

Welcome to Worship!

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

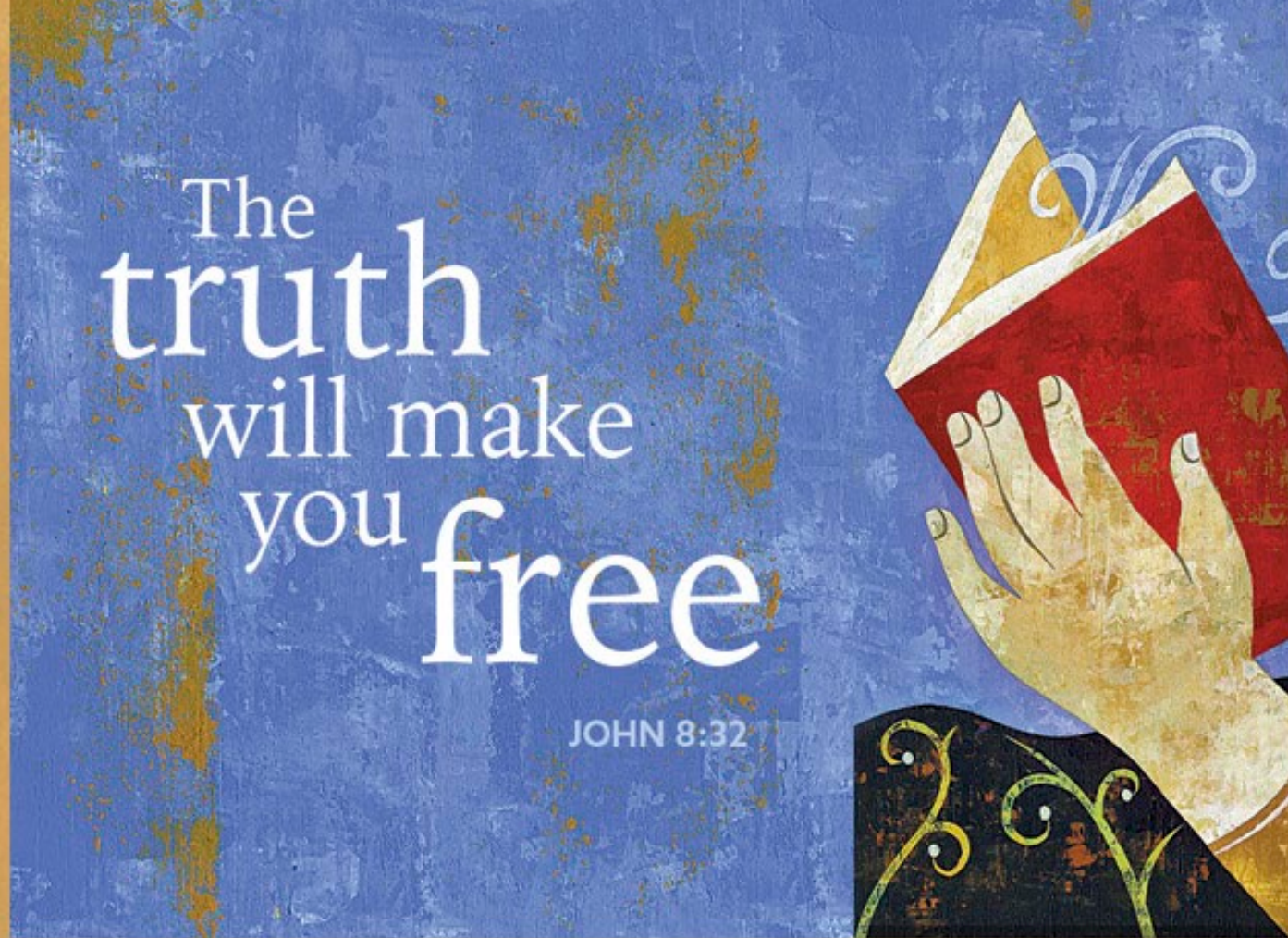
9th Grade Confirmation

*Altar flowers have been given by
Charlie & Erin Petersen
in celebration of their
30th anniversary.*

The
truth
will make
you
free

JOHN 8:32





Prelude – Ben Corwyn
Fantasy on *Amazing Grace*
(arr. Charles Callahan)

Welcome



Opening Hymn



A Mighty Fortress

Instrumental and Choral Fanfare

(Choir only)

All blessing and honor and power.

All wisdom and riches and glory.

*All blessing and honor and power
and wisdom and glory!*

Alleluia!

Verse 1-Congregation

***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.***

Verse 2-Congregation

***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.

Verse 3-Congregation

***Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues him.***

Instrumental Interlude



Verse 4-Congregation

***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!***

Instrumental and Choral Fanfare (Choir Only)

*All blessing and honor and power.
All wisdom and riches and glory.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠
one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us
by your Spirit, so that we may live
and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise

ELW p. 140-141

***This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.***

ELW p. 140-141

***This is the feast
of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Power, riches,
wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing,
and glory are his.***

ELW p. 140-141

***This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.***

ELW p. 140-141

***This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

***For the Lamb who was slain has begun
his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray.

C: **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. Amen.**





First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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.

³³But 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.

³⁴No 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.



Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

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



P: The Holy Gospel
according to John.

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

John 8:31-36

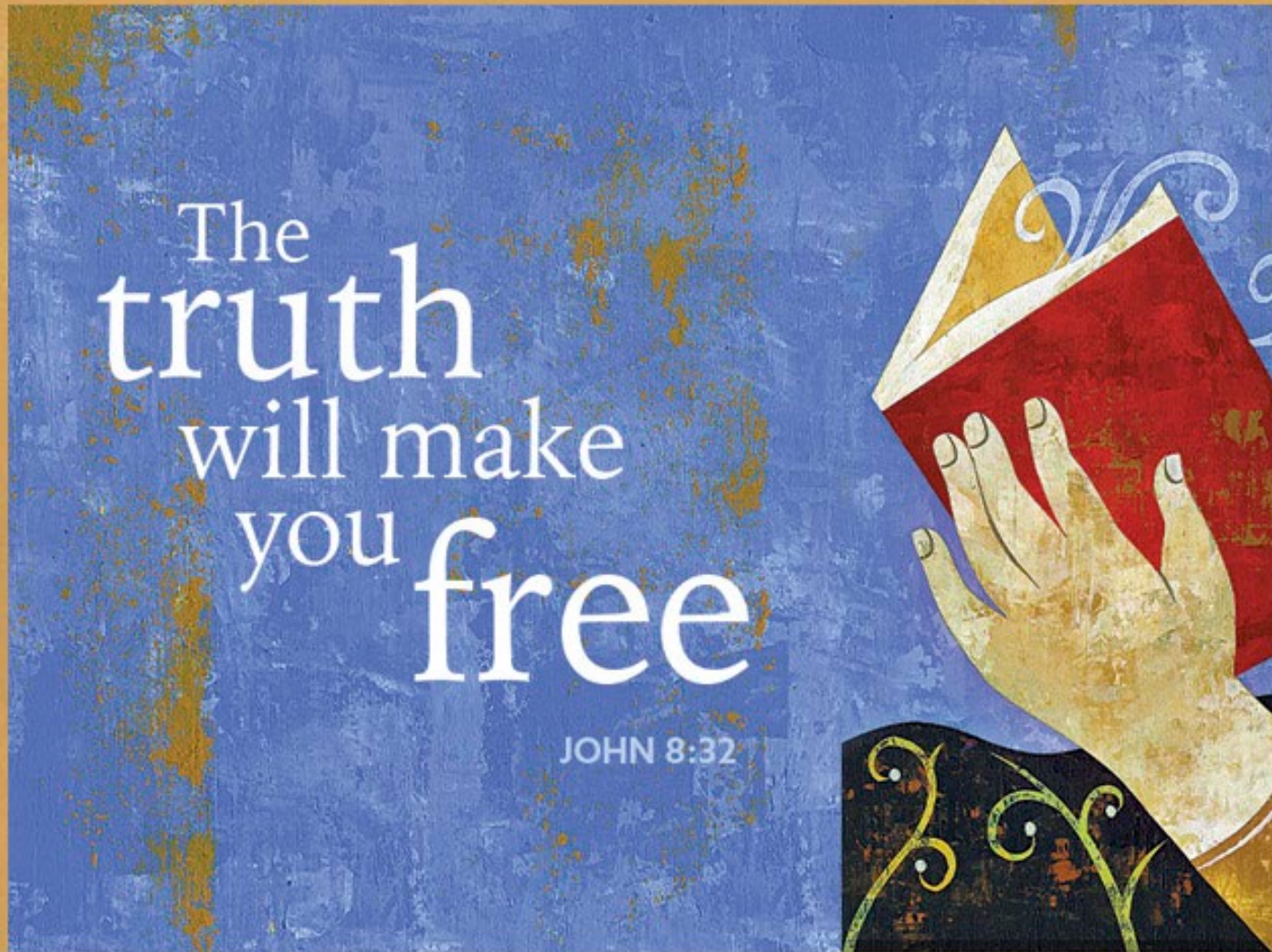
³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

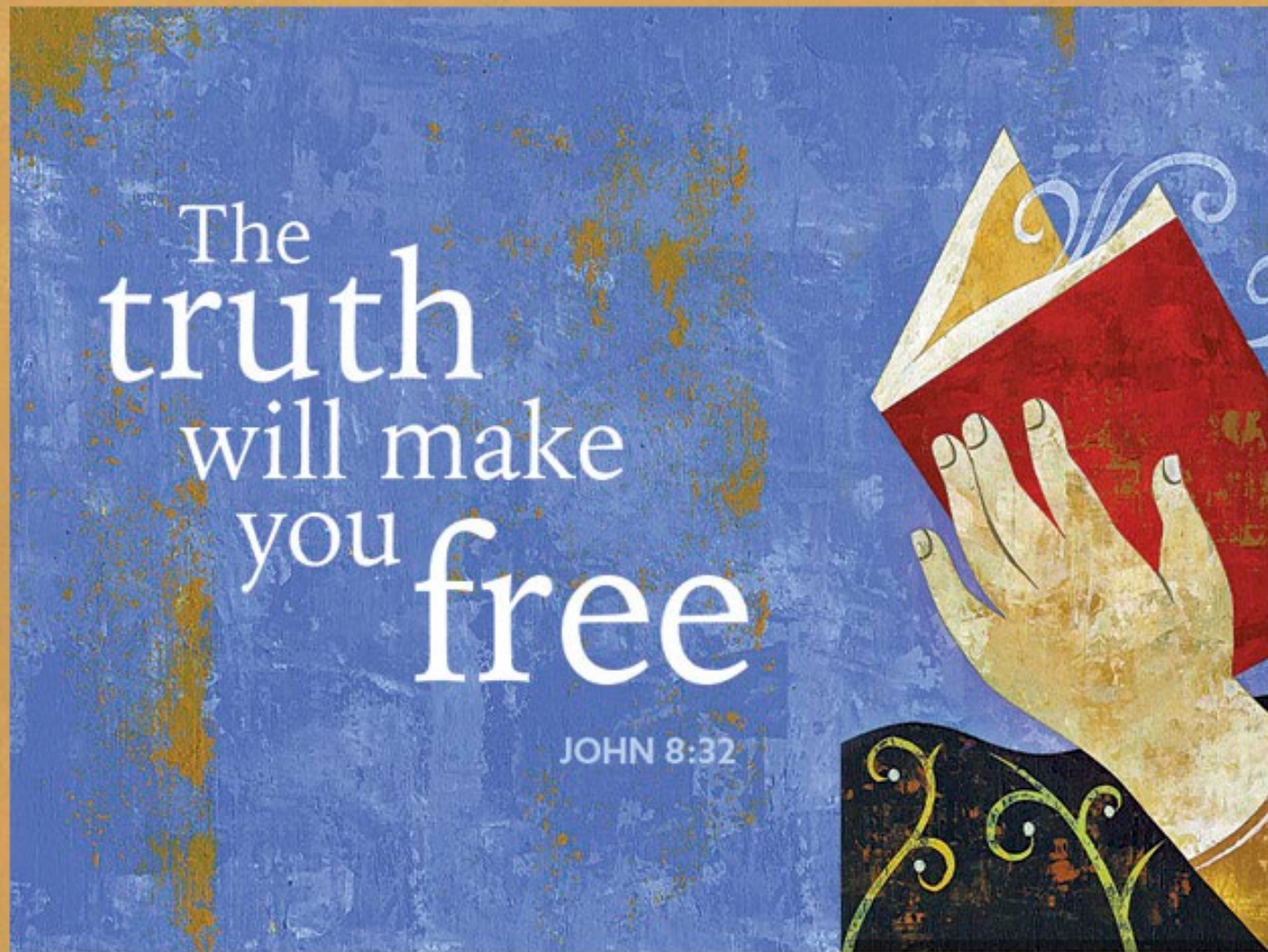


P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you,
O Christ.



Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Brad
“Law and Gospel”

Hymn of the Day



*The Church of Christ,
in Every Age*
ELW #729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729, Verse 1

***The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.***

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729, Verse 2

***Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.***

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729, Verse 3

***Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.***

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729, Verse 4

***For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.***

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729, Verse 5

***We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.***



Affirmation of Baptism: Confirmation Day

The candidates for confirmation became members of the Christian Church on the day of their baptism. Today, these young women and men make their own vows to their Lord, with your help and prayers.



The Rite of Confirmation

Melinda Svenkerud, *Director of
Children, Youth, & Family Ministries:*

The following young men and
women have been instructed in the
Christian faith and desire to make
public affirmation of their baptism:

Kaitlin Christine Bogataj

Colby Rose Celusniak

Mason David Haggenjos

Liam Timothy Person

Elizabeth Griffin Varnell

P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from God's Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God's Holy Table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Are you willing to commit yourselves in faith to God and to seek to grow in Christ?

**Candidates:
Yes, with the help of
God.**



P: Are you willing to do the work of obedience to God's will and word, and to remain faithful until Christ comes again?

**Candidates:
Yes, with the help of
God.**



P: Now, therefore, I ask you to
profess your faith in Christ
Jesus, reject sin, and confess
the faith in which we baptize.
Do you renounce all the
forces of evil, the devil and all
his empty promises?

**Candidates:
I renounce them.**



P: Do you, the congregation and the candidates, believe in God the Father?



**C: I believe in God, the
Father Almighty, creator
of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in
Jesus Christ, the
Son of God?



**C: I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
power of 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.**

P: Do you believe in
God the Holy
Spirit?



**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism and for all baptized everywhere, that they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: That they may be kept in the
faith and communion of your
holy church; Lord, in your
mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: That they may be sent into
the world in witness to your
love; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: That they may be brought to
the fullness of your peace
and glory; Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, O Lord, we
commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Confirmands, 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 his Word and share in his supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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



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

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

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit, you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Sign of the Cross

Parents and family members of the confirmands are invited to come forward to anoint their child with the sign of the cross.

Laying on of Hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Kaitlin Christine Bogataj* 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.



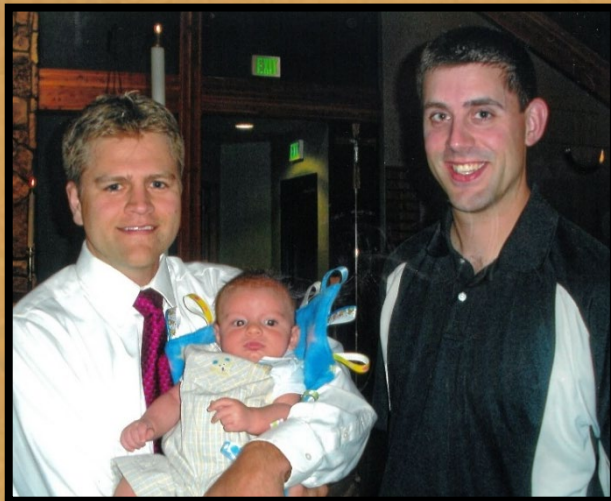
Laying on of Hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Colby Rose Celusniak* 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.



Laying on of Hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Mason David Haggenjos* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving; give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.



Laying on of Hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Liam Timothy Person* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving; give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.



Laying on of Hands

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Elizabeth Griffin Varnell* 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.



Presentation of Confirmation Certificates



Sharing of the Peace



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

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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stphilip-co.org/giving/ to
make a donation today.

Children may come
forward and place their
offering in the basket.



Anthem

The Mighty Power of God
Sanctuary Choir

Offertory

ELW #182

***Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim
our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest
from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed
with the bread of life.***

ELW #182

***Gather the hopes
and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers
we offer now.***

***Grace our table with your presence,
and give us
a foretaste of the feast to come.***

Offering Prayer

A: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Proper Preface

P: We praise you, all-holy God, our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth, for the universe beyond our knowing, for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place, for creatures seen and unseen, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,

P: and for the places we humans call home, for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls. We praise you for your covenant people, for Jeremiah and the psalmists, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg and Fedde, for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai,

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P: Nommensen and Kierkegaard,
Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld, for
all servants of the Reformation. We
praise you, O God, for Jesus
Christ, embodying forgiveness,
granting us grace, setting us free,
who on the night before he died,
took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying: Take and eat:

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P: 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. And so we remember your Word,

P: his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

P: We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your law, your grace, your freedom.

P: Bless this meal and all those who share it; continue the reformation of your churches; and renew the world with your mercy, with the joy of life in your household. We praise you all holy God, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today tomorrow, and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**



Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

***Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

Communion Hymn



*Come Now, O Price of
Peace*

ELW #247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 1

***Come now, O Prince of peace,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.***

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 2

***Come now, O God of love,
make us one body.***

***Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.***

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 3

***Come now and set us free,
O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.***

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 4

***Come, Hope of unity,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.***



Communion Hymn



*For By Grace You Have
Been Saved*
ELW #598

For By Grace, ELW #598, Verse 1

***For by grace you have been saved
and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you
and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast,
for this is God's great gift. Amen.***

For By Grace, ELW #598, Verse 2

***“So my grace is all sufficient
for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect
for each child who is my own.
When you’re weak, then you are strong,
for this is God’s great gift.” Amen.***

For By Grace, ELW #598, Verse 3

***So this weakness with contentment
I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs
that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong,
for this is God's great gift.
Amen. Amen.***



Communion Hymn



That Priceless Grace
ELW #591

That Priceless Grace, ELW #591, Verse 1

***That priceless grace,
that priceless grace,
that priceless grace,
which gave me life:***

Jesus' life is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

That Priceless Grace, ELW #591, Verse 2

***That priceless blood,
that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.***

That Priceless Grace, ELW #591, Verse 3

***That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away:
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.***

That Priceless Grace, ELW #591, Verse 4

***That precious word,
that precious word,
that precious word,
which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.***



Communion Hymn



*I Received the Living
God*

ELW #477

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Refrain

***I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Verse 1

***Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Refrain

***I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Verse 2

***Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Refrain

***I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Verse 3

***Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Refrain

***I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Verse 4

***Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know.***

I Received the Living God, ELW #477, Refrain

***I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.***



Communion Hymn



*My Hope is Built on
Nothing Less*
ELW #596

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Verse 1

***My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Refrain

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Verse 2

***When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Refrain

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Verse 3

***His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Refrain

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Verse 4

***When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!***

My Hope is Built, ELW #596, Refrain

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.***



The
truth
will make
you
free

JOHN 8:32



Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the
oppressed, who gives food to
the hungry, who sets the
prisoners free, ✠ bless you
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



*Rise, Shine, You
People!*
ELW #665

Rise, Shine, You People!, ELW #665, Verse 1

***Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us,
by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.***

Rise, Shine, You People!, ELW #665, Verse 2

***See how he sends
the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom,
light and life and healing.
All men and women,
who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.***

Rise, Shine, You People!, ELW #665, Verse 3

***Come, celebrate;
your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers
against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out
and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.***

Rise, Shine, You People!, ELW #665, Verse 4

***Tell how the Father
sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son,
who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls
from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.***

Dismissal

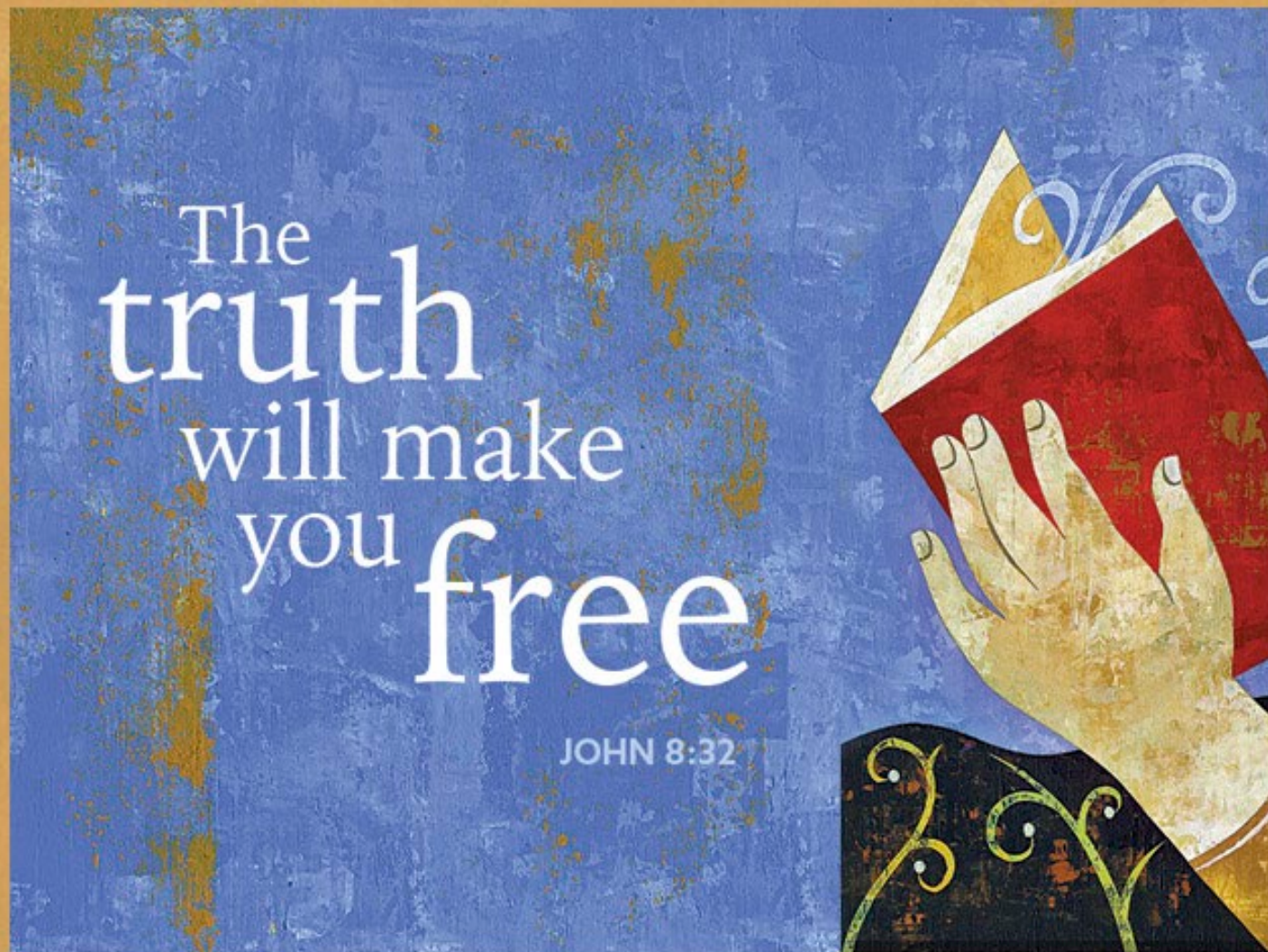


P: Go in peace.
Follow Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



Postlude – Ben Corwyn
Toccata on *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
(arr. Gordon Young)

Sources

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