

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S. Greenville Avenue, Allen, TX

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Broadcast begins: 9:20 a.m.

Worship service begins: 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Congregation stands.

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

(A brief silence.)

Pastor: Most Merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

*(Service continues with the Gathering Hymn,
"Borning Cry," on the following page.)*

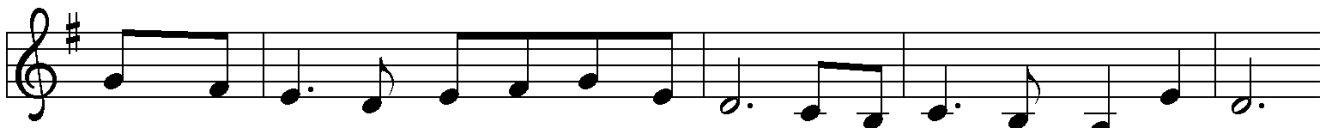
Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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

Kyrie ('Kyrie Eleison' means 'Lord have mercy.')

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen

Congregation sits.

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It 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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46:1-3, 11

*The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation reading the verses that are in **Bold** print.*

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

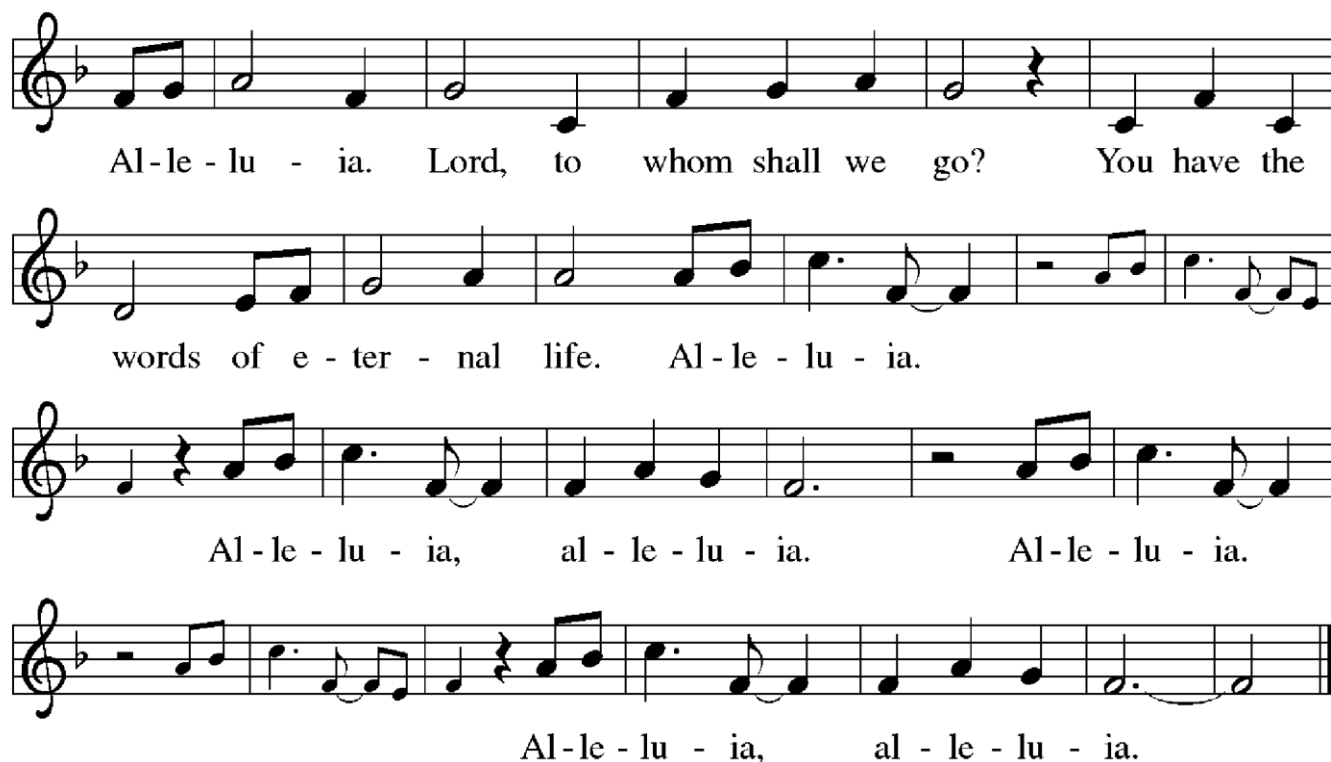
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

¹¹ **The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Gospel Acclamation

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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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They 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'?"

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Herreid

Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Herreid

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmands stand.

Assistant: I present Rowyn, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for the sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word of baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

C: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Assistant: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Assistant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

C: 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 pilot, 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 in the dead.

Assistant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
If so, say, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Rowyn: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Addressing the congregation:

Assistant: People of God, do you promise to support the sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

If so, say, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Assistant: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Pastor invites family and friends up to lay hands on confirmand as she reads her chosen verse.

Rowyn: Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Assistant: I present to you our newest confirmed member!

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Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

(A brief silence.)

Cong: Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor, especially Anna Presler. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: *(Here other intercessions may be offered by Pastor.)* . . . Hear us, O God.

Cong: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ.

Congregation shares the peace and then sits.

Musical Offering

“In This Sacred Moment”

Grubb/Martin

Chancel Choir

Alex Kirton, director/accompanist

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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Offertory Prayer

Assistant: 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.

Cong: Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Congregation sits.

*(Service continues with the Communion Hymn,
"Come, Let Us Eat," on the following page.)*

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,



come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,



Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Musical Interlude

arr. Alex Kirton

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Assistant: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Life in the Community of Faith

Congregation stands.

Benediction

*(Service continues with the Sending Hymn,
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”, on the following pages.)*

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 -
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
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?
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,
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.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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Dismissal

Assistant: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

arr. Alex Kirton

Thank you for joining us online!
We are glad you chose Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for your Sunday worship experience.

Presiding Minister: Rev. Cheryl Herreid

Assisting Minister: Larry Lutz

Church Musician: Alex Kirton

Guitar: Steve Secora

Altar flowers: Jesse & Kim Miller
in memory of Dad

Broadcast Team:

Rob Andrews

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