

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

8:00 & 10:45am & 6:00pm

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please click this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (currently 9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: will be continuing the study in the Book of Mark.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Sunday School nursery is now available.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1

AS WE GATHER

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *"remain in the house forever"* (John 8:35). He is *"a friend of tax collectors and sinners"* (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *"to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people"* (Rev. 14:6), *"the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law"* (Rom. 3:21), *"that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus"* (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, *"whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith"* (Rom. 3:25), *"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:31–32).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Kevin Hildebrand

PASTORAL GREETING

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

ANTHEM

The "Sola" Song

Arr. Behnke

Little's Choir

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

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

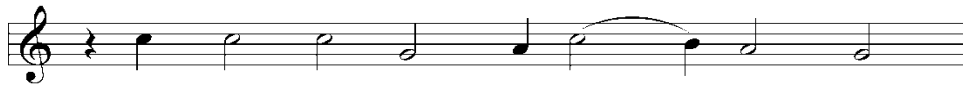
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



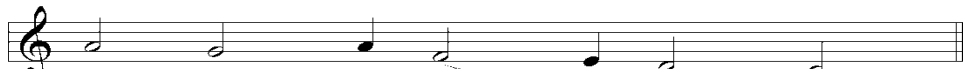
The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still fierce
 And take they our life, Scowl, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these harm all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth holds
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed - is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy... and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis ~ ~ (Latin: *Glory to God in the Highest*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

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 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine

forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

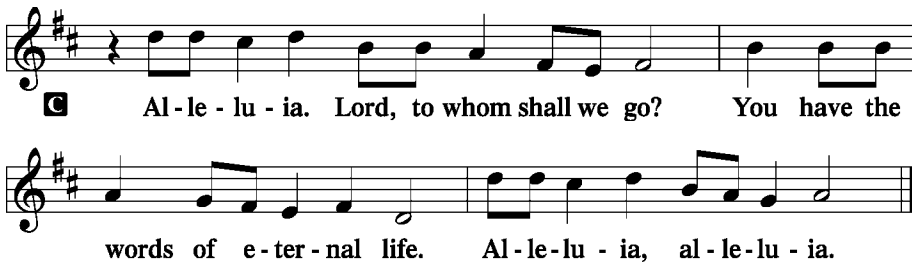
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68



C 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.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

On this festival day of the Reformation, a procession brings the reading of the Gospel into the midst of the worshippers reminding us that the Gospel belongs to all of God's people.

By faith, we recognize the Lord's voice as the pastor reads.

Turn to follow the cross from the chancel to the middle of the sanctuary.

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised

LSB 603

- 1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised
LSB 603

2. **We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!**
3. **The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Thy Strong Word
LSB 578

1. **(ALL)**
Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
2. *(CHOIR)*
Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
3. **(ALL)**
Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
4. *(CHOIR)*
From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
5. **(ALL)**
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. **(ALL)**
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!

SERMON

Freedom Lived, Known, and Found
John 8:31-36
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

CREED

We All Believe in One True God

LSB 954



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est



earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,



Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His



bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.



Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov-erned by His might.
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A - men, a - men. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs
- P** Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation. We praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf. We implore You, defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause Your eternal Gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve Your truth for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Be with our catechumens. Teach us also to hear and learn Your Word anew as disciples with them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in

this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers for the sick, the sorrowful, and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Answer their prayers, preserve them by Your promises, and bring them safely through this world to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation for our sins by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we do not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE





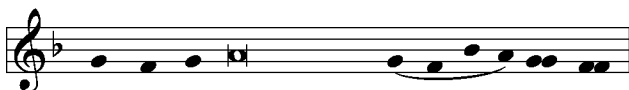
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



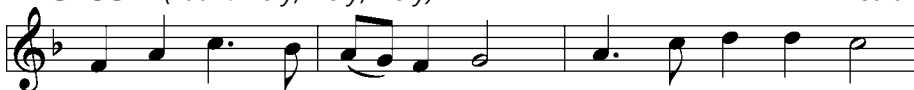
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ ~ (Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI ~ ~ (Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of our Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel/stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When finished, reference the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN***By Grace I'm Saved*****LSB 566**

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN***Salvation Unto Us Has Come*****LSB 555:1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10**

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.
 Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.
 That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.

**6. Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.**

**9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

△ **10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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 - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Not Unto Us

LSB 558



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous-
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Kevin Hildebrand

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Choirs director	Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	(8:00) Caroline Stoll (10:45) TBD
Crucifer.....	(8:00) Alexius Wolff (10:45) TBD
Greeters	(8:00) Ken & Shirley Knese (10:45) Scott & Denise Behrman
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Nursery.....	Matt & Morgan Riechers

Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

Congregation Rejoices At New Building - Ethiopia

"Mother Toltu" was raised as a follower of the Oromo traditional religion, but she committed her life to following Christ when she heard the gospel for the first time. She donated a plot of land from her property to be used for a church, and several other believers contributed funds to the construction of a church as well. However, a mob of local Oromo religious groups attacked the believers and tore down the church they had built. With VOM's support, the church building was reconstructed in 2021. "Because we live in the countryside, we don't know people that can help us. All we could do was pray to God," one of the believers said. "God has heard our prayers and sent you to help us." After construction had ended, local church leaders visited the congregation to see the new church building. "Mother Toltu praised God for the support given to them and expressed her happiness for seeing the rebuilding of the church," a front-line worker said. Pray that God will bless this congregation as they meet in their new church building. Pray that the new structure will show Christ to those who tore down the original church building, and pray that they may seek God and find life in Christ.

Prayers Requested for This Week

For the **Yarnell family**, as they mourn the death of their friend, **Clint Rolf**, who died of Covid.

For **David & Debbie Seutter** as they celebrate the birth of their grandson, **Callen Grey** born on October 27th to Eric & Stephanie Thomas.

For **Ken & Char Ludwig** as they celebrate the birth of their granddaughter, **Meredith Rose Bertels** born Oct. 20th to their daughter, **Kaylyn**.

For **Connie Bredehoeft**, sister of Janette Copeland, hospitalized with swelling throughout her body.

For **Tom Chapin**, recovering from injuries suffered in a fall off a ladder where he fractured 2 vertebrae in his lower back and broke his ankle and wrist and has now been diagnosed with CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.)

For **Wanda Brandt**, Mindy Pritzel's mom, who is failing in health and nearing life's end.

For **Roger Berardi**, that he will have a successful cryoballoon ablation procedure on Nov. 2nd.

Prayer of thanksgiving for **Kristin Teply** for getting a new job.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Cathy Merchant**, recovering from gastric by-pass surgery.

For **Delores Wade**, Sara Zarnstorff's mom, who has COVID.

For the **family of Karen Kuhn** as they mourn the death of her mother-in-law, Charlotte Kuhn.

For our expectant mothers: **Stacey Vanderpool, Hannah Schultz, Alli Bauck, Alaina Booth** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **Faith Mitchell, Janna Carver, Sandy Kronsbein, Spencer Braun, Teri Woodward, Susan Mountain, Mary Rinne, Eric Hundley, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, John Mahnken, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen**, and **Moriah Obermueller** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!