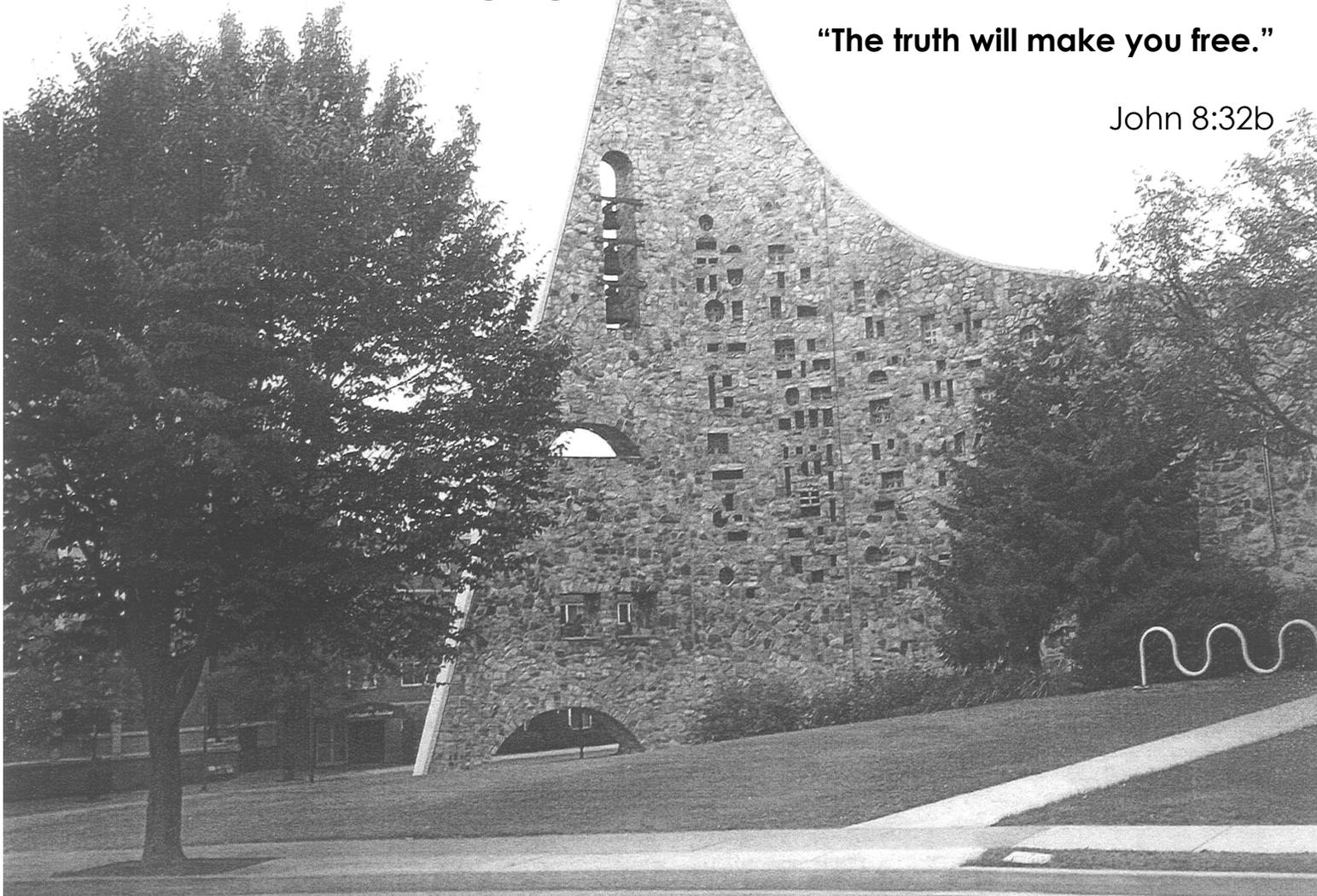


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John 8:32b



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ABOUT TODAY'S THEME... Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets. **The Second Lesson:** Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE

(8:30 & 10:30)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....Cor Kee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*.....ELW # 654

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

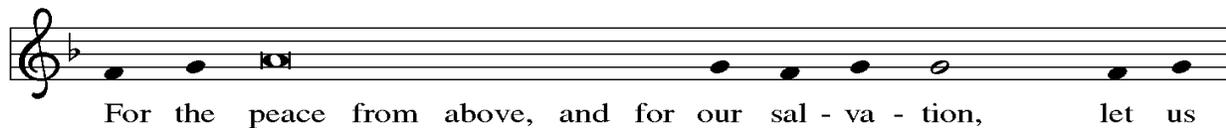
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(ELW p. 120)



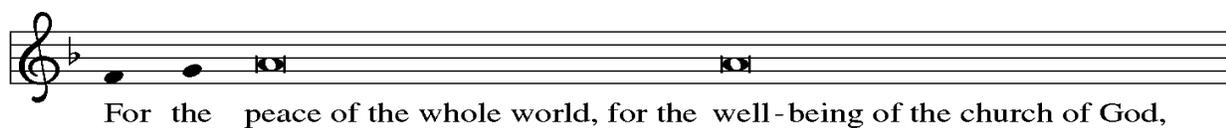
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



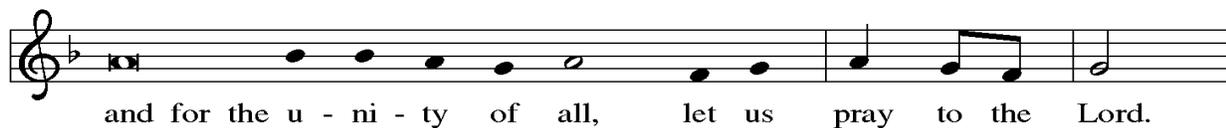
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



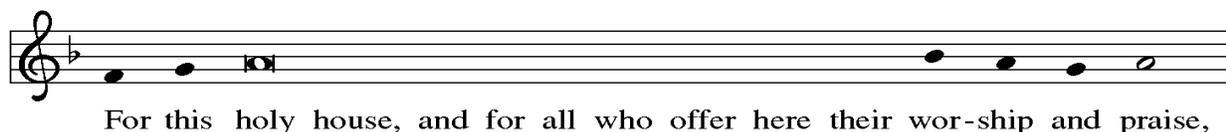
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



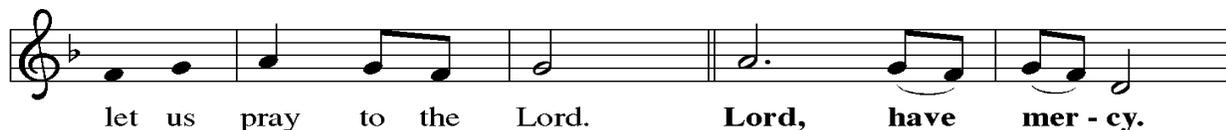
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



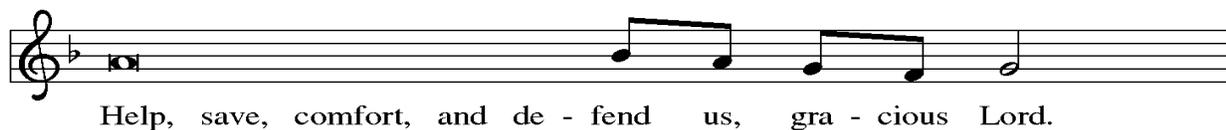
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 46 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

P: though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.**

P: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

SECOND LESSON.....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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood,

effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 8:31-36

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Pastor Schul

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*.....ELW # 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music is primarily homophonic, with block chords in the bass line and single notes or dyads in the vocal line.

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 Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 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.
 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word.....J. C. Bach

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that
 God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is
 calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
 you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our
 possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the
 world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus
 Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(8:30) **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.

C:

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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.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Now We Join in Celebration.....arr. W. Wold

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(ELW # 207)

C:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

C: Amen.

(10:30) **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.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(8:30) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....arr. A. K. Organ

(10:30) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....arr. W. Held



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At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Oct. 25, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
 Deb Baysinger's cousin
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
 Debbie Bolthouse
 Mary & Phil Bucher
 Dennis & Anna Carol Buffington upon the death of their daughter, Melanie Buffington
 Sandy Cassady
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart
 Denise Centini
 Nancy Chapa
 Scott Cocolin
 Carol Confer
 Cathy Cutter
 The Cutter family upon the death of Francis Poole Cutter, Les Cutter's grandmother
 William Davies
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders
 Steve Ellis
 Craig Evanego

Sue Forster & Ellis family upon the death of Sue's mother Eleanor Ellis
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 The family & friends of Michael Grego upon his death
 Marjorie Haller & family upon the death of Donna Siebenrock, Marjorie's mother
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 The family of Phil Keeney, upon his death
 Cindy Keith
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips
 June Krumrine
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 Tom Lucas
 Paul Mackes
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
 Dennis McClure
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh

Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller
 Amy Nevling
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe
 Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
 Sophia Reutzel
 Dottie Roberts
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
 Lance Schul
 Ken Shultz
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital
 Alice Griffin



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

On this Reformation Sunday please pray that Christ continues to reform our hearts and that he graciously draw us and his church closer to his life-transforming cross.

Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers "Drive-In Worship" each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices, as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

Pastors' weekly podcasts – We invite you to listen to Grace's new podcast, "A Pocketful of Grace," where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.



Wednesday Bible Study- Pastor Hetrick is currently offering a three week study entitled "All Creation Sings," as we celebrate God's beautiful creation in Scripture, music and reflect upon our role as caretakers. A print study guide will be available on our website. Audio and video based recordings will be available on our website and on our Faith Formation website, www.glcfaithformation.org.

Garden of Readin' Nov. 17 - The November meeting of Garden of Read-in' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, November 17 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *Call Your Daughter Home* by Deb Spera, co-facilitated by Linda Domin and Lois Lynn. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more info.

Masks Needed-Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 am by ZOOM

Join Us
as your schedule allows and
topics are of interest!

Adult Forum meets virtually, **9:30 - 10:30 AM** (Please note the new time!) Contact Dotty Delafield for link to the virtual meeting: readooodles@mac.com

On **November 1**, Green Team at Grace will visit with the Adult Forum sharing the work of the committee, what has been accomplished along with a look to the future. Please join us as you are able for learning and conversation.

Affirmation of Baptism
and Worship Service

Medlar Field at
Lubrano Park

Oct. 25, 2020 @ 1 pm



Grace Lutheran
State College PA

Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service

Join us TODAY at 1 pm at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park for our Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service. All are welcome. Communion will be offered.

After completing Grace's confirmation program, the following students will publicly affirm their baptismal

covenant today. Come out and support Carter Fozard, Adam Hallacher, Spencer Hardyk, Samuel Janik, CJ Kellogg-Long, Lauren Kellogg-Long, Sydney O'Donnell, Allison Peters, Andrew Pickering, Logan Proctor, Sara Proctor, Nina Sparrow, Jillian Stoltzfus & Matthew Weyandt. Support these youth as they take their next step on their faith journey.

Support Grace's Ministry: Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpc.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

FLU SHOTS AT GRACE ARE CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, flu shots will **not** be given at the church this year. I would encourage everyone to get their flu shot. You are able to go to any Drug Store, Sam's Club or your own physician's office. You can get your flue shot now, it usually takes about 2 weeks for you to get the optimal effect and it should last through the flu season. Do not put off this important health protection. The last thing we need is Covid-19 and the seasonal Flu.

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at sallykb@verizon.net.

Crop Walk Donations

The Crop walk is over but donations are still being collected. Donations of cash and checks may be dropped off at the State College Food Bank 1321 S. Atherton Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:00 am to noon. Donations may also be mailed to our Crop Walk Treasurer - Carla Rossi 262 Woodland Dr. State College, PA 16803 (***) Please consider converting any cash contributions to a check before dropping off collections. **Please do not mail cash, if mailing donations, please send only checks.** All donations need to be made by October 30, 2020.



It's time for Grace Lutheran's **Jared Box Collection!** Will you make a box? What is a Jared Box? A Jared Box is a plastic shoe-sized storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and fun activities. Each box contains items selected for a specific age and gender. The boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are filled with well wishes, hope and love.

We will have the plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists available. Pick up yours on Sundays 8:30 – 11:30 and Wednesdays 6:00 -7:00. Drop off your boxes at the same times. Dedication Sunday is Nov 22 – bring your shoebox back by then!

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing funding for this project!



Learn more about The Jared Box Project at: [http://](http://www.thejaredbox.com)

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Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or

marilynpeterson5@gmail.com.

We have started to collect for Blanket Sunday which is today. If you would like to contribute, you can give your donation to the usher at the Drive-In service, mail your check to the church office and place on the memo line "Blanket Sunday" or if you would like a Blanket Sunday envelope please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at (sallykb@verizon.net) and she will send you an envelope that can be mailed to the church.



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We Touch Lives

Healthy Harvest Speakers Series

ALSM is excited to share with you our virtual Health Harvest Speakers Series that will feature a variety of guest presenters sharing information on nutrition, safety, and overall well-being.

October 27th – 2:00 p.m. What Can I Control or Predict? Managing the Loss of Routine. Presented by Dr. Bob Skelly, Psychologist/ Program Director SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services

To register, please contact Andrea Schurr at andrea.schurr@alsm.org or 814.696.4516.

Prior to the presentation, you will receive your log-in information for the virtual session.

We look forward to "seeing" you soon!

FROM US TO YOU



Christmas Cards for Inmates

"Remember those in prison as if you were bound with them." Heb:13:3

Join with Grace and make a Christmas card for inmates.
Pick up a card and instructions from the cart outside the church doors.
M-F 8-2 and Sun at 8:30

Please return cards by Sunday, November 22nd.



Faith 5TM



SHARE a "high" and a "low" – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



READ from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



TALK about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



PRAY with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



BLESS with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

OCTOBER 25, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Christians form intimate communities of care.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-18	Love your neighbor as yourself
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Paul's life and work
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Moses is buried in Moab
Thursday	Psalms 90:1-17	God is eternal
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-25	Encourage one another
Saturday	Psalms 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, you call us to love you and our neighbor. Give us courage to see beyond our own needs so we can see the needs of others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us with your living word, we thank you for feeding us with this gift of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God watch over you and keep you safe that you may meditate on God's word day and night. (Psalm 1:2, 6)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold, How Pleasant

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who do you turn to in times of personal need? Why?
- Life can feel lonely at times. How do you overcome the sense of loneliness?
- The Christian community is present to love the world and to care for brothers and sisters in the faith. Talk or think about how Christians care for you.

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8.

Paul cares deeply for the church in Thessalonica. He says that Silvanus, Timothy, and he (1:1) care for the people "like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children" (2:7). Later he would add the metaphor of a father caring for his children (2:11). Paul and his missionary friends model a way of life for the church that deeply cares for the people. It reflects part of Jesus' Great Commandment that states, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). The heart of a biblical and Christian way of life is seen in the Great Commandment and in the way Paul and his friends model that love through an intimate care of others. Today different forms of small group ministries in the church seek to live in caring community through prayer, caring and supportive conversations (including correcting one another—see Leviticus 19:17), serving the needs of one another, and celebrating life together with a variety of rich and meaningful Christian rituals and traditions. How do you benefit from the love and care of the Christian community? How do you contribute to the care of other Christians?

Pray: *Loving God, we thank you for your parental care that feeds us and protects us. Give us the faith to care for and feed others with your love through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SERVICE

The theme throughout the daily Bible readings this week is that Christians form intimate communities of care. How are you part of a Christian community that shows care for one another? In what ways do you serve each other's needs?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Prayer, passing the peace, and blessing others are Christian traditions. Make a list of Christian traditions done in your congregation. What Christian traditions do you practice or would you like to do in your home? Think about the impact this can have on your faith and that of others in your home.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org