

Order for Worship  
October 30, 2022  
Reformation Sunday  
Affirmation of Baptism  
Communion

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

PRELUDE            A Mighty Fortress is Our God – Johann Nicolaus Hanff

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

**Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.**

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Just as the world continues to revolve and evolve, the church is called to move in new directions. Yet we do what we can to place brakes on change and silence newness. The winds of the Holy Spirit are still blowing in our direction, nudging us to move forward, but we have chosen to close doors, shut windows, and ignore its urging.

**Forgive us when we limit you, God, and when we place you and your ideas into boxes. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we incorporate the new winds and bold ideas even when we are set in our old ways and content with our monotonous routines. Amen.**

No matter how many times we have slammed the door on God, God continues to knock and wants us to answer. We are grateful for the saturating grace that God continues to pour over us.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN ELW 504    A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

#### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 594 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
with exultation springing,  
and, with united heart and voice  
and holy rapture singing,  
proclaim the wonders God has done,  
proclaim the vict'ry God has won,  
how precious was our ransom!

"What I on earth have done and taught  
guide all your life and teaching;  
so shall the glorious reign of God  
increase, the whole world reaching.  
Let none the gospel gift impede;  
I make you free; be free indeed!  
This final word I leave you."

#### OPENING PRAYER

*Please be seated.*

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

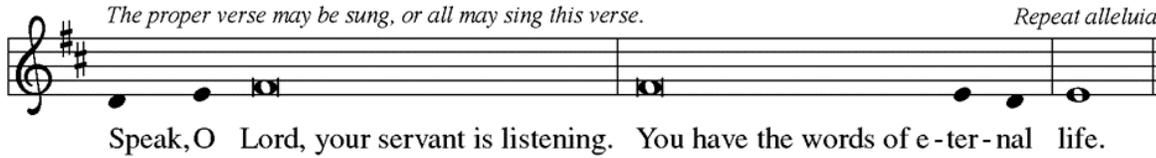
*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor introduces; congregation responds; cantor sings verse; congregation sings "Alleluia."



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE/PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation  
 is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 she is his new creation  
 by water and the word.  
 From heav'n he came and sought her  
 to be his holy bride;  
 with his own blood he bought her,  
 and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder  
 this world sees her oppressed,  
 by schisms rent asunder,  
 by heresies distressed,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping;  
 their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 And soon the night of weeping  
 shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union  
 with God, the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion  
 with those whose rest is won.  
 Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
 Lord, save us by your grace,  
 that we, like saints before us,  
 may see you face to face.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

ADULT CHOIR      My Faith Has Found A Resting Place – setting by Chuck Bridwell

OFFERTORY ELW 685    Take my Life, That I May Be

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

## OFFERING PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## WE SHARE THE MEAL CHRIST GAVE US

*Communion will be shared continuously. Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. You will receive the bread from the pastor and then be invited to take a pre-filled cup from the tray held by the communion assistant. Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice is in the purple cups. Empty cups can be placed in the bowls at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. All are welcome!*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION ELW 542 O Living Bread from Heaven

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and on your way together,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG ELW 511 Thy Strong Word

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!

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!

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

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

What God Ordains is Always Good - Paul Manz

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#### PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, David Mounts, Leah Crater, Steve Keyser, Sydney Crossin, Andrew Robison, Hailey Mientus, Silas Reed, Ruth Jadick, Pat Ernst, Janet Stees, Joan Miller, Pastor Jennifer Phelps, Kassondra Sowden, Paige & Peyton Seasock, Kathleen Casey, Barry Yoder, and Rebecca Henry.



#### **Congratulations to our Confirmands:**

Abigail Kathleen Carter  
Sadie Elizabeth Hanish  
Charlotte Maureen McNeill  
Ethan Scott Scharneck

## Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 1	7pm Member Engagement Meeting 7pm Book Club 7pm Great Songs of Faith Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, Nov. 2	10am Dwelling in the Word 7pm First & Second Year Confirmation Learning
Friday, Nov. 4	7pm YPO Hayride & Bonfire
Saturday, Nov. 5	9-11am Open Link Food Collection
Sunday, Nov. 6	9am Faith Formation 10:15am All Saints' Sunday 5:30pm Jesus 'n' Jammies AND Kids Rock

**Jesus 'n' Jammies AND Kids Rock** are exciting gatherings for ages 3-6 and grades 1-5 respectively. Ages 3-6 are welcome to wear their PJs. Come out and join the fun!

**Book Club—Tuesday, November 1st** - Our first Book Club gathering will be held on Tuesday, November 1st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be reading *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. All are welcome to join us for discussion and fellowship.

**YPO Hayride and Bonfire**, Friday, November 4th

**Blood Drive** There is a critical need for blood donations. We will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, December 2nd both are from 1-6pm. Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Please give, if you can.

**After two years The Cookie Walk is Back!** on December 10th during the Christmas Bazaar. If you can offer some time on 9th or 10th it would greatly be appreciated.

We are asking that each person bake 10 dozen of cookies. They can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday or early Saturday morning. Please fill out the form (narthex) and either email it or drop it off in the church office by Nov.15th.

**The Card Crew needs cards!** If you have greeting cards - Birthday, Thinking of You, Get Well, Christmas, blank... any cards to donate, please leave them on the table in front of the kitchen. Please join us for our next get together on November 17th (third Thursday of the month).