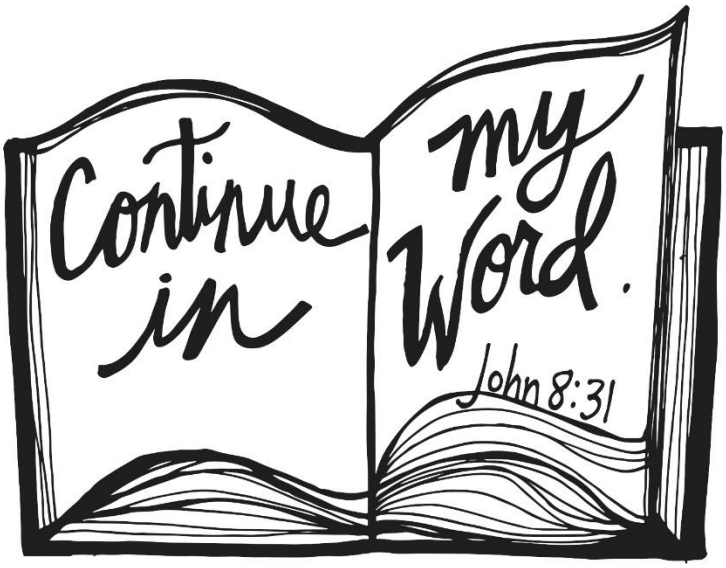
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Reformation Sunday

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A cordial welcome to all!

Welcome to Trinity! Please help us know you're with us by completing the attendance card included in this folder. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing and turning as they appear in this service folder.

As a Reconciling in Christ community of faith, Trinity intentionally welcomes all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. With other Valparaiso area churches, we resist and oppose racism and other forms of prejudice in our churches and in our community. We commit ourselves to welcome all people as equally loved, forgiven, accepted, and blessed children of God.

Church facilities

An **elevator** and **parking lot** are located on the west side of the building. **Activity bags** for children five years and under are located in the coatroom. Main floor **restrooms**, including one that is **handicap-accessible**, are in the educational wing hallway. (These include restrooms accessible through Room 204 and the Nursery.) These restrooms are **gender neutral**; please lock the door as you enter. **Restrooms** are also located on the bottom floor near the Fellowship Hall. A **handicap-accessible** family restroom is across the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

Communion Statement

At Trinity, we celebrate Holy Communion in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. In the Sacrament of the Altar Our Lord offers his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the church to those who are baptized. **Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us**. If you have a question whether you should receive the Sacrament, please see the pastor before the beginning of worship.

Communion Options

Our Lord instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion using consecrated bread and wine. Please let the pastor know if you wish to have **gluten-free bread.** The communion assistant on the pulpit side has both **grape juice** and wine.

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*The assembly's responses are listed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC
Festive Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress" mvt. 1
Martin Luther; setting by Georg Telemann; arr. Donald Rotermund
Clarinet – Shelly Sager, Kathy Brannen

WELCOME

The presiding minister invites the assembly to stand and face the processional cross.

ENTRANCE HYMN # 504 **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

GREETING

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.

OPENING DIALOG

The presiding minister introduces the dialog.
God calls us to live life on purpose.

The assisting minister leads the assembly in the dialog.
God of all things,
you are the source of all we value.
God of movement,
you open us to change.
God who calls,
you call us and our neighbors.
God who notices,
you direct our attention.
God the crucified,
you carry our regrets to the cross.
God who is present,
you are acting here and now.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
At the end of the prayer all respond, **Amen.**
Then the assembly sits.

WORD

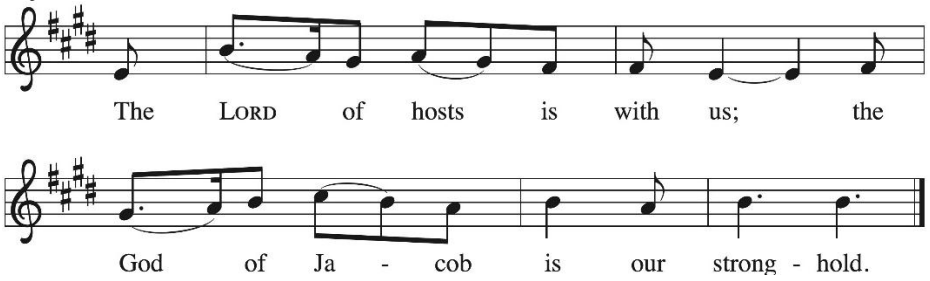
TEMPLE TALK

CHILDREN'S TIME

VOCARE CALLING PRAYER
The presiding Minister leads the prayer.
O God who calls, open us to what the spirit is saying to the churches. **Amen**.

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34**
The reading ends:
The Word of the Lord. or Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY **Psalm 46**
Refrain: 1st time – cantor, 2nd time - all



Cantor and the assembly sing the psalm responsively.



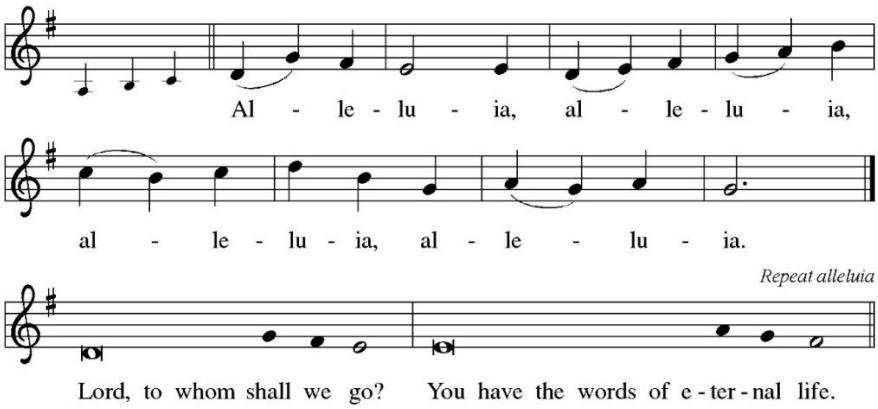
[1] God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
[2] Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
[3] though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
[4] There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[5] God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
[6] The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R
[7] The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

[8] Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
[9] 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.
[10] "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11] The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING **Romans 3:19-28**

The reading ends:
The Word of the Lord. or Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading ends:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!
Sit

SERMON
Following the sermon, there is silence for reflection.
The assembly stands for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 517 **"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Those being confirmed and their parents join the ministers at the bottom step to the chancel.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The assisting minister introduces those being confirmed:
I present *Jamesson Ault, Jane Leitzke, Chelsey Wade*, and *Catherine Ward,* who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Presiding Minister
Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers,* whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold 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.

The assembly stands.

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

Do you renounce the devil
and all the forces that defy God?

Affirmer/s: I renounce them!

Do you renounce the powers of this world
that rebel against God?

Affirmer/s: I renounce them!

Do you renounce the ways of sin
that draw you from God?

Affirmer/s: I renounce them!

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

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.

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. Amen.

The assembly sits.

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?

Affirmers, in turn:
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

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

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

Let us pray.

The affirmers kneel.

The parents lay their hands upon their children.

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.

The presider moves down the steps and lays hands on the head of each affirmer in turn, and says:

Father in heaven,
for Jesus' sake,
stir up in
name
the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm *his/her* faith,
guide *his/her* life,
empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving,
give *him/her* patience in suffering,
and bring *him/her*
to everlasting life.

Amen.

After the last affirmer has received the laying on of hands, the parents remove their hands from their children.
The affirmers stand and turn to face the assembly.

The assembly stands.

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

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.

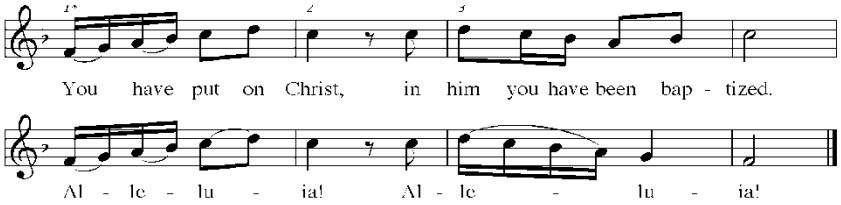
The ministers process to the baptismal font.
The assisting minister holds the pitcher of water.

All those at the chancel step turn to face the baptismal font.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism…
…To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly repeats the singing of the hymn as the presiding minister sprinkles the assembly with water from the font.

Assembly:



** May be sung in two or three part canon.*

The assisting minister takes the sprinkling brush from the presiding minister.

When the rite is complete, the ministers return to the chancel and the service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

Each petition ends:

. . . Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, "Peace be with you."

MEAL

Sit
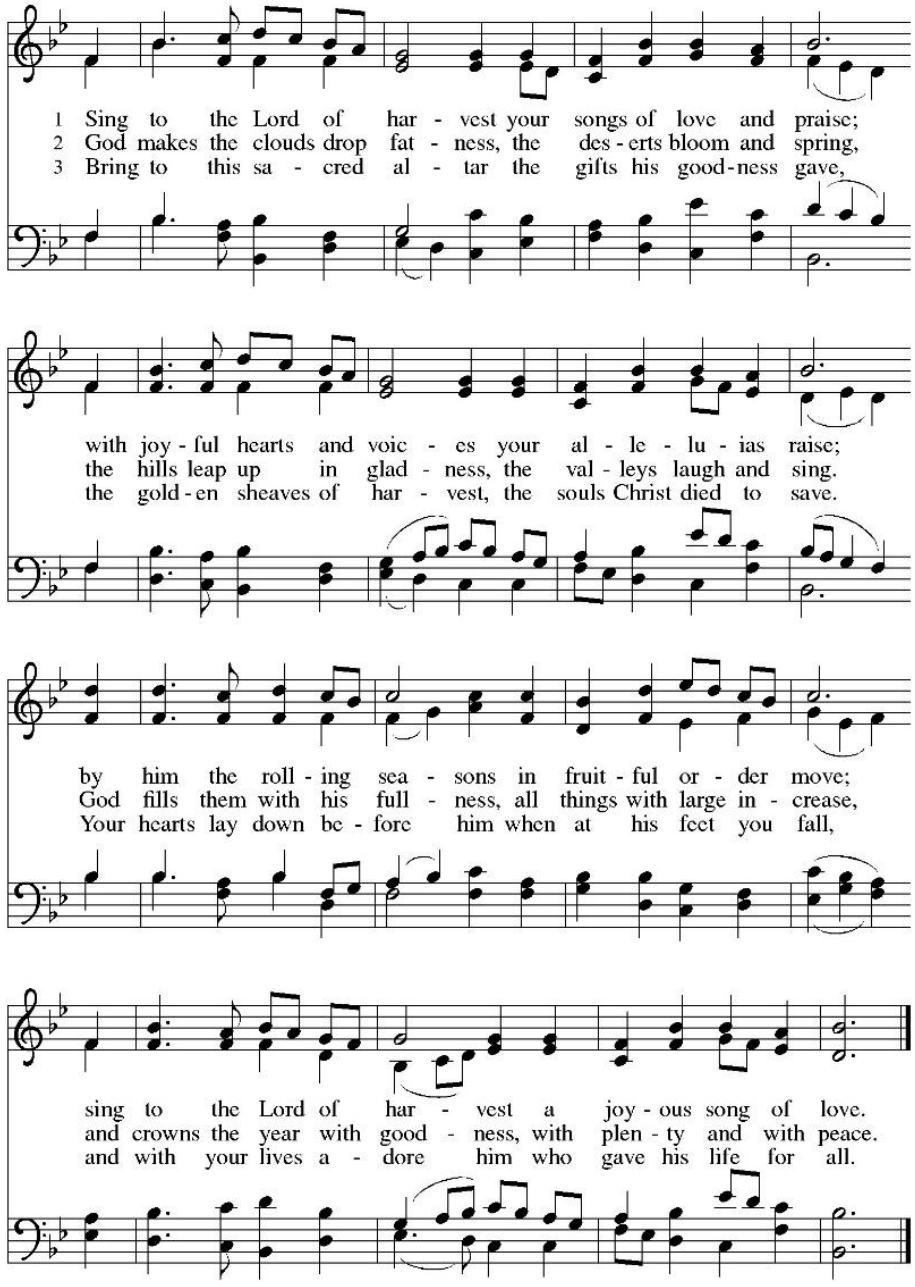
OFFERING
Music during the offering:
"Salvation unto Us Has Come" setting, Charles W. Ore

Once the anthem is finished and the gifts have been gathered, the ushers lead the procession forward to the altar. Children are invited to join the procession, carrying items donated to the Christian Food Pantry.

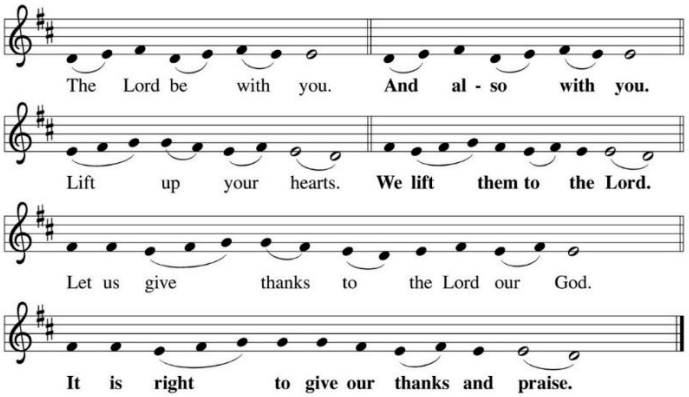
As the gifts are brought forward, all stand and sing:

HYMN # 694 **"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"**
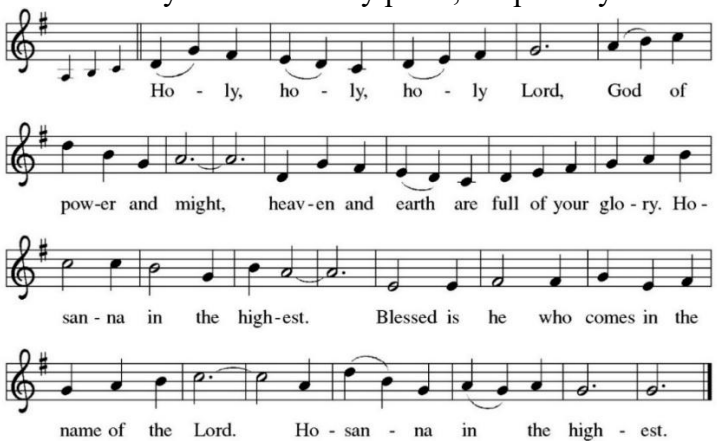
Verses 2 & 3



GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Salvation belongs to our God
and to the Lamb. Amen.

Blessing and glory…
we proclaim this mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Spread now this feast among us,
emptying yourself and filling all things.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Enliven our banquet,
and make of these gifts a holy sacrament to us.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us and all creation...
…Salvation belongs to our God
and to the Lamb. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

The minister addresses the assembly:

Christ has carried our regrets to the cross.
Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

Sit

COMMUNION

By Christ's invitation, baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive the Sacrament with us. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by either crossing their arms over their chest or by folding their hands. There is no dismissal. Please follow the ushers' directions for getting to and from the Table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

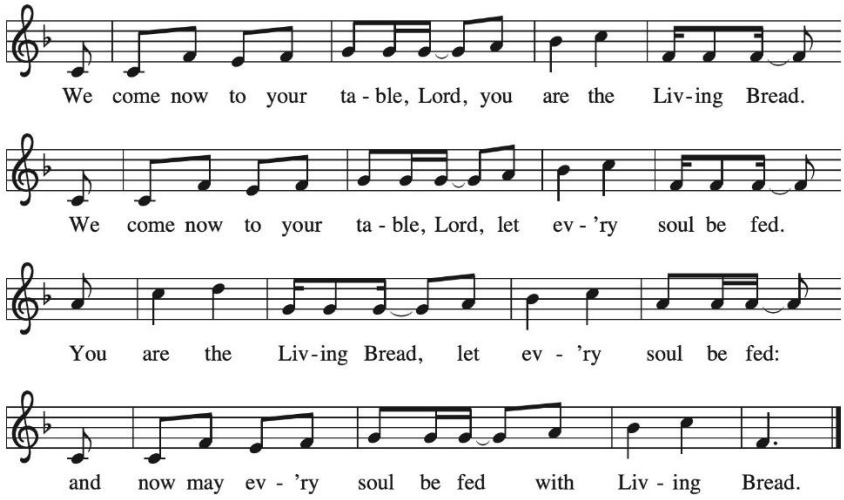
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.
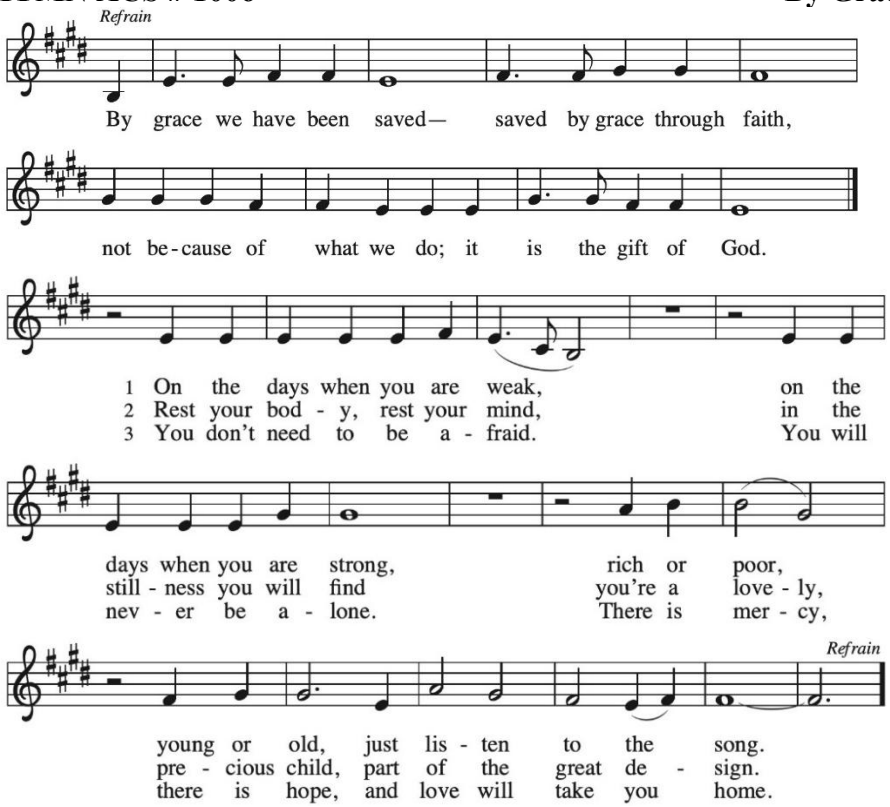
Music during communion:

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" — J. Klug; arr. J. S. Bach
Adult Choir

HYMN ACS # 970 — **"We Come Now to Your Table"**



HYMN ACS # 1006 **"By Grace We Have Been Saved"**



After the Lord's Table is cleared, the people stand.

PRAYER

At the end of the prayer the people respond, **Amen.**

Then the assembly sits for the announcements.
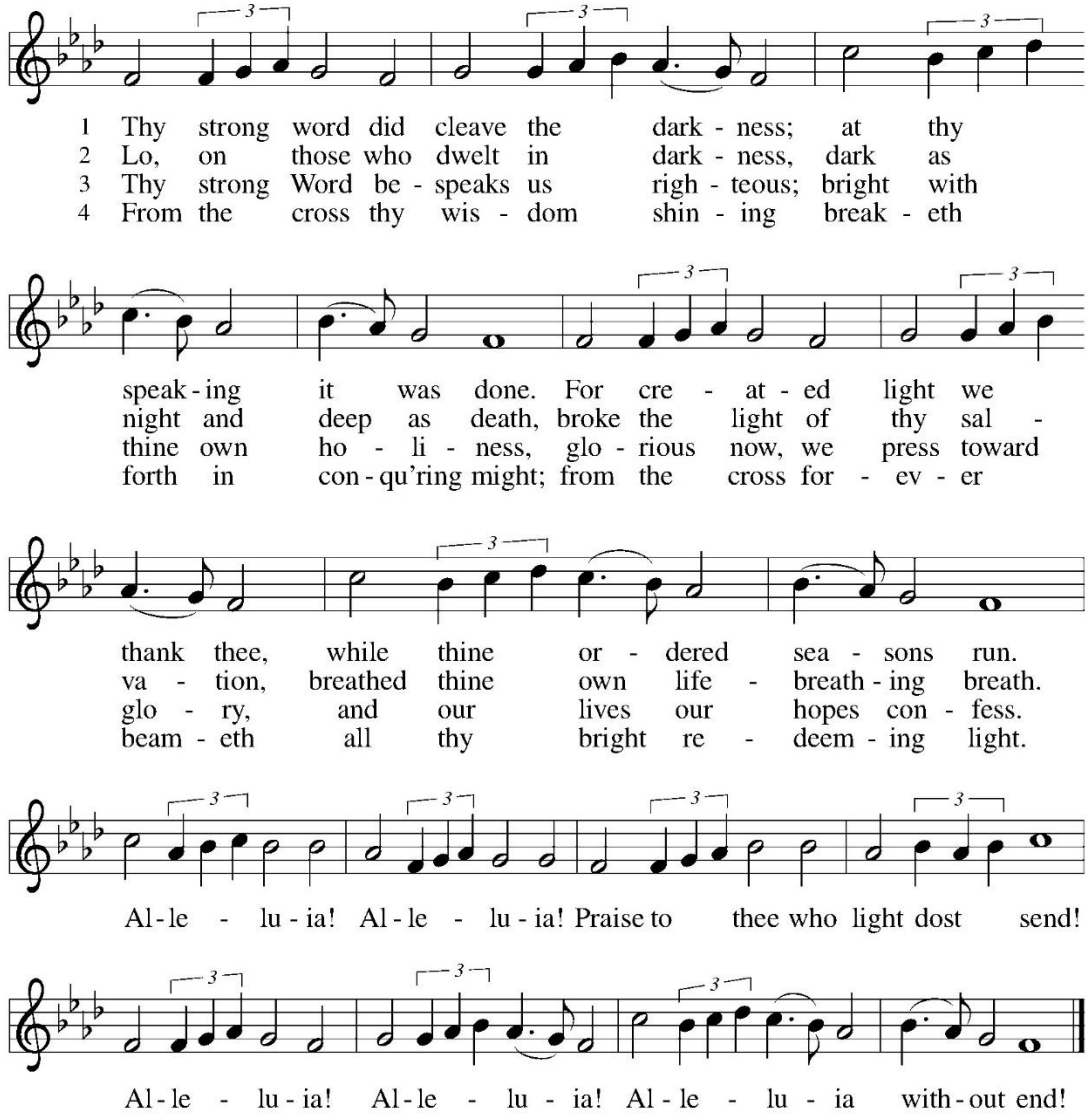
SENDING

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 511 **"Thy Strong Word"**

Verses 1 & 2 – All
Verse 3 – Men
Verse 4 – All
Verse 5 – Women
Verse 6 – All

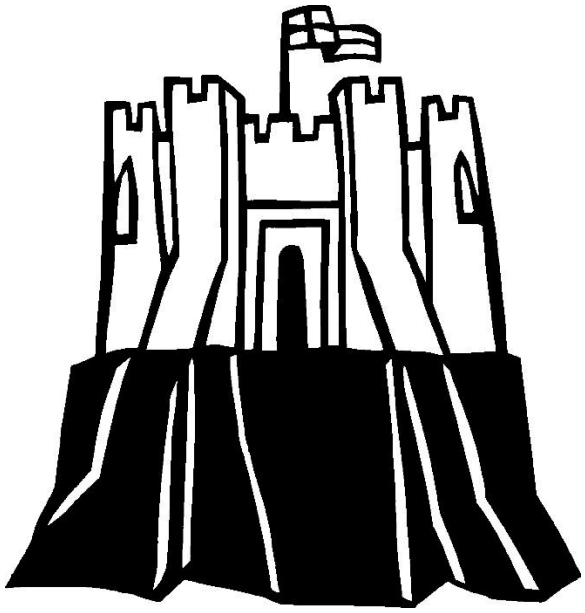


5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

DISMISSAL
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Festive Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress" mvt. 2
Martin Luther; setting by Georg Telemann; arr. Donald Rotermund
Clarinet – Shelly Sager, Kathy Brannen



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