
✠ Reformation ✠

October 26, 2025

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR LORD AND KING!

AS WE GATHER

Reformation is a celebration of our history and heritage, a heritage marked by the Word of God. But in the daily reformation of dying to sin and rising to new life, the Church avoids becoming a history museum. It is the Body of Christ at work in today's world. That Body is ours today in the Lord's Supper.

Guests: At Mount Olive, we confess Christ's words that the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Paul writes in 1 Cor.11: 27-29 that one may receive this gift to their detriment if they do not discern the true Body and Blood. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

Please fill out an attendance card in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.



OPENING HYMN

Glory Be To God The Father

LSB 506



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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OPENING SENTENCES

- P** You are all children of light, children of the day.
- C** **We are not of the night or of the darkness.**
- P** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
- C** **having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.**
- P** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ
- C** **have put on Christ.**
- P** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,
- C** **there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**
- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
- C** **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- P** For He is our God,

C and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

KYRIE — I

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Cantor

... let us
pray to the Lord:

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)

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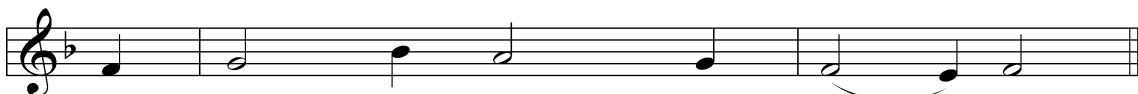
GLORIA

All Glory Be To God On High

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ALL sing stanzas 1,2,4 **Choir** sings stanza 3 **Interludes** between each stanza

1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through
child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -
gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has ended.
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!
Have mercy on us, a - men!
To this we hold for - ev - er.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Your Spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble, still our restless souls and gladden our hearts with the joy that is ours in Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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."

P 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter:

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So 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.

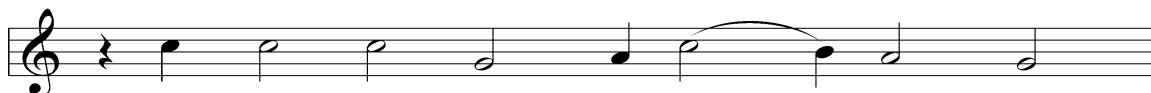


ALL sing verses 1,2,4 **Choir** sings verse 3 **Interlude** after verse 3

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 Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, 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 all be gone,



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

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 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 -

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SERMON

More Than A Museum Piece

Rev. 14; John 8

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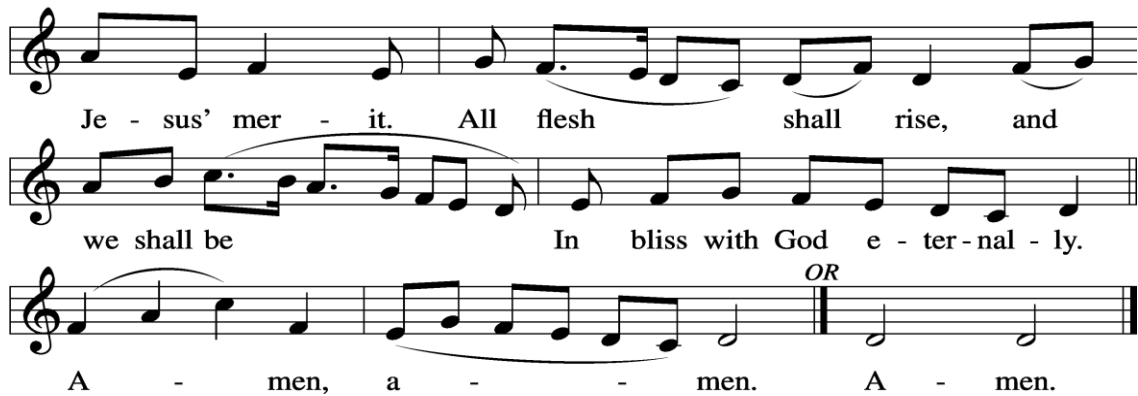
We All Believe In One True God

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Verse 1: Sunday School Children and Choir **Verse 2:** Choir **Verse 3:** ALL



3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high-est
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** ...let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also 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.

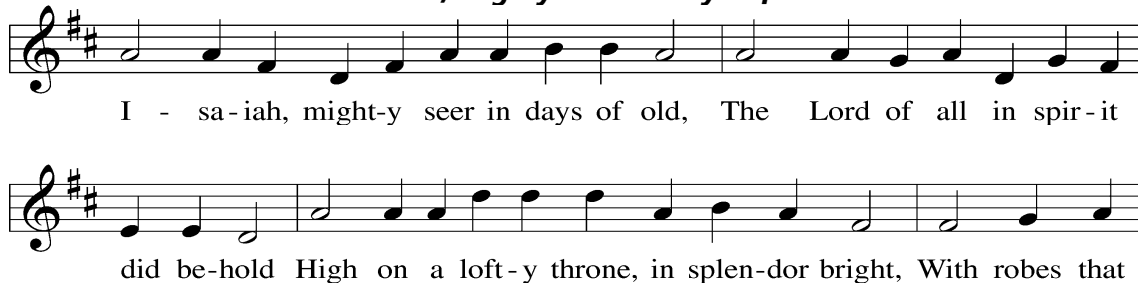
PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah, Mighty Seer In Days Of Old

LSB 960





filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!



Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of



Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels



trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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CONFESSION OF SINS *(adapted from the Church Order for Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel)*

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C I, a poor sinner, confess to God my heavenly Father that I have sinned grievously and in various ways, both outward sins and by innate blindness, unbelief, doubt, impatience, pride, evil lusts, avarice, envy, hatred, and malice. In many ways I have transgressed God's commandments and also as I cannot even begin to remember. I repent and am sorry for them and desire with all my heart the grace of God through His Son Jesus Christ, and I pray He would impart the Holy Spirit to help me amend my life.

ABSOLUTION

P The Almighty God has had mercy on you and by the merit of His Son's holy suffering, death, and resurrection, forgives you all your sins; and I, as an ordained minister of the Christian Church, announce to all who truly repent and who, by faith, place all their trust in the merit of Christ alone, and who intend to conform their lives to the will of God the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P To all who are impenitent and unbelieving on the basis of God's Word and in the name of Jesus Christ, I say that God has retained their sins and will certainly punish them.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Let us rather be encouraged by the testament of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ,...

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

Faith And Truth And Life Bestowing

LSB 584

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Lord of hosts, we thank and praise You for blessing us with Your body and blood. Still our souls and gladden our hearts so that we exalt You among the nations and throughout the whole earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

G The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

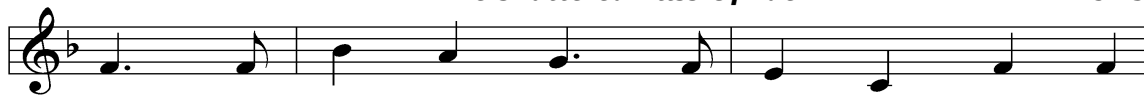
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**





1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the
 2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly
 3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a
 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents
 showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren
 God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond
 spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!
 learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.
 Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:
 cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly
 All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'ings Crest - ed
 Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of
 "Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y
 as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -
 Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would
 on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of



gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.
 ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.
 of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.
 bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you."

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
Known by saints around the
throne,
Where the Lamb, in closest union,
Lives to love and feed His own.
From His riven side forever
Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment
Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
Only You can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made
garments;
Clothe our shame and cleanse
within.

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P Go in peace. **G** **Serve the Lord.**

POSTLUDE

SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Officiant:	Pastor Dan Torkelson
Organist:	Trevor Magness
Elder:	Carl Koehler
Lector:	Dave Kral
Acolyte:	Ila Willenburg
Usher Team:	Dierks
Camera:	Lyle Christian
Audio/Visual:	James Fenske, Barb Koehler
Greeter:	Jeanne Kral
Altar Guild:	Lana Esch

About Today's Service

Martin Luther wrote the German Service in 1526 to give Lutherans a Communion Service in their own language with a strong teaching emphasis. To assist this teaching, the service deployed hymns in place of the main parts of the liturgy, three of which we are singing today. The German Service also was an important precursor to the Small Catechism, written three years later (1529). The German Service also enjoyed wide usage in European Lutheran churches for well over four centuries.

Today's Confession and Absolution is adapted from the Church Order of Braunschweig-Wolfenbuettel dating to around 1565. The entire Communion Service was one of the many local adaptations of Luther's German Service. A Church Order was a large document that served as a congregation's constitution, policy manual, and worship order. The author was Martin Chemnitz, often referred to as "the Second Martin," whose faithful work preserved Lutheran theology and practice for centuries to come.



