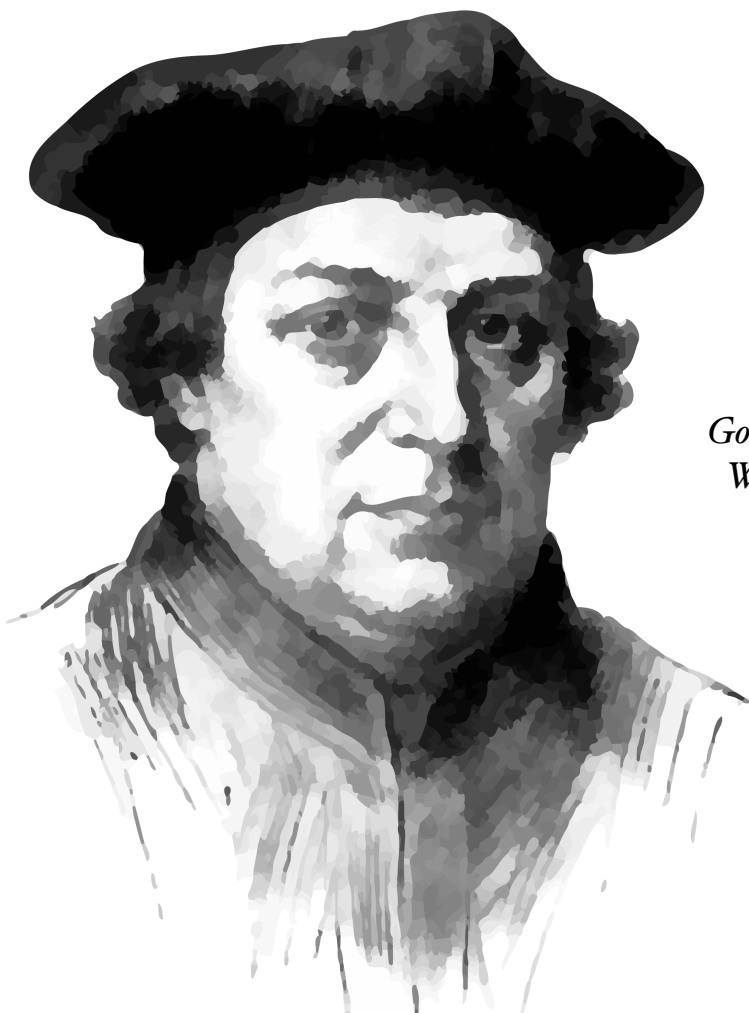


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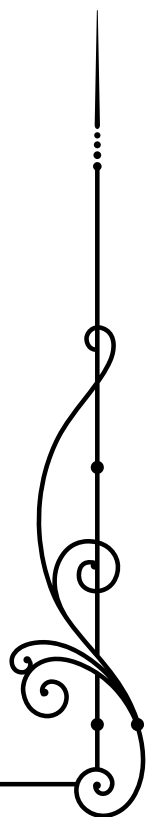
*Here We Stand – Together*



*God doesn't love us because of our worth.  
We are of worth because God loves us.*

- Martin Luther

Reformation Sunday  
October 25, 2020  
East King County Cluster  
Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA



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Welcome!

Those involved in leading worship today:

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**, Bellevue  
Pastor Dave Thomas and Pastor Judy Brennan

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**, Bellevue  
Pastor Paul Eldred

**Mount Si Lutheran Church**, North Bend  
Pastor Krista Oppie

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**, Issaquah  
Pastor Jim Kruse

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, Bellevue  
Pastor Lara Forbes

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**, Bellevue  
Pastor Mark Griffith and Deacon Roselyn Olson

**Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church**, Sammamish  
Pastor Phillip Reitz and Pastor Larry Thomas

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**, Sammamish  
Pastor Debbie Boyce

Members of the East King County Cluster Congregations  
Director of Music – Ben Fowler, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
Director of Music – Sung Lee, Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church  
Video Editor and Producer – Colin Walker, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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WELCOME

Pastor Mark Griffith

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organ

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*Toccata in F, BuxWV 157 – Dieterich Buxtehude*

OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER

Pastor Dave Thomas and Pastor Judy Brennan

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord.  
One body and one Spirit.  
One calling, one baptism.  
One God and Father of all.

We are called to lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called.  
We are called to humility and gentleness.  
We are called to the unity of the Spirit.  
We are called to love. Love God. Love one another.  
Love all our neighbors, near and far.

Let us pray: Gracious God, grant us this Reformation Sunday, and every day,  
the strength to live out our calling, the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the joy of the knowledge of the gift of our salvation by grace through faith  
alone in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

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## OPENING HYMN

ELW #504

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Verse 1 – Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Quartet: Sammie Gorham, Erica Convery, Ben Fowler, Ben Grover

Verse 2 – Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, directed by Cheri Neill

Verse 3 – Ben Fowler, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Verse 4 – Cross of Christ Lutheran Church with

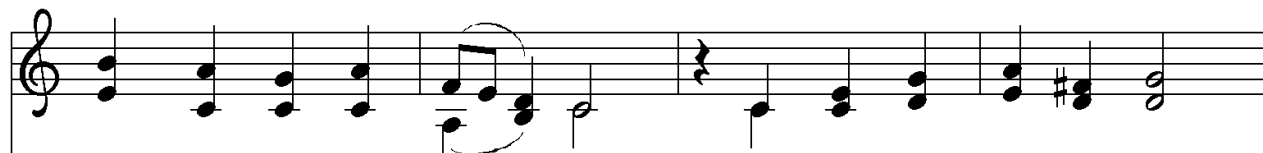
Dean Robinson, organ; Brian Tervo &amp; Colin Walker, handbells; and Sammie Gorham, soprano



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;  
 weapons 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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



### *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)*

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

L 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.

L Word of God. Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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## THE PSALM

Pastor Krista Oppie

*Psalm 46 (NRSV)**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge 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 city 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 upon 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Pastor Larry Thomas

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*Romans 3:19-28 (NRSV)*

*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.*

L 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Down to the River to Pray* – African American Spiritual

Aria, Karis, Cadence, and Selah Fowler



1. As I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good ol' way and  
 2. As I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good ol' way and  
 3. As I went down in the ri-ver to pray, stud-y-in' a-bout that good ol' way and



who shall wear the star-ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 who shall wear the star-ry crown, good Lord, show me the way. \_\_\_\_\_



Oh, sis-ters let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
 Oh, bro-thers let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
 Oh, sin-ners let's go down, let's go down, come on down.



Oh, sis-ters let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.  
 Oh, bro-thers let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.  
 Oh, sin-ners let's go down, down in the ri-ver to pray.

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

THE GOSPEL

Pastor Dave Thomas

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*John 8:31-36 (NRSV)*

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

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Dave Thomas

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*Free Indeed*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #654

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*The Church's One Foundation*

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Song Leaders: Debby Beck, Chuck Carlson, Dave Carlson, Dan Carlson, Marilyn Carlson, Sue Carlson, Lori Downey, Dan Grette, Joan Friel, Alice Lewis, Marc Montague

Jiyoung Lee, organ

Jan Hazelton, piano

Leslie Waltzer, videographer

Dave Carlson, video editor

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## The Church's One Foundation

Verses 1, 4, 5

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O Lord."

To which the congregation responds, "**Your mercy is great.**"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Dave Thomas

**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.**

OFFERING

Dean Robinson, harpsichord

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*Invention in F, BWV 779 – J.S. Bach*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING FOR REFORMATION

Pastor Jim Kruse

Martin Luther wrote: "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that one could stake one's life on it a thousand times." May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in faith, this day and forevermore. Amen.

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## SENDING MEDLEY

### *How Great Is Our God*

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Mt. Si Lutheran Church, and Friends in Christ from around the world

Vocals: Jieun Kim, Jungpyo Lee, Dahyung Oh, Sachie Hazumi, Catherine Weber, Dave Spurling,

Anna Morris, Jessica Rame, Angela Roesler-Lombardi, Krista Oppie

Acoustic Guitar: Rick Wong

Electric Guitar: Bill MacDonald

Bass: John Roth

Drums: Doug Kleiber

Piano: Sung Lee

Audio Engineering, Mixing and Mastering: Sung Lee

Coordinating and Video Production: Sung Lee

#### Verse

1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;  
 2. And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands

let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps  
 be - gin - ing and the end, be - gin - ing and the end. The God -

himself in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,  
 head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

and trem - bles at his voice, and trem - bles at His voice.  
 the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

#### Chorus

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

## Bridge

Name a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ all names, \_\_\_\_\_ wor - thy of \_\_\_\_\_ all praise. \_\_\_\_\_ My  
 heart will sing: \_\_\_\_\_ How great \_\_\_\_\_ is our God! \_\_\_\_\_

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash  
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*How Great Thou Art*

Then sings my soul, my Sa - vior God, to thee: How great thou art,  
 how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:  
 How great thou art, How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989  
 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Choir Members of Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Mt. Si Lutheran Church  
 Soprano: Angela Roesler-Lombardi, Jennifer Rodvold, Cora Tischaefer, Catherine Weber, Krysten Urchick,  
 Krista Oppie, Anna Morris  
 Alto: Margaret Rosenow, Barb Higgins, Karen Gronberg, Sharon Dahl, Mindy Kim, Shana Tischaefer,  
 Yoojin Muhn (audio only)  
 Tenor: Dave Spurling, Donathan Chang, John Dahl, Mark Weber  
 Bass: Sung Lee, Shinwoo Oh, Don Higgins, John Cassidy  
 Audio Engineering, Mixing, and Mastering: Sung Lee  
 Coordinating and Video Production: Sung Lee

WORDS OF THANKS AND DISMISSAL

Pastor Mark Griffith

Here we stand – together in Christ our Lord.  
Gathered as one, we have worshiped in spirit, unity, and truth.  
Now we are sent by Christ to share the good news of God's grace.  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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*Do Lord* – arr. John Roth

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church  
Vocals: John Roth, Sophia Yaple, Catherine Weber, Bill MacDonald  
Acoustic Guitar: John Roth  
Electric Guitar: Bill MacDonald  
Harmonica: Paul Okerlund  
Accordion: Bill Currie (audio only)  
Bass: John Roth  
Drums: Doug Kleiber  
Jazz Organ: Sung Lee  
Audio Engineering, Mixing and Mastering: Bill MacDonald  
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