

**All Saints Lutheran Church  
Albuquerque, NM  
Reformation Sunday  
October 29, 2023**



**Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. in person and Zoom**

**Prelude**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past ~ Healey Willan*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we struggle to follow you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are bound by sin that divides your beloved community.**

**Forgive us and help us to follow where you lead.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

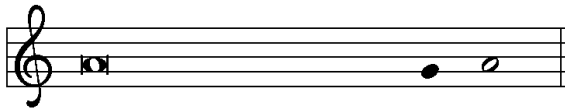
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

**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**

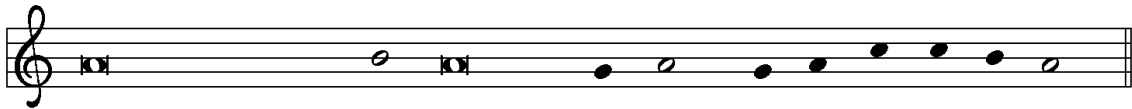
**Kyrie and Hymn of Praise**



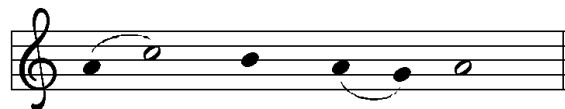
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



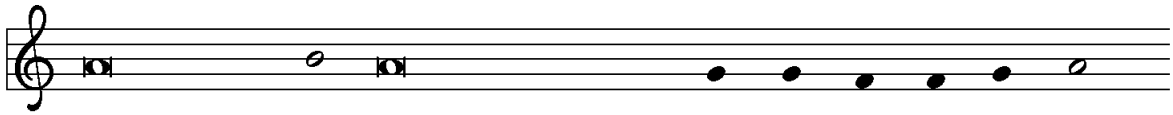
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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 us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us 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.**

### **First Reading**      Romans 3: 19-24, 27-29

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in*

*Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*From the First Nations Version bible translation.*

From these Sacred Teachings we can see that we Tribal Members have not followed our own tribal laws. Our Sacred Teachings have spoken against us, giving us nothing to say in our own defense, and proving that we, along with all the people of the world, stand guilty. And we must give answer to the Great Spirit for what we have done.

So then, it should be clear to all that no one can be in good standing in the eyes of the Great Spirit by doing what our tribal law says. What is clear is that the law shows us how bad our hearts have become and how broken our lives truly are.

But there is a way to be in good standing with the Great Spirit that does not depend on us keeping tribal law! Even our Law and the Prophets have spoken the truth about this. We can stand in a good way before the Great Spirit by trusting in Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One and what he has done for us. This good standing is a gift to all who believe. It does not matter whether you are a Tribal Member or from any other nation. We are all the same because all of us have followed our bad hearts and broken ways, but because of the gift of his great kindness all of us are put in good standing with the Great Spirit through what Creator Sets Free has done to set us free and make us whole.

There is now no room for anyone to brag or boast. Why not? Because the Great Spirit has given us a new kind of law, not one that depends on what human strength or desire can do, but one that depends on trusting in what Creator Sets Free has done. Here is another way to see it. Good standing with the Great Spirit does not come by following our tribal law but by putting all our trust in what Creator Sets Free has done for us. For is not the Great Spirit the maker of all people, not just our Tribal People? Yes! He is the Great Spirit of all Nations!

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 46**

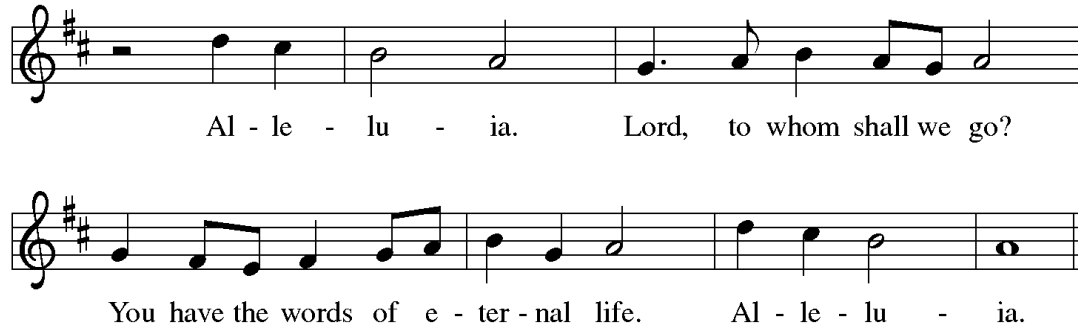
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God ~ ELW 503*

**Gospel Reading**

John 8: 31-36

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

*From the First Nations Version.*



The Holy Gospel, according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

Many began to trust in him as they listened to his words, so Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to the Tribal Members who believed in him, “If you walk in my footsteps and follow my teachings, you will truly be my followers. Then you will see and understand the truth that sets all people free.”

But they questioned him, “We are the descendants of Father of Many Nations (Abraham) and have never been anyone’s slave. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’”

“I speak truth from my heart,” he answered them. “All who walk in the broken ways of this world become slaves to their bad hearts. A slave is not a member of the family and will not always live with the family. But a son of the family always has a home. The freedom the Son gives you is the way of true freedom.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**                      *Built on a Rock ~ ELW 652*

**Affirmation of Faith and Reception of New Members**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ, and welcome these new members into the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all 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 Christ. **Amen.**

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

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

**With God’s help, I will continue 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?**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?  
**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

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. **Amen.**

### **Prayers**

*Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace,  
and you may respond, **hear our prayer.***

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.*

### **Musical Offering**

*Your Grace is Enough ~ Matt Maher (Grace Notes)*

*We are not passing the offering plate; instead, the plate is sitting near the door to the worship space to receive financial gifts which support our ministry. You can also give using the Vanco App. on your digital device.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*We Are an Offering ~ ELW 692*

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of power, **God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**



## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...  
join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Holy Communion

*You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn**

*By Grace We Have Been Saved ~ ACS 1006*

**Blessing after Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Benediction**

The God of steadfast love,  
Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past ~ ELW 632*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Toccata ~ Leon Boëllmann*



## Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here! Our gathering is made more complete by your presence, and we hope that you are gifted by Christ among us, as well. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask as usher or someone who looks like they know what they are doing.

## Who Can Come to the Meal?

You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at the table, whether you are a guest or a member, believer or doubter, at any age. God offers this meal to you so that you will know you are loved and invited into the community of God's people. We believe this meal transforms us together into the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

## How Do I Participate in the Meal?

The usher will direct your row to come forward down the center aisle. If you cannot come forward, please let an usher know, and we will come to you. The pastor will give you a piece of gluten free bread, then the assisting minister will serve you wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup. Return to your seat down the side aisle.

## Children

Children are always welcome in worship at All Saints! There is a children's space in the church, and you can also pick up activity bags for children at the door to the worship space to take to your seat.

## Rest Rooms

Men's and Women's rest rooms are located in the hall south of the sanctuary (to your right as you sit in the church). Family/non-gender rest rooms are located down the west hall behind the kitchen.

## Assistive Listening

If you require assistive listening device, please see the ushers or pick one up from the sound board at the south of the sanctuary.

## Offering

We collect an offering of financial gifts at the entry to our worship space, symbolizing our response to God's generosity, demonstrating that our money is meant to serve God. We use this offering to fund our ministry here at All Saints, we well as sending some on to fund ministries in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America of which we are a part, and other local and global ministries. All Saints has a strong tradition of generosity – we invite you to join us as we offer ourselves for the sake of the world!

## Fellowship

We share fellowship with coffee, tea, and snacks after each worship service. Please join us – we'd love to get to know you.