

CROSS OF GLORY

Lutheran Church & School



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026

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Sunday 9am Worship

GROWING IN FAITH — LIVING IN GRACE — SHARING HIS GLORY

Welcome to our Worship Center

*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament.
As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

WORSHIP FOCUS



The cartoon character holds a sign saying, "The End Is Near." For Christians, this is not a message of fear. Instead, it is a message of watchful hope. Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end. Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the Word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready. **"The Beginning of the End"** reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and toward Christ's return. For believers, that end is truly a beginning.

Our path through the last weeks of the church year is:

Oct 4	Speak Truth to Power	Nov 1	Focus on the Future
Oct 11	Invite the Unworthy	Nov 8	Watch for the Final Events
Oct 18	Give to God What is God's	Nov 15	Put Your Affairs in Order
Oct 25	Stay Steadfast	Nov 22	Hope for the best

Jesus told his followers, "You will be hated by everyone because of me" (Matthew 10:22). So, the time between Christ's first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example: Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do just that, both political and religious leaders wanted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes our unfailing reliance on the Word of God. We give unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith.

VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

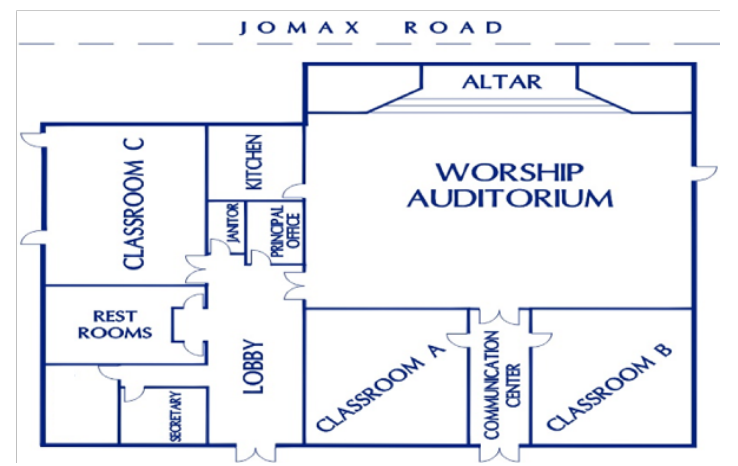


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Emailing us at church.secretary@crossofglory.org

CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- Children in Church Program: Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

THE FESTIVAL OF REFORMATION

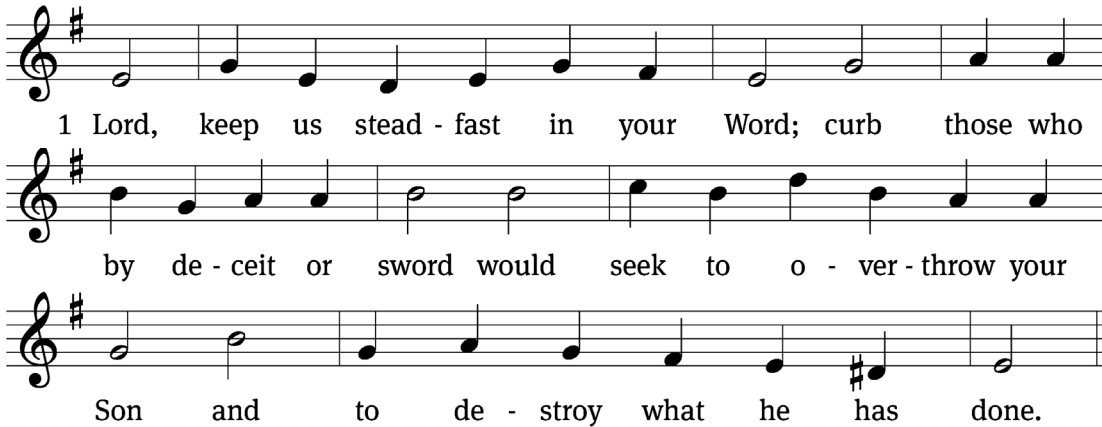
GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

(CWH862 SUNG RESPONSES)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATION SINGS:



1 Lord, keep us steady in your Word; curb those who
by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your
Son and to destroy what he has done.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: for they are ever with me.

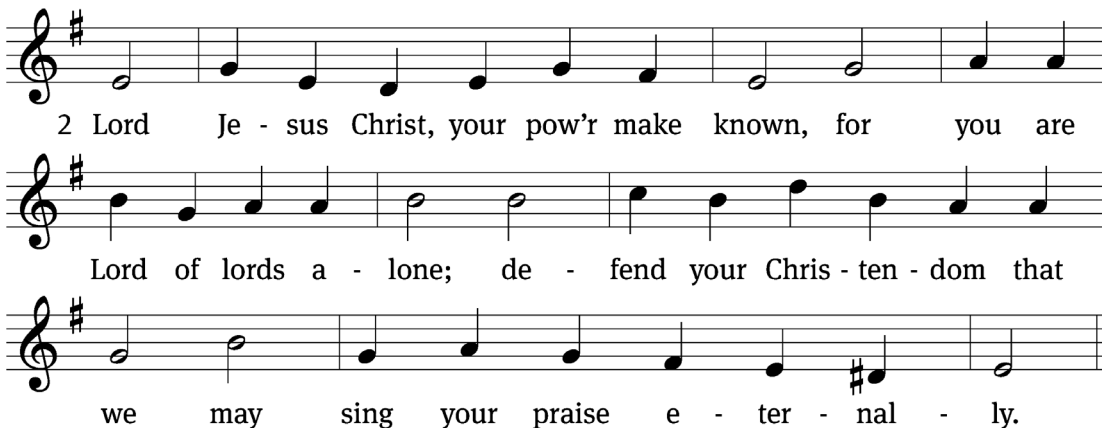
M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

CONGREGATION SINGS:



2 Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are
Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that
we may sing your praise eternally.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this Reformation worship service focuses on the Word of God, its steadfastness and its power to bring us to faith.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. "

(1 John 1:9)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ENSEMBLE SINGS:

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.*

M: God gave his Word so "That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who
by de - ceit or sword would seek to o - ver - throw your
Son and to de - stroy what he has done.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(SPOKEN BY MINISTER)

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.



Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel demonstrated steadfast faith and prayed to the Lord.

¹⁰Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

¹²They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."

¹⁶Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

¹⁹At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

²³Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

JR. CHOIR

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SIT IN FRONT WITH PASTOR)



*God justifies those
who have been given
the gift of steadfast
faith in Jesus.*

SECOND READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

²¹But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, ²³because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

CHOIR

I SET MY HOPE

MATT BOSWELL, MATT PAPA & KEITH GETTY/ARR. MARY McDONALD



*The Lord keeps us
steadfast and faith-
ful through times of
persecution.*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10:16-23

¹⁶"Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

²¹"Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by all people because of

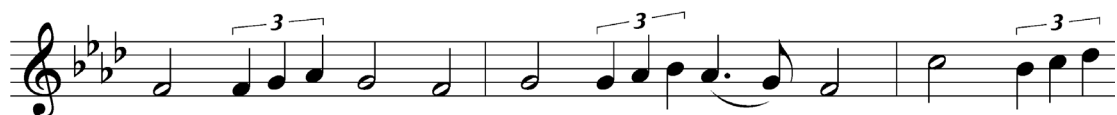
my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

HYMN OF THE DAY: THY STRONG WORD

CWH 630



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



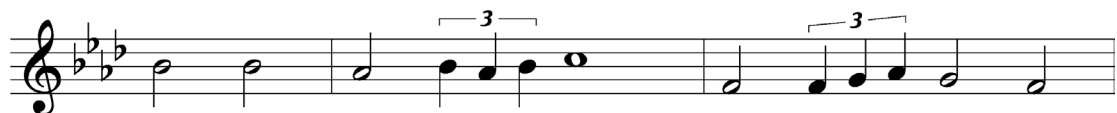
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.

APOSTLES' CREED

(SPOKEN IN UNISON)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living 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.**

SONG OF THE SEASON: EVERY PROMISE OF YOUR WORD



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the
2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con - dem -
3. When I'm faced with an - guished choice, I will
4. Hope that lifts me from des - pair; love that

set - ting of the sun, I will
na - tion press - ing in, I will
lis - ten for your voice, and I'll
casts out ev' - ry fear, as I

stand on ev' - ry pro - mise of your Word.
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Words of pow - er, strong to save, that will
 You are faith - ful to for - give that in
 Through this dark and troub - led land you will
 Not for - sa - ken, not a - lone, for the



nev - er pass a - way, I will
 free - dom I might live, so I
 guide me with your hand as I
 Com - for - ter has come, and I



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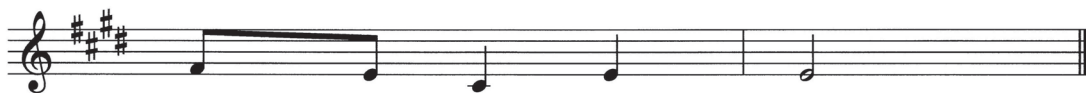
For your co - ve - nant is
 Guilt to in - no - cence re -
 And you've pro - mised to com -
 Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for



sure, and on this I am se -
 stored, you re - mem - ber sins no
 plete, ev' - ry work be - gun in
 me, grace for all! I do be -



cure I can stand on ev' - ry
 more so I'll stand on ev' - ry
 me. So I'll stand on ev' - ry
 lieve! We will stand on ev' - ry



pro - mise of your Word.
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OFFERING

(SPOKEN BY MINISTER)

*If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church,
 please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entranc-
 es to the sanctuary either before or after the service.*



*Offering: The gifts
 of Gods people are
 a response to God's
 blessings. If God has
 moved you to thank
 him in this way, you
 can use this QR code
 to give an offering.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY)

M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you that great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

C: Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you this day the reformers and confessors who faced the terrors of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

C: Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you this day your faithful followers of every age, among them our own mothers and fathers, our own pastors and teachers, and the leaders in our synod by whose faithful witness the gospel of your grace has reached us and still guide us today.

C: Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord. May we carry out our ministries according to the Word we have believed and learned.

M: With grateful hearts, O Lord, we remember before you this day our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

C: Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord, to carry on their work in this day, trusting your Son holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up by everlasting joy.

*We speak to God as
our Father as Jesus
taught us.*

(Matthew 6)

LORD'S PRAYER

(SPOKEN IN UNISON)

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

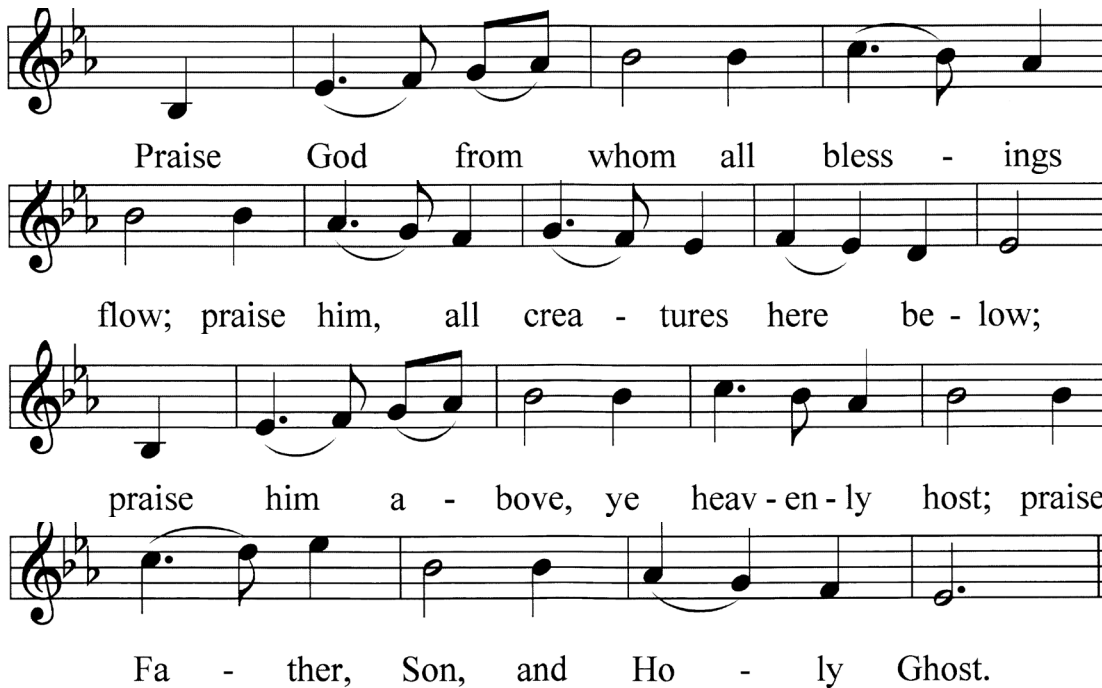
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(RESPONSE SUNG BY CONGREGATION)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

SUNG BY CONGREGATION:



Praise God from whom all bless - ings
flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

ENSEMBLE

REFORMATION SONG
CONGREGATION JOINS FOR VS. 5

*Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build.
In ev'ry line the truth is found, and ev'ry page with glory filled.*

*Thro' faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone. Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

*In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied;
his perfect work has set us free. (Refrain)*

*By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)*



In the Blessing and Response, the minister speaks a summary of Ephesians 1. The congregation responds by singing the doxology (song of praise). Finally, the minister speaks the Apostolic Blessing. This is the blessing which the apostle Paul spoke as he concluded his second letter to the church at Corinth.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

5 And on this Ref - or - ma - tion Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glo - ry to Christ our gra - cious King.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

Repeat final refrain.

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The continuing purpose of this congregation as a gathering of Christians is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.