### **BENEDICTION**

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

## (Please sit)

CLOSING SONG "Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895, (sts. 1-3△)

- P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God!

### **TABLE PRAYER**

\* \* \* To God be the Glory \* \* \*

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The whole congregation is invited to come say goodbye to Pastor Gueldner this Sunday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m. We will have a church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Paper products, water, and coffee are provided. Pastor has been a faithful shepherd, let's send him off knowing how much we appreciate his guidance.

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# **CONNECTION SERVICE**

October 26, 2025 10:30am

### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING "Thy Word" & "Jesus Loves Me"

## **WORSHIP SONG**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657, (sts. 1-4)

## (Please stand)

### INVOCATION

- P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen

## **CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

- P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.
- C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.

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- P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

(Please sit)

#### FIRST READING Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- L. Here ends the first reading.
- C. Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28**

<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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (*continued...*)

<sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- L. Here ends the second reading.
- C. Thanks be to God. (Please stand)

### **GOSPEL READING John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.
- C. Praise to You, O Christ.

## (Please sit)

# TITHES & OFFERING "Autumn Splendor"

~Emma

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

MESSAGE SONG "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655, (sts. 1-3)

## **MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

"BE ENCOURAGED IN HARDSHIP"

(Text: Acts 23:1-11)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P. Together let us pray as our Lord 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