



## Prayers

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Joan Kraft, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Maleyna Klinedinst, Gerry Steg, Shirley Watkins, Clara Westphal, Philip & Marie Kramer, Betty Hedgepeth, Lynda Gehrig, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, and Cynthia Kraemer

**For family & friends:** Doug Adams, Doris Klug, Olivia Route, John Miller, Norma Weber, Marie Pilachowski, Pastor John Burk, Alan Fox, Charles & Pat Frank, Mike Fischer, Joann Kloby, Nancy Snyder, John & Patty Bowman, Kathy Amos, Farron Steel, Debbie Hutschenreuter Tello, Darlene Koch, Kathy Barnes, Roxann Kelly, Harriet Miller, Terri Busby, Ms. Linton, Pam Harmen, Linda Asplin, Michael Shields, Anna Meyers, Barb Collins, Donna Von Holten, Randy Powell, Wilson Family, Pat Ruby, Marty Wagner, Marrino Family, Karen Ehrenberg, Thelma Stavis, Ronnie Borsella, Jr., The Nealon Family, Mary Hohne, Brady Stinson, Trevor Heinrich, Audrey Miller, Jimmy Carroll Johnson, Frank Scoville, Joel Smith, David Sizemore, and Linda Fliegel

**For the military and their families:** Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Ann Oakes

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Alma Arnold, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Paul Huber, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Ann Powell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Helen Vaccarino, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal



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# Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020



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REFORMATION SUNDAY

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Recessional on "Ein feste Burg"

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GATHERING HYMN A Mighty Fortress is our God (vv 1 & 2) 504

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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

Restroom access is available in the Smith Building for emergency use during today's worship service.



We will begin taking altar flower dedications beginning November 1st. The dates available are: November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, December 6th, 13th, 24th and 27th. If you would like to sponsor the flowers on any of the above dates, please contact Rachel Hills at rm\_hills@yahoo.com or call the church office at 410-665-1234.

Next week is All Saint's Day. We will be celebrating All Saint's Sunday in the worship space at 10 am. Please call the church office by Friday, October 30th to make a reservation.



Pastor John will be offering three Zoom Bible Studies.



- November 11th at 10 am – What Does the Bible and the US Supreme Court have in Common?
• December 9th at 10 am – Advent-Biblical Sources
• January (tba) – The Year of St. Mark: An Overview

Contact the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org to sign up and we will send you the Zoom link.

Social Ministry is participating in the Shoebox Program in partnership with the Community Assistance Network. The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children who are in need for Christmas. Items needed are: individually wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste, matching hats and gloves, small toys that will fit in a shoebox and shoeboxes. Thanks for your support.



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The Altar Guild is holding their Christmas Poinsettia sale. If you would like to purchase a plant to be dedicated to your loved one, please fill out an order form and mark "Altar Guild" on your envelope. Order forms are available in our Weekly News, on our website, in the newsletter and in the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th.



Thanks to everyone who supported the Busy Bee's Jelly and Jam sale. We are happy to announce that we have some jellies and jams left. If you are interested in purchasing some, call the church office. They make great Christmas gifts. Get them quick before they run out!

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God (vv 3 & 4)*

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3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.	4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!
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#### DISMISSAL

Now that we have heard the story and know the story...

**Let us go into the world to tell the story and live the story!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
On Saturday night set your clocks back one hour to  
"fall back."**

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they shall be my people. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm is read responsively. The assembly speaks the bold print.*

#### PSALM

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**  
though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.  
**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**  
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.  
**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### ANTHEM

*In Christ Alone*

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**SECOND READING**

**Romans 3:19-28**

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. 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. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.**

**COMMUNION** *(Instructions to be given for distribution)*

*The assembly is seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD**



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** *This Little Light of Mine*

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**1** This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

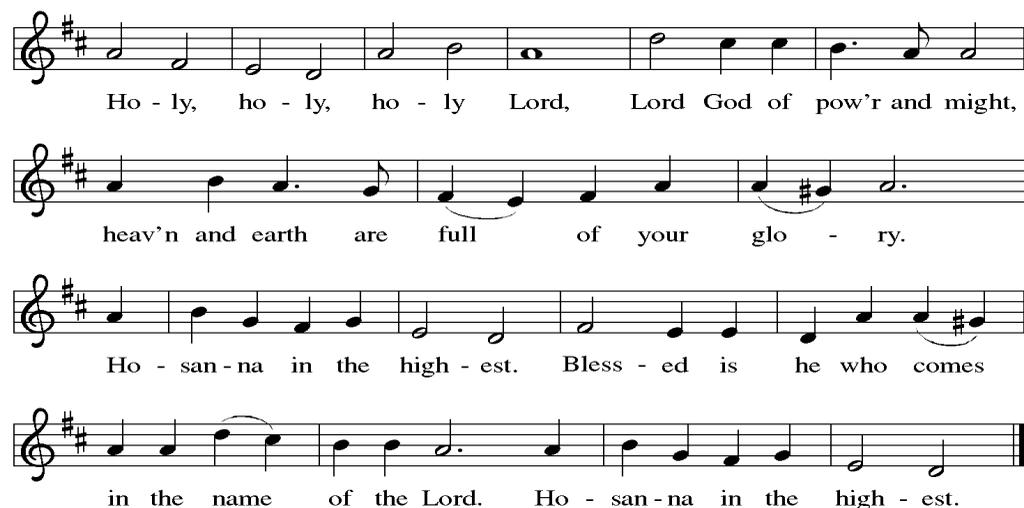
**2** Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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



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.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command....  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

### CONFIRMATION HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**
- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

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### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

#### PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Confirmation Teachers.: We present Emily and Johanna, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

P. Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold 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.**

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you 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,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

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.**

#### AFFIRMATION

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

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?

*Each person responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*(Confirmands kneel)*

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.

*(Family may extend arms in blessing)*

God, our Creator in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her* faith, guide *her* life, empower *her* in *her* serving, give *her* patience in suffering, and bring *her* to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition* Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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

*(Spoken in place)  
(Waving is permitted)*

#### MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(Offering brought forward)*

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**