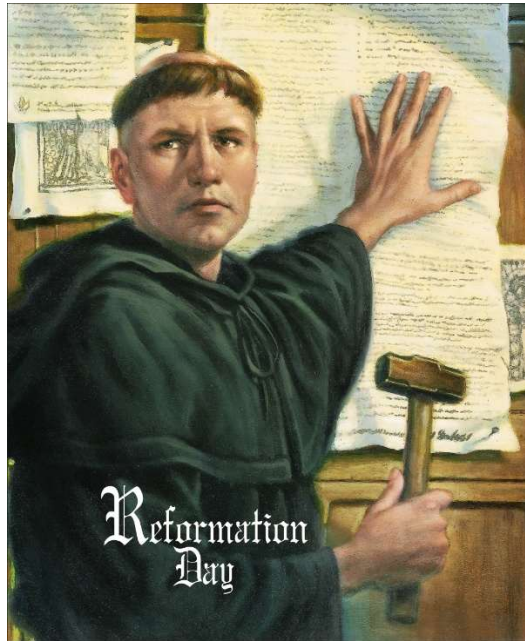


Welcome to Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church

Sun City, Arizona



Service of Holy Communion

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

Mission Station

To be a congregation that puts the love of Christ into action from one generation to another
and from our community to our world.

Order of Worship

+ denotes please stand in body or spirit.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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 to the Lord.

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P To you, O God,

C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

+ **Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

+ Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen, amen.

+ Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A 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.

C Amen.

First Reading

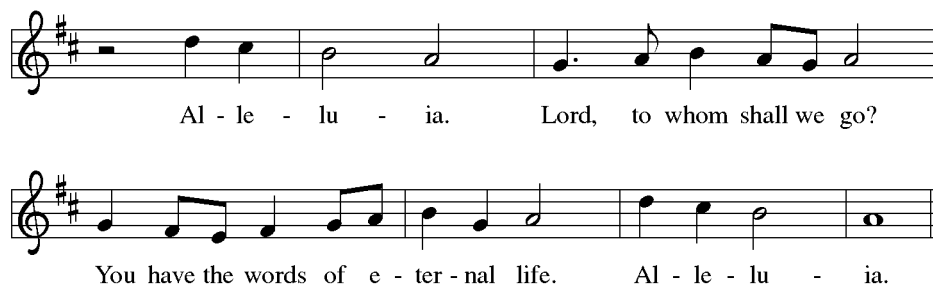
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm of the Day Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our ref-^l uge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^l y of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth^l melts away.**
- ⁷ The Lord of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works^l of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up-^l on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that^l I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth."**
- ¹¹ The Lord of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.

Second Reading Romans 3:21-28

+ Gospel Acclamation



+ Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

Message

+ Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

+ Apostles' Creed

A With the whole Church let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy *Spirit*,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried:
He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; From thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy *Spirit*; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The
Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

Each petition ends: A Hear us, O God.
 C Your mercy is great.

+ Share the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Choir Anthem

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Shepherd's Choir

+ Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ Prayer at the Table

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

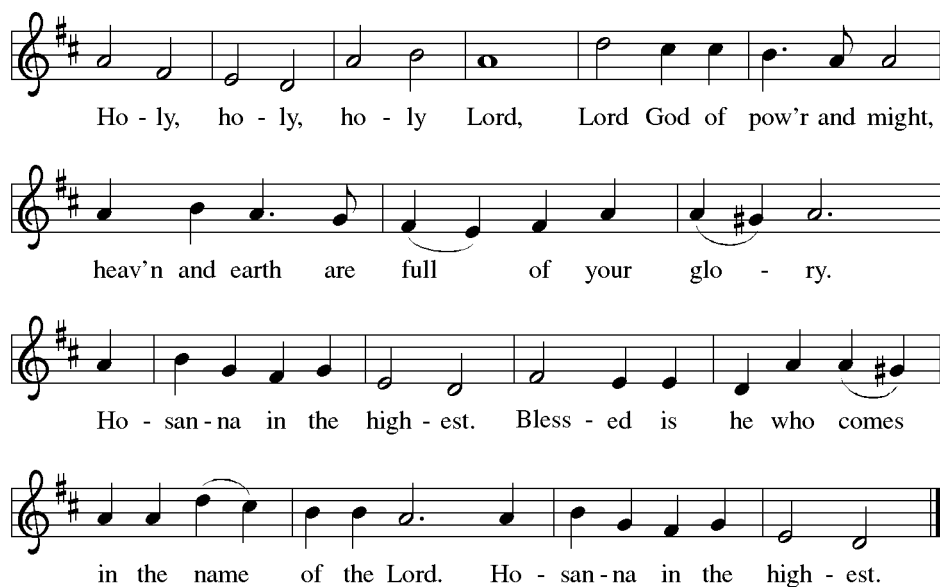
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and 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.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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.

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C 
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with
gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.

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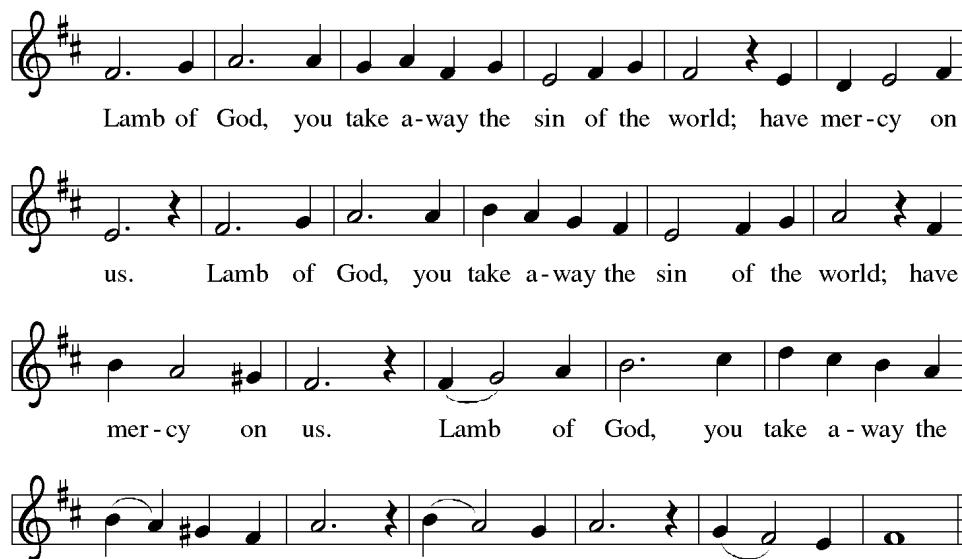
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

P There is a place for everyone at the Lord's table. All of you are welcome.

All wafers are gluten free. Wine is red. Juice is gold.



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.

+ Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

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

C Amen.



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

We pray especially for our Eucharistic ministers who go forth to share the gifts of this meal with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound, or isolated. May those who carry these holy gifts, and all who receive them, know the comfort of your presence and the strength of our shared faith.

Make us all living signs of your healing, grace, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

+ Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen.



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyr, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

+ **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude