

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2024

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

We love to sing! When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

Children belong in worship! We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

Help love reach beyond these walls. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion (envelopes are on the cart in the Commons).



All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion. We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

Join us for fellowship time! All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Stay connected to what's happening at Grace: sign up for our weekly online newsletter, "The Scroll." Find the latest editions and the link to subscribe on our home page at gracenempls.org.

Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

PRELUDE

David Burk

David Burk has enjoyed performing myriad musical styles from around the globe on various instruments including guitar, oud, cavaquinho and lap steel. He has appeared with The Rose Ensemble and Voices of Sepharad, and aside from helping lead worship services at churches and synagogues he often can be seen performing around Minnesota with Brazilian specialists Choro Borealis.

WELCOME AND GREETING

The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

✠ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*On this day of thanksgiving for our Reformation heritage,
we give thanks to God for the waters that unite us with all Christians.*

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
The Mississippi River and Owámmiyomni,
rain that nourishes animals and plants,
water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water!

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
**a well discovered in the desert,
a sea that led the way to freedom,
an ever-flowing stream of righteousness.**

We remember, O God, the waters of Jesus—
**baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
washing disciples' feet.**

We praise you, O God, for the water in this font,
for you use this water to wash away our sin,
to birth us anew to joy and service,
to unite us in Christ with disciples of every time and place.

We praise you, O God, for water!

You, O God, are the fountain of justice;
surge through your people with reforming vigor.

You are the wellspring of mercy;
fill us with your love and compassion.

You are living water in our midst;
quench our thirst and send us forth
with purpose, power, and praise,
today, tomorrow, and always. **Amen.**

✠ PEACE

May Christ's grace and peace flow through us to all God's children. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

#504

Martin Luther paraphrased Psalm 46 in his hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Today we sing fresh words to this beloved Reformation tune and echo the psalmist's praise!



1. God is our re - fuge and our strength, a hel - per ev - er

2. God's peo - ple are for - ev - er blest with liv - ing wa - ters



near us. We will not fear though earth be moved, for
well - ing; since God is here, we stand un - moved 'mid



God is close to cheer us. Al-though the moun-tains quake
tu - mulds round us swell - ing. God speaks and all is peace,



and earth's foun - da - tions shake, though an - gry bil - lows roar
from war the na - tions cease; for - sak - ing shield and sword



and break a - gainst the shore, our migh - ty God will hear us.
earth's peo - ple praise the Lord, in love and mer - cy dwell - ing.

OBJECT LESSON

Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!

The LORD proclaims: Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob; shout for the leading nation. Raise your voices with praise and call out: “The LORD has saved the LORD’s people, the remaining few in Israel!”

I’m going to bring them back from the north; I will gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the disabled, expectant mothers and those in labor; a great throng will return here. With tears of joy they will come; while they pray, I will bring them back. I will lead them by quiet streams and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble. I will be Israel’s parent; Ephraim will be my oldest child.

This is the word of life.
Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL CHANT *Let us rise to greet the risen Savior in the Gospel*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Repeat

✠ GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus’ son, was

sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!” Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, “Son of David, show me mercy!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him forward.” They called Bartimaeus, “Be encouraged! Get up! He’s calling you.” Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Bartimaeus said, “Teacher, I want to see.”

Jesus said, “Go, your faith has healed you.” At once Bartimaeus was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

This is the Good News.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

✠ HYMN *O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate* #722

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE #752

With the boldness of God’s children, let us pray for the planet and all people, trusting the Spirit is working through us to answer our neighbors’ prayers.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

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✠ COMMUNION: SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

To the Giver of every good and perfect gift,
let us offer thanks through Jesus Christ.

With all creation, let us join heaven's song of unending praise:

Congregation:

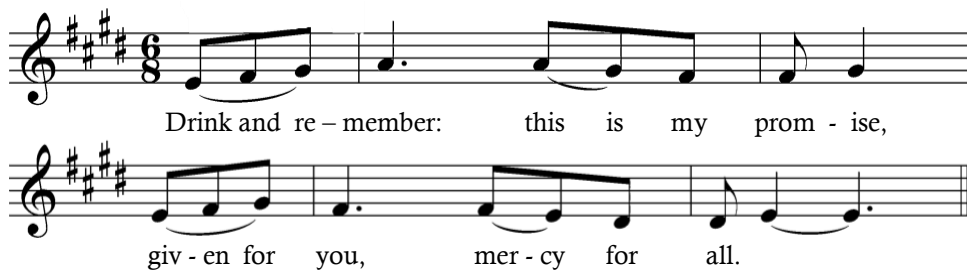
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Echo each sung acclamation as you are invited.

...Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it and shared it with his disciples, saying:

Eat and re - member: this is my bo - dy,
giv - en for you, life for the world.

... Jesus took a cup, gave thanks to you,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:



Drink and re - member: this is my prom - ise,
giv - en for you, mer - cy for all.

In our remembrance and in this meal,
reshape us by your Spirit, O God.
Fill our hearts to overflowing with Christ's life.
Unite us in bearing bread and love and hope to all.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The Spirit within us, Christ Jesus beside us,
we bless you, God behind and before us,
our praise but one part of the unending song. **Amen.**

Rooted and grounded in love, 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.

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

Jesus invites you to share this meal.
Come, be nourished in grace. **Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.

As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

Lamb of God

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. *Repeat*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#779



✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray: **God our table, our food, our server,
we give you thanks for this taste of the new creation.
Keep our hearts tender should we grow weary in love,
and unite us in Christ's commitment and care. Amen.**

✠ BENEDICTION

based on Romans 15:13

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in following Jesus,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

We Are All One in Christ

#643

✠ SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve.
We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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welcoming all.



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