FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

Reformation Sunday

THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

I will speak of Your testimonies before kings,
O Lord and shall not be put to shame.

PASTOR'S GREETING

INVOCATION: (*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

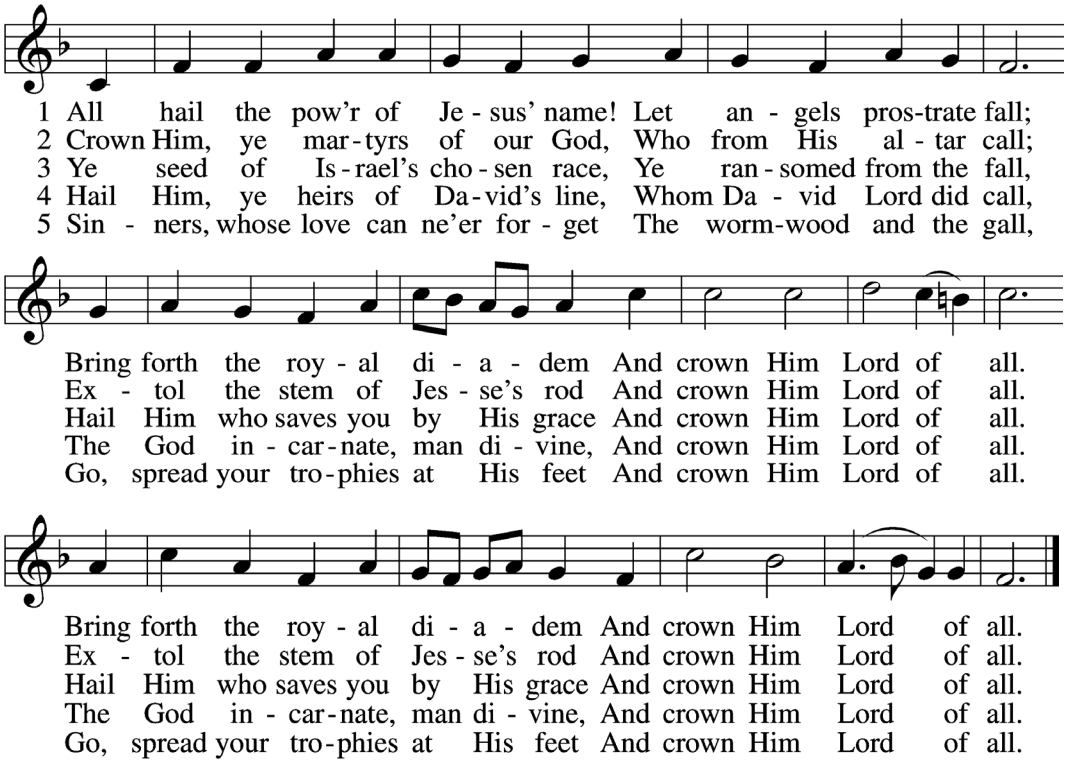
C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION *John 20:21*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME *LSB 549 STS.1-5*



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INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

C: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; Let the humble hear and be glad. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

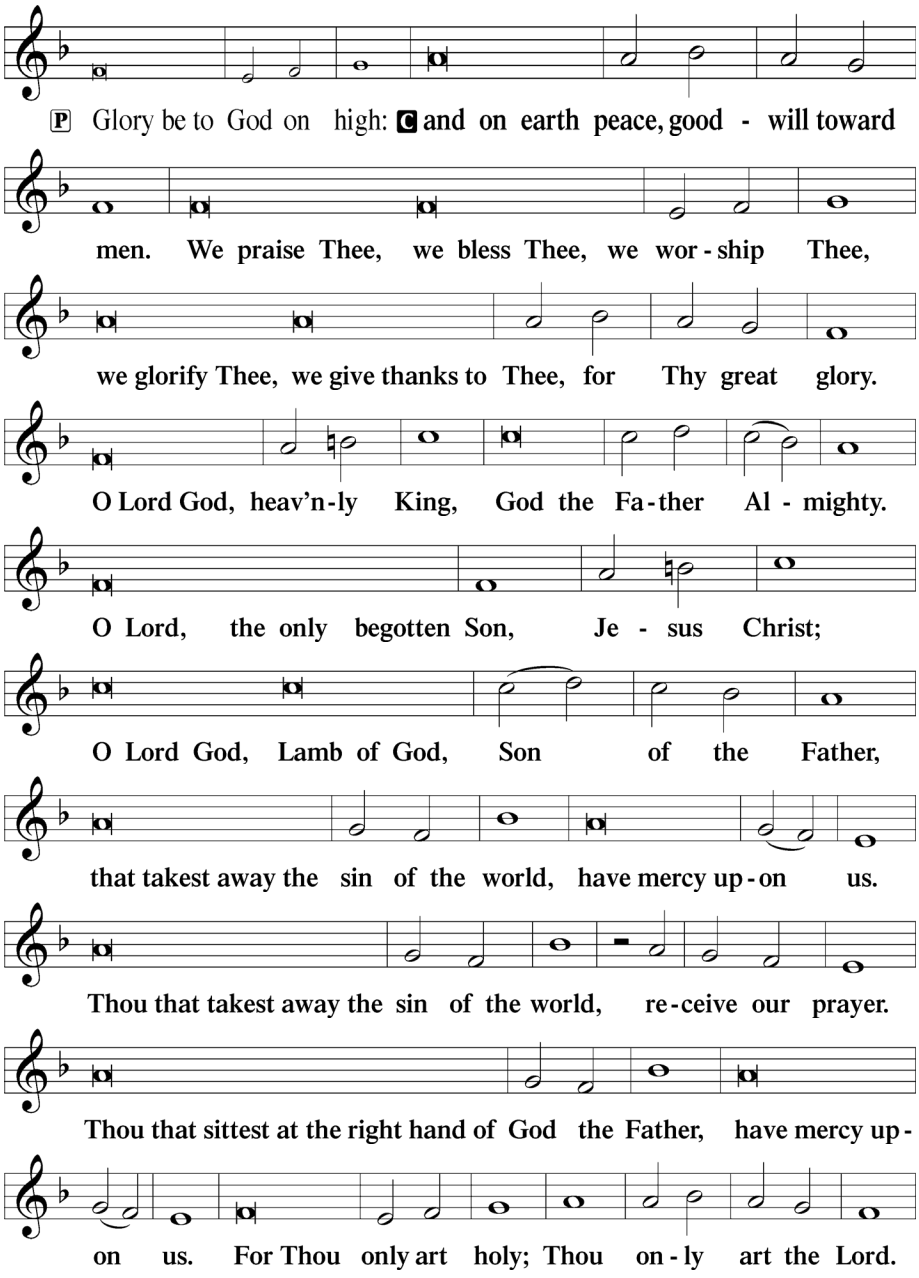
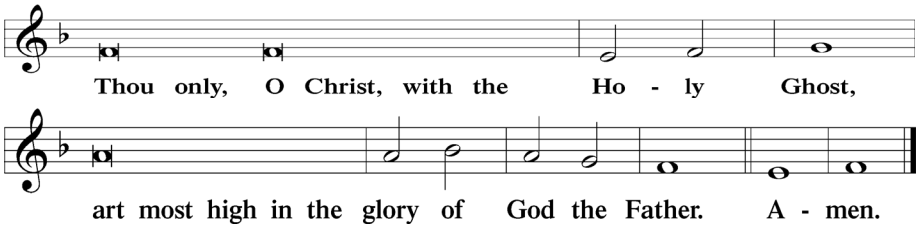
C: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

THE KYRIE *LSB 186*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187* *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray*: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION 14:6–7

Reader: Then 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. And 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."

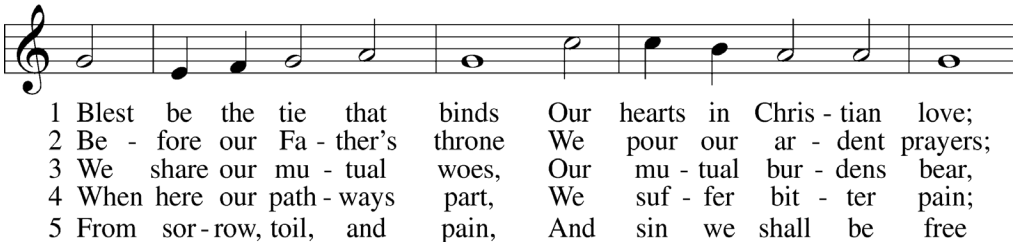
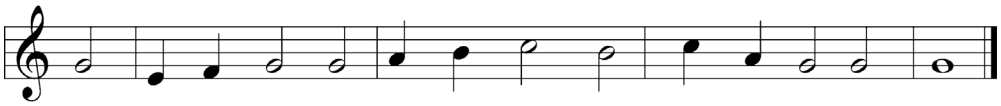
R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GRADUAL *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*

P: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

HYMN BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS *LSB 649 STZ.1-5*

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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THE EPISTLE READING FROM ROMANS 3:19–28

Reader: Now 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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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. It 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.

Then 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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

THE ALLELUIA VERSE *LSB 156* *Matthew 22:37*

All: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Reading of the Holy Gospel according Matthew 8: 5-13

C: Glory to You O Lord!

P: When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

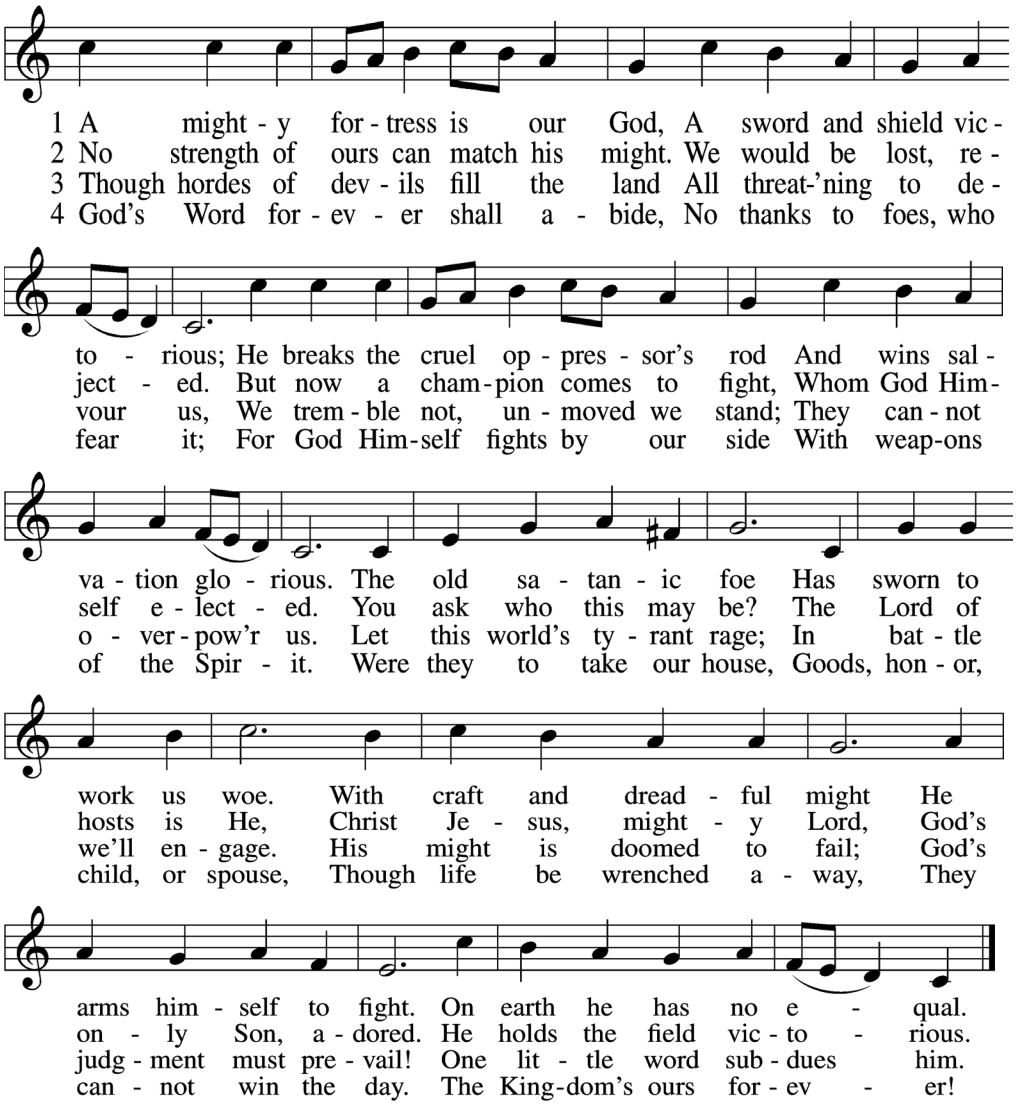
The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under

me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those following Him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

SERMON HYMN A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD *LSB 657 STS.1-4*

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SERMON

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C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(please email either Pastor or Betty with prayer requests)*

P: Having confidence in our justification by grace through faith and having access to the Father in Jesus' name, let us turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs.

(Silence)

O almighty God, You have shown Your faithfulness by raising up those in every generation who *call Your Church to repentance and renewal*. Continue to raise up voices in our own day who herald the truth of Your Word and proclaim the faith in purity and truth against all enemies. *Lord, in Your mercy,*

C: hear our prayer.

P: Everlasting Father, You do not desire the death of the sinner but want all to come to faith and life in Christ. Raise up faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without fail and teach the doctrine delivered to the saints, that many may hear and believe. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of power and might, You have established governments and the order of law for the protection of all people and to preserve the freedom to worship You in spirit and in truth. Grant our President; our governor; the Congress of these United States; and the legislature of our state wisdom, humility and integrity, that all may enjoy true justice and the protection of life from its conception to its natural end. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy and gracious God, Your power is revealed chiefly in showing mercy to those in need. Give to the sick healing, to the troubled peace, to the grieving comfort and to the dying peace. Hear us first on behalf of **Gerri, Inge, Victoria**, **Lori, Norma, Ed, and Pastor Wirtz, _____**

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and those we name in our hearts before You. According to Your gracious promise, grant patience to those in tribulation and trial. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O faithful Lord, throughout the ages You spoke hope through the prophets until that day when You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Bless those who are just learning the Gospel and bless us with the desire to know and keep Your Word. Encourage Your people to avail themselves of the grace of confession and absolution so that they may forgive one another and live in the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. *Lord, in Your mercy,*

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to serve You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Taught by our Savior 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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: *Let us pray*: For just as rain and snow fall from heaven and do not return without watering the earth, making it bud and sprout, and providing seed to sow and food to eat, so Your Word proceeds will not return to You empty, but it will accomplish what You purposed it for, and it will prosper. Grant that Your word would strengthen our faith and enliven our love for You and our neighbor, producing the fruits of faith according to Your will.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

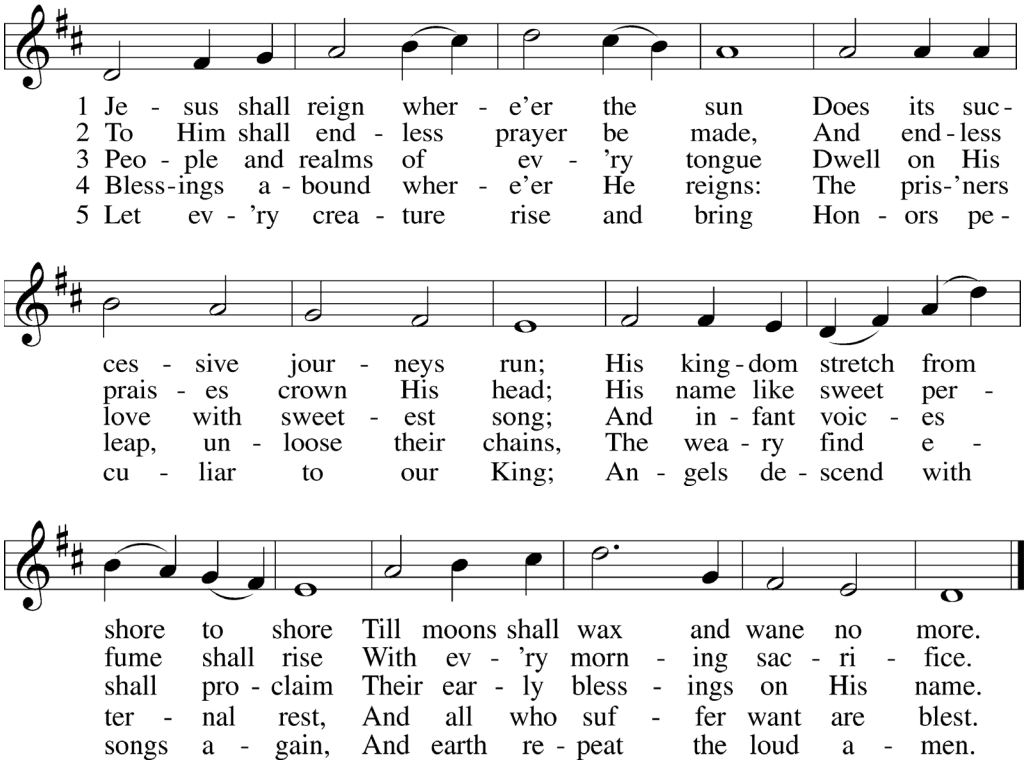
P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN JESUS SHALL REIGN *LSB 832*

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You may also contact the Church at 480-759-4047.

Pastor is available upon request for:

- Individual Confession and Absolution.
- A home visit with the Pastor (if someone is ill or in the hospital, call to arrange a visit).
- For communion or a prayer.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study on the book of Leviticus, chapters 5 and 6, on Friday morning at 6:30 AM, available in person at the Church and also available via Zoom. Email pastor for Zoom link.

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