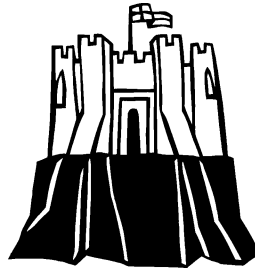


*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*



*God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*



HOLY COMMUNION

*Reformation Sunday
Solomon's Temple*

Sunday, October 31, 2021
8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress," BuxWV 184

Arr. Dietrich Buxtehude

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

OPENING DIALOGUE

P David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God.

Al His enemies surrounded him with warfare.

P The Lord has said that he will dwell in deep darkness,

Al And the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

Al And also with you.

P Let us pray.

While Solomon's temple could not hold your spirit O God, its history invites us into all the holy places in which we have and will call upon your name. Be with us in this holy place as we gather to worship and offer our thanks and praise to you. We pray this in all your holy names.

Al Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Today's narrative reading is from the book of First Kings:

^{5:1}Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. ²Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, ³You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'



^{8:1}Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. ⁴So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. ⁸The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the Lord.

¹²Then Solomon said,

"The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

¹³I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell in forever."

Word of God. Word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 11:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"My Heart, Ever Faithful"

Johann Sebastian Bach

My heart, ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is near. Away with complaining, faith ever remaining, my Jesus is here.

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

For your love and goodness:

We give you thanks O God.

P Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.

Al Amen.

*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*



MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Al And also with you.

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

Al And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Al We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Al It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord . . .

. . . be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Al Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

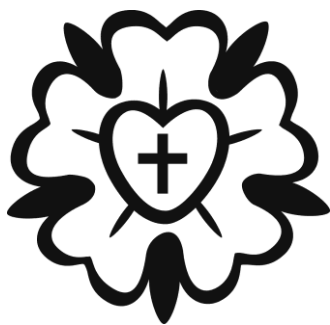
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

In the process of preparations for the 1829 centenary revival of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" Mendelssohn (1809-1847) became enamored of Lutheran chorales. He crafted choral settings (with orchestra) on eight of them. At this service we hear the opening solo version. His setting of Luther's text "Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglig" ("Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy"), written in 1831, was the only one he chose to be published. Luther based this prayer for peace (see Luther's text with the original tune in our hymnal, #784) on the 6th century Latin "Da pacem, Domine."

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



Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"Grant Peace, We Pray"

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, peace in our time, oh send us. For there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.

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

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Hymn 504
Stanzas 1 and 4*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress," BuxWV 184

Arr. Dieterich Buxtehude

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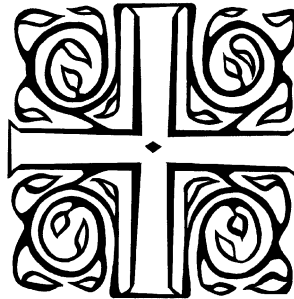
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Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>
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