



*For all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God, and are
justified by His grace
as a gift, through the
redemption that is in
Christ Jesus.*

Romans 3:23-24

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2025 THEME FOR BEREIA & ZION

COME AND SEE!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

*Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ.
Talk to Pastor John today.*



**A BRIEF SELF-EXAMINATION
BEFORE THE CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- ~ I recognize that I fall short of God's expectations of me, and I humbly confess to Him all my sins, and sincerely repent of them.
- ~ I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and He died for the forgiveness of all my sins. Jesus is the only Saviour from sin, death and the power of the devil.
- ~ I am reconciled to anyone who would have anything against me to the best of my abilities.
- ~ I believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ my Saviour are REALLY present in, with, and under the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, and to strengthen my union with Him and fellow believers.
- ~ With God's help, I intend to amend my sinful life and live a life of service to Him through regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.

Lutheran Church-Canada (LC-C) congregations practice close(d) communion, (*current communicant members of this congregation and those sister congregations in altar fellowship with us*), believing that the Bible encourages unity in belief for those receiving the sacrament together.

Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament *OR* to inquire about our beliefs further are asked to meet with the pastor *prior* to communing for the first time.

For those NOT communing, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you want a blessing only by placing your arms across your chest.

Reformation Observed ~ October 26, 2025

As We Gather

We resist the reality that God is our mighty fortress, "our refuge and strength" (Psalm 46:1). We allow our fears to cause us to freeze when nations rage, mountains are moved, and waters roar and foam. We become afraid when life is not playing out the way we had planned. Our fears do not change the fact that "the LORD of hosts is with us," because of Jesus.

WELCOME AND SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Opening Hymn

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine.**

**Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

**2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!**

**As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;**

**Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**

**4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen
stream Shall o'er me roll,**

**Blest Saviour, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

Invocation and Opening Sentences Psalm 46:1, 7, 10-11

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

C: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: **Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to our sinful desires in thought, word, and deed, and live by the so-called wisdom of the world. Still our selfish nature and forgive us for our sins for Jesus' sake. Set us free.**

P: The prophet Isaiah reminds us, *"The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."* This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast (LSB 155)

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

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

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

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, blessing, and glory are His.

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

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4 Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

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

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

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

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: *We pray*, O God, our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble, still our restless souls and gladden our hearts with the joy that is ours in Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

(Fear God and worship Him.)

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. 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 46

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
P: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
P: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
C: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
C: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.
P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.
C: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. AMEN

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

(All have sinned and are freely justified by God's grace.)

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. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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. 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.

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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

(It is only through Jesus that we become free.)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 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'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house

forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Hymn of the Day

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.*

*2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.*

*3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.*

*4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.*

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!*

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord of hosts, we give You glory and thanks for being our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Faithful and forgiving God, thank You for bringing us to faith in You. It is through this faith alone in Your grace, that we are saved. Grow us and guide us by Your Spirit in living our faith daily. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus, You have given us the Word of Life. Strengthen us by Your Word. Lead and guide us by Your truth. Give Your church on earth faithful pastors who preach and teach Law and Gospel in all its purity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we want to thank You for the abundance of crops that the farmers have, and still are bringing in. You have blessed the land greatly. Protect those on the fields as they continue their work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we ask that You would bless our leaders. Protect them from the temptations that attack their offices, and give them wisdom and courage to lead for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. Defend us from conflict. Watch over those in the midst of turmoil. Bring safety and peace to those afflicted. Bring an end to the reign of those causing terror. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus, You are the One who sets us free. In You alone our hope is found. You are our strength and our refuge. We ask that You would remember all who face adversity of any kind. We especially lift up... and all in our hearts. Comfort, strengthen, and heal them by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. We thank you for the blessings of the past and entrust them to your future care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, preserve Your church that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before You. To You alone be all glory, now and forever.

C: AMEN

+ CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER +

Luther's Admonition to the Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

LW p. 197-198

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise you, with the saints and angels
Holy, blessed through all eternity.*

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

Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AMEN

Agnus Dei

***O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away --
Our faith increase.***

***Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.***

Distribution of Communion

Distribution Hymn

645 Built on the Rock

***1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.***

***2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.***

***3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.***

***4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.***

*5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”*

Post-Communion Prayer

P: *Let us pray.* We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.*

*2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.*

*3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.*

Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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