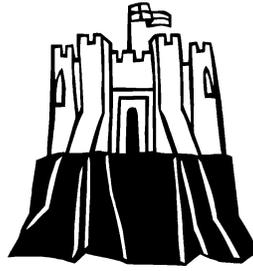


*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*

*Poet John Mason Neale (1818-1866) used
an eighth century Latin hymn as the base
of this hymn text. The tune is by Henry
Purcell (1659-1695), one of the finest
English composers of the late 17th
century.*

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



HOLY COMMUNION

*Reformation Sunday
Solomon's Temple*

Sunday, October 31, 2021
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress," BuxWV 184

Arr. Dieterich 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.

AI His enemies surrounded him with warfare.

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

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

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 645

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Stanza 1 – all, in unison; Stanza 2 – choir;

Stanza 3 – omit; Stanza 4 – all, in unison

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

AI 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.

AI Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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



The hymn began as a 13th century medieval "leise" (a piece ending with Kyrie eleis[on], "Lord, have mercy"). Luther thought highly of it and used it to create this hymn that was published in Johann Walter's Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, Wittenberg (1524). The full hymn is #743 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

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.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Medieval/Martin Luther

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 11:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

AD **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

In preparation for the celebrations (in 2017) marking the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg the ELCA encouraged congregations to highlight the theme semper reformanda ("always reforming") by using not only our historic treasury of hymnody but also the continuous creation of new Lutheran traditions throughout the world. Wilson Niwagila (b. 1940) composed "Gracious Spirit.." in 1965 to celebrate the merger of various smaller groups into the new Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The full hymn can be found in our hymnal, #402.

When Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was preparing for the centenary revival of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" in 1829 he became enamored of Lutheran chorales. He subsequently crafted eight choral settings with orchestra. 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 feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading"

Wilson Niwagila

SERMON

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Grant Peace, We Pray"

Felix Mendelssohn

(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.

AD Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

AD And also with you.

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

AD And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

AD We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) was the most famous composer in 16th century Spain. An accomplished singer and organist, he was also a Roman Catholic priest. In the spirit of ecumenism we opened today's service with a wonderful Anglican hymn and use this beautiful liturgical motet as a communion meditation.

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



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord . . .
. . . be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All 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.**

**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.**

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"Domine, non sum dignus"

Tomás Luis de Victoria

(sung in Latin): I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only speak the word and my soul will be healed.

(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.

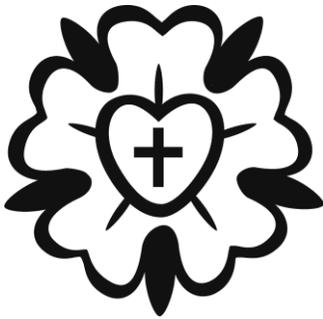
CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 504

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Stanzas 1 – all, in unison; Stanza 2 – all, in harmony;
Stanza 3 – choir; Stanza 4 – all, in unison*

A native of Czechoslovakia, Nelhýbel (1919-1996) studied at Charles University and the Prague Conservatory before coming to the United States and spending much of his professional career as composer and teacher at the University of Scranton. Most of his compositions are for concert band, brass ensembles and organ.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Arr. Václav Nelhýbel

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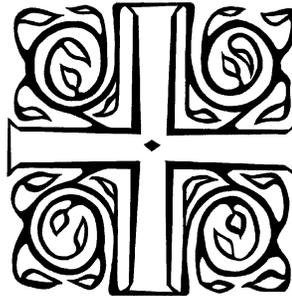
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Isaac Drewes	<i>organists</i>
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Bill Pederson, Joe Ellickson	<i>quartet</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>
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Bill Masche	<i>sacristans</i>
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Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Betty Reveling in loving memory of her twin brother Bruce. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.



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