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A Mighty Fortress is Our God	ELW 504

(vs. 1-2, 4)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRELUDE

WFLCOME

GATHERING SONG

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\bullet$  one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.** 

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

## Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Beloved of God:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

### 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

Reforming God, we give you thanks for your forgiveness and your blessing. We pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and to keep our covenant with you. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where

we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PSALM: PSALM 46

The congregation sings the refrain at the beginning, middle, and end of the psalm.



READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

# *In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclama	TION	ELW pg. 188
Gospel: John 8:	31-36	
The Holy	pel is announced: Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. you, O Lord.	
	e reading: pel of our Lord. pyou O Christ.	
Sermon		
Нүми	THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EV'RY AGE	ELW 729 (vs. 1, 3-5)
Apostles Creed		ELW pg. 105
Prayers of Inter	CESSION	
Response	e to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."	
Sharing of the F	PEACE	
	ce of Christ be with you always! with you!	
Congrego	ation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.	
	MEAL	
Offering		
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiv	/ING	

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 190

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

At Pastor Aleese's direction, the congregation responds "Amen!" in the midst of the prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the 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 DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

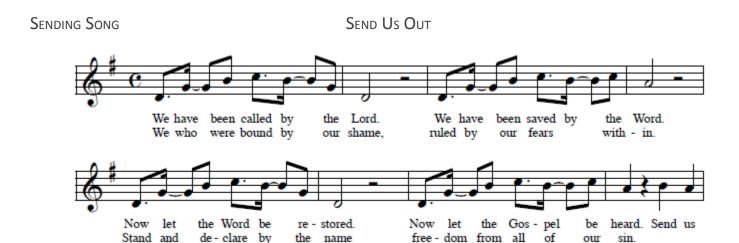
Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

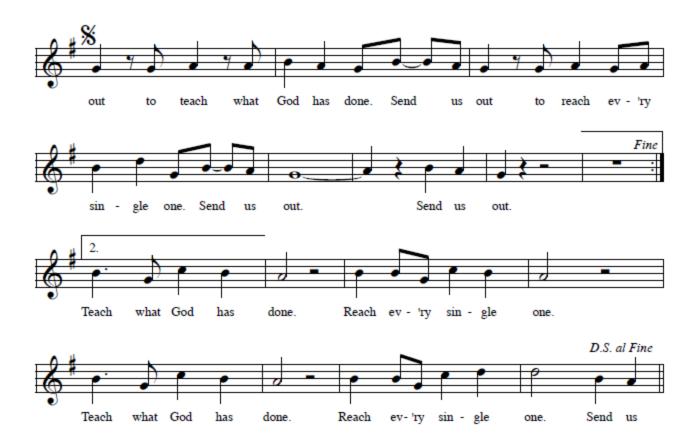
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Prayer after Communion



**BLESSING** 





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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