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"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2024

### October 27, 2024

## **Reformation Sunday**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - Jacob B. Weber

#### LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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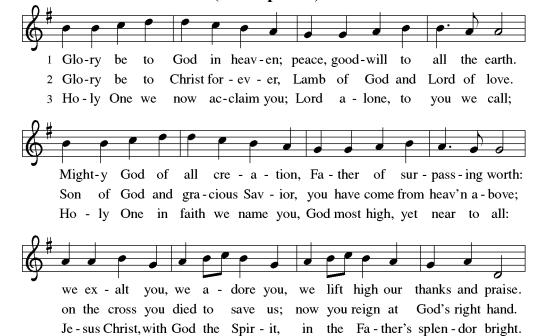
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#### \*GREETING

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.** 

### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)





Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.** 

# CHOIR ANTHEM Amazing Grace - arr. Donald Moore

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 46**

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-|y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought up-| on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all

who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



\*GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

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

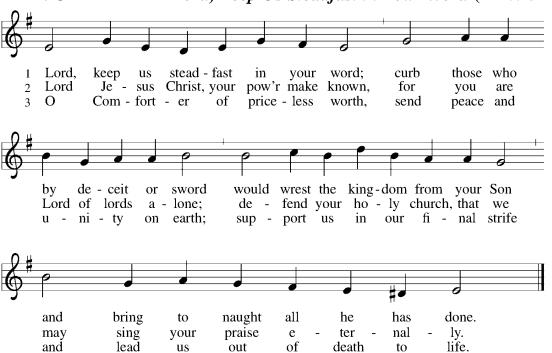
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON Action on the Edges!

### \*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

### HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

#### \*CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 Pilate, 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 and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

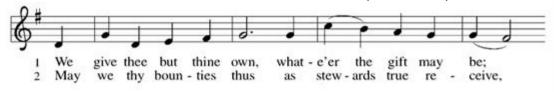
## \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

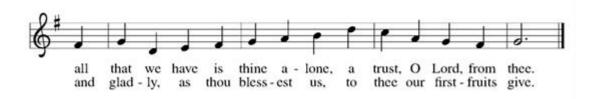
P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

## \*OFFERTORY We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)





Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### \*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 to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

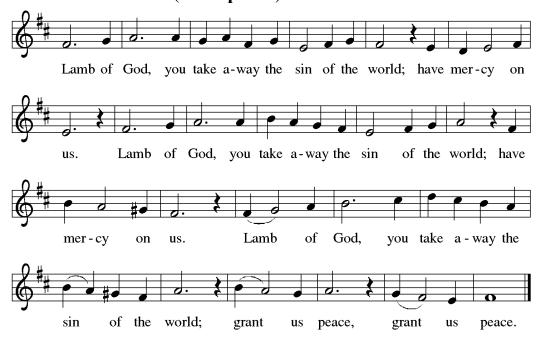
### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, this meal is for you!

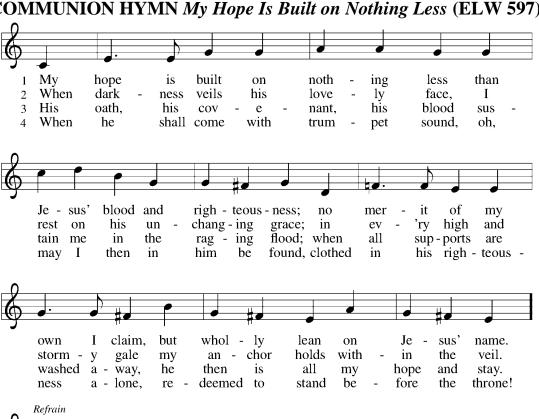
#### **COMMUNION**

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

## **COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)**



## COMMUNION HYMN My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 597)



Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is On sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful

bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

## \*SENDING SONG The Church's One Foundation (ELW 654)



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

#### EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

# POSTLUDE Ein Feste Burg - Richard Ellsasser

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Attendance last Sunday	

### **Glimpses of Vibrancy**

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Eucharistic Ministers/visitors*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in honor of our son and daughter-in-law, Mike & Karen on their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary given by Janice and Rich McEntire.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests for the following:** Family and Friends of Deanna Vance, Karen Wolfinger, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Judy Johnson, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Bonnie Hudson, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

October 28 - W&M 6pm

31 - Choir Practice 7pm

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is November 16<sup>th</sup>. Menu: roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans or corn, cranberry relish, applesauce, apple or pumpkin pie, roll, coffee, tea, and water. **Price:** Adults \$15.00, Children (5-11) \$7.00, Under 5 – Free. **Serving time** is 5:00PM – 7:00PM.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space. Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

**Hurricane Milton:** those wishing to contribute support for the Hurricane Milton disaster, please make out your check to Solomon's Lutheran Church, and put "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. All monies will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response.

**Power Pack Meals:** The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room. Please sign-up for as many as you can.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

# **Music Notes/Hymn Notes:**

This morning, we observe the 507<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It was on the church door at Wittenberg where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on October 31, 1517. That action led to a reform movement, resulting in the formation of national Protestant churches, among them the Lutheran Church.

Martin Luther is remembered as a great reformer, translator of the Bible, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. He was also a musician, with a wonderful tenor voice and skills on the lute. Luther wrote at least 36 hymns, but one of the most well-known is one you will hear and sing today in worship. Based on Psalm 46, "A Mighty Fortress" has probably been translated more frequently than any other hymn in church history. The hymn celebrates the sovereign power of God over earthly and spiritual forces, and the sure hope we have in Him because of Christ. There is evidence in many writings that Luther and his followers saw the hymn more as a song of comfort in the face of adversity, confessing Christ as the "Lord of hosts by name," and reminding us that "the kingdom's ours forever." Regardless, the hymn became very popular in Reformed Europe, and has been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation." Although there has been some debate on whether or not Luther borrowed the melody, most scholars now believe Luther wrote the melody himself.

There are two different versions in our hymnal (see #503/504). Both use the original melody, but #504 is the isometric version (repeated rhythmic pattern) which we use regularly. The other version (#503) is the rhythmic pattern, often more challenging to sing! During this morning's prelude, you will hear the rhythmic pattern, while the postlude uses the isometric version.

As Lutherans, we have a tremendous musical heritage. Lutherans love to sing. Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." (Robert J. Morgan). With that in mind, sing joyfully as we lift our voices in "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!" (Information from <u>Then Sings My Soul</u> (Robert J. Morgan); Wikipedia; REFORMATION: 50 Reformation Hymns: Chad Fothergill).

Today's communion hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less," was written by Englishman Edward Mote in 1834. It is said that as he was walking to work one day, the thought popped into his head to write a hymn on the "Gracious Experience of a Christian." As he walked up the road, he had the chorus, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." By the end of the day, he had four verses written out and safely tucked away in his pocket. Later that week, he visited his friend whose wife was very ill, and as they couldn't find a hymnal to sing from, he dug up his newly written verses and sang those with the couple. The wife enjoyed them so much she asked for a copy. Mote went home and sent it off to a publisher, saying, "As these verses so met the dying woman's case, my attention to them was the more arrested, and I had a thousand printed for distribution" (*Lutheran Hymnal Handbook*). Almost two centuries later, we continue to sing these words of hope and assurance, our declaration that in the midst of all trials and storms, we will cling to the rock that is our Savior. Originally the hymn was sung to the tune "Solid Rock," but in our hymnal and previous hymnals, we use the tune "Melita," also known as "The Navy Hymn." (Hymnary.org).

## 2024 Order Form



Anyone desiring to remember a loved one or honor someone with Christmas Poinsettias is asked to fill out the following form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with a check make payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church, marked "Poinsettia Order." Order deadline for **red**, **white**, **or marble** (**pink & white**) poinsettias is November 10, 2024. Cost is \$8.00. This is a 6 ½ inch pot (4-7 blooms)

# The Christmas Poinsettias in Memory and Honor of Family and Friends have been donated by:

	(name)		
	Red	White	_ Marble
Total amount enclo	sed	Total Po	insettias ordered
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Poinsettias must be taken home on Dec. 24th *after the evening service*. Extra order forms are available in the pamphlet rack at both doors.