are ring - ing  
 this our day, To you with fer - vent soul to  
 rule of wrong, Let them the earth for you re -  
 far and wide. Oh, spread the con - quest of your

still And bring - ing hosts to know your will.  
 plead, "Lord, help us in our time of need."  
 claim, Your her - it - age, to know your name.  
 Word And let your king - dom come, dear Lord!

Text: Karl H. von Bogatzky, 1690–1774, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch ... Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

### What We Believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Local Pastor's conference** – Pastor Emmons will be in Sutherland on Thursday, November 9. Should you need to contact him he will have his cell phone available.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – our study of the Book of Acts is once again on hold. We are turning our focus to the minor prophet Habakkuk. We will be studying a chapter per week, so it will be more of an overview rather than a deep dive. Email any questions or topics to Pastor Emmons. Please feel free to come and go as you like; all reading is voluntary.

**Midweek Bible Study** – We are resuming our Midweek Bible Study at 6:00 PM November 7; you may come in person to the pastor's home: 4384 SW 36<sup>th</sup> ST, Redmond, or join us on Zoom from the comfort of your home or favorite coffee shop. Below is the ID and password:

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Thanksgiving Eve/Advent Services** – we are in the season of End Times. Wednesday, November 22 at 6 PM will be our soup supper and 7 pm will be our Thanksgiving Eve service. Our Advent services will begin on November 29 the focus of our midweek Advent services will be: "Preparing for the One to Come."

6 PM will be the soup supper; please contact Penny Port to sign up for a soup or dessert. We will have as many soup suppers as we have volunteers.

**Thanksgiving Potluck** - Save the date for our Annual Thanksgiving potluck to be held November 19 following service. Next week, we will have a sign-up for the meal, which is a little more orchestrated than our typical potluck.

**Christmas Cookie Exchange** – Tammi will be hosting our second annual cookie exchange Saturday, December 2 at 6 PM. You make or buy you favorite cookie to exchange (a half dozen for each guest + a half dozen to taste and the leftovers come to church.) This is open to all, and feel free to invite a friend. Please RSVP by November 24 at Tammi.emmons67@gmail.com or text her at 541-699-7634.

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