

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

# *Confirmation Sunday*



# *Reformation Day*

October 31, 2021

# WELCOME!

## Introduction

Confirmation is the ministry of our church for people who are baptized as infants. For a period of two years, young people in grade 7 & 8 gather weekly to learn about the Bible, about the central Christian teachings called the Catechism, about church history and, most importantly, what their baptism means for their daily lives. Today, **Sophia Gregersen, Jared Nelson, and Evan Blades** will affirm their baptism and receive the blessing of confirmation. In remembrance of their birth by water and the Spirit, they will be lighting the altar and paschal candles this morning using the ones they were given that day.

### Gathering Song - Reformation Song

Your Word alone is solid ground;  
the mighty rock on which we build.  
In ev'ry line the truth is found,  
and ev'ry page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You.  
We have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that Your promises are true,  
we place our hope in Jesus' name.

**(Chorus)**

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.  
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

In Christ alone we're justified.  
His righteousness is all our plea,  
Your law's demands are satisfied.  
His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved.  
All that we are has come from You.  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved,  
now by Your pow'r have been made new.

**(Chorus)**

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## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*P-Pastor; C-Congregation;*

*Confirmands: E-Evan, J-Jared, S-Sophia*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

E: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

J: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family . Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

S: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

P: To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Hymn of Praise - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*sing verses 1 & 4*



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  
vour 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;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



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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!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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## Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

*Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed by the Pastor.*

### Children's Time

#### First Lesson:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 46

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

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**C: Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

**C: "Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our refuge**

## Second Lesson:

Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

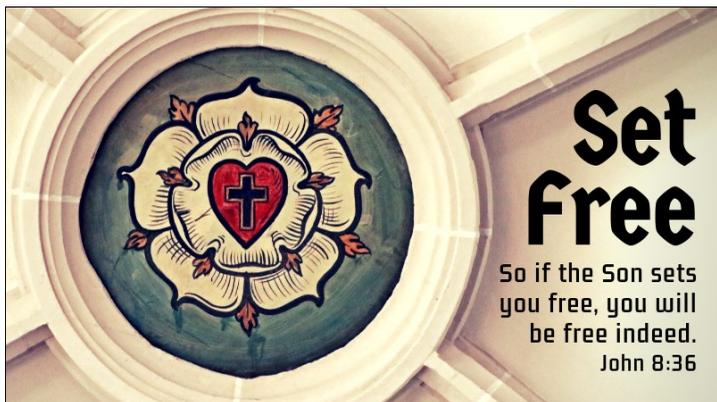
## Gospel Lesson:

John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON



## Hymn of the Day - Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## The Confirmation Rite:

*(The Congregational Chairperson presents those making affirmation of baptism.)*

Chairperson: Sophia, Jared, and Evan have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism. They have discussed the faith and life in Christ that Christians have transmitted to us over the ages. They are here as a public witness of their faith and trust in God. By being here, they express their intention of identifying with God's people, the Church, and of sharing the life and work of the Church.

P: In your baptism, you and all other Christians have celebrated the fact that you belong to God. At that time you became members of the family of God, the Church. You have lived as the people of God. You have shared in study of Christian faith and life. Today, finally, after waiting 18 months, you, your parents, relatives and friends, those who are here and those watching from afar, are saying :

**C: We are the church, a royal priesthood, the body of Christ, God's own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

P: To signify the unity which we have as God's people, I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. I therefore ask you: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**Confirmands: (together) I do.**

*(All rise.)*

P: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

**Confirmands: (in turn) I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Do you intend to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper?

**Confirmands:** (in turn) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P: Do you intend to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands:** (in turn) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

**C:** *Lord God, we thank you, that in our baptism you gave us a new quality of life and a new way of living. You have called us to be among your people and to be your people. Continue to strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us 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. Arouse in us the desire and the ability to thank and praise, to love and serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(The confirmands kneel. The pastor lays both hands on the head of each confirmand.)

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Sophia/Jared/Evan the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

**Confirmands:** *Amen.*

### Take Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

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Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell  
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*The confirmands receive their certificates and are welcomed by  
the Congregation's Chairperson*

Chairperson: Through affirmation of Baptism, this sister and these brothers, by the grace of God, have chosen to commit themselves to sharing all the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian life.

**C: We greet your affirmation of faith with joy. We treasure your membership in the Lord's family and we rejoice in your response to Christ's invitation to live as children of the heavenly Father, and to be workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

**Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying**

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music is for the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music is for the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and block chords in the left hand.

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## Prayers

### Prayer Response:

P: ...Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

### Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.*

### Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The communion follows. The confirmands will commune together with their families at the alter while the rest of the congregation communes where they are sitting. )*

## Holy Communion

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**



*At this time we lift up the elements of bread and wine,  
one after the other.*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke  
it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; 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.

### **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**

*We share the bread and wine together.  
Family members may serve each other.*

*As you share the bread, say: **The body of Christ, given for you.**  
Response: **Amen.***

*As you share the wine, say: **The blood of Christ, shed for you.**  
Response: **Amen.***

**Communion Songs - A "Grace" Medley:**  
*Amazing Grace; God of Grace; Grace Unmeasured*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;  
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder,  
as my God restores my soul:  
His own blood has paid my ransom,  
awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, I stand astounded,  
cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded  
and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory,  
where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.

Grace unmeasured, vast and free,  
that knew me from eternity,  
That called me out before my birth,  
to bring You glory on this earth  
Grace amazing, pure and deep,  
that saw me in my misery,  
That took my curse and owned my blame  
so I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace – paid for my sins and brought me to life.  
Grace – clothes me with pow'r to do what is right.  
Grace – leads me to heav'n where I'll see your face,  
And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

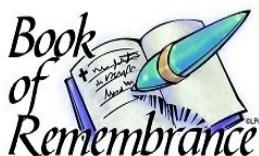
The holy Trinity, + one God,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

## *All Saints Day*



**November 7, 2021**



In preparation for All Saints' Sunday on November 7, you are invited to record in the Book of Remembrance the names of loved ones who have passed that you would like to have mentioned in the prayers. (You may contact the office if you will not be at the church and would like a name added.)

## **Sending Song - We are His People**

We, we are God's people.  
Once, once who were far away,  
Saved by the blood of Jesus.  
Now, we are His temple, filled,  
Filled with His Spirit made  
For doing good in Jesus.

**(Chorus)**

**By grace we are saved through faith,  
Not from us but God;  
Not our works or boasting.**

(repeat)

By grace.

By grace.

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## **Dismissal**

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As we celebrate and support **Campus Ministry in our Synod**.  
We will collect toonies and loonies (and larger amounts). All  
loonies and toonies, as well as designated offerings, during the  
remainder of the season of Pentecost (up to and including  
November 21) will go towards this ministry.

Please see the Synod Website here for  
more information and links to videos:  
[https://albertasynod.ca/our-ministries/fulfilling-our-mission/  
ministry-teams/campus-ministry/](https://albertasynod.ca/our-ministries/fulfilling-our-mission/ministry-teams/campus-ministry/)

# Faith Statement

By Jared Nelson

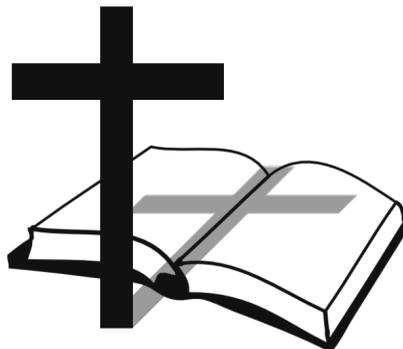
***Matthew 7:12: “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”***

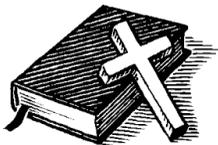
When I was little, my mom always said “remember The Golden Rule”. As I grew up I began to notice how much meaning that rule has in our lives. In everyday situations, I am often faced with decisions and I reflect on this verse to help me make them. I always consider how I would feel if a similar thing happened to me. I also think about how others would feel. This verse is the most meaningful to me of all.

This verse is in the part of the gospel of Matthew where Jesus was teaching people what to do. People call this verse the “Golden Rule” because gold is considered valuable or important and the golden rule is very valuable and important. The Golden Rule is used in many religions like Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judaism, to name a few. The Christian one is based on God’s law. The law and the prophets means the guidelines that God has set out for us.

In this verse, I think God is trying to tell us that whatever you do it will always make its way back to you. Whether you give a homeless man a dollar or give someone back their wallet after they drop it, that little act of kindness will someday make its way back to you. This verse is a guideline to how we should live our lives. If you need to make a big decision, you can remember this verse and think, “would I want this done to me?” I also think God is trying to remind us that Jesus also lived his life by The Golden Rule. When he healed people and when he fed people he would have wanted them to do the same.

This verse inspires me to be kind to people, not because it will come back to me, but just because it’s the right thing to do. You shouldn’t always be doing something for the reward, you should do it for people in need or people who just need a nice deed on a bad day. There is always something that you can do to make someone’s day better. It feels good when I make someone’s day.





## Faith Statement

By Sophia Gregersen

### **Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."**

I chose this bible verse because it was picked out by 2 people that are very close and special to me and who have helped me become closer to God.

For me, to be joyful in hope is to have unfaltering assurance in God's word. To be patient in affliction is to know that in this world we have to be patient and wait patiently for our suffering and to not worry and be happy knowing God's strength is sufficient to see us through life's troubles. To be faithful in prayer is to be constant in prayer, to make it a pattern in your everyday life and that you should not let emotions be your decision-maker, stop and pray, let God lead you, he can change everything. For those who leave everything in God's hands will eventually see God's hands in everything.

The verse reminds me of camp and how it has brought my relationship with God so much closer. Camp has taught so many things, like to be ready for when God calls to us, to know God is always with me and that, when you can't put your prayer into words, God hears you. Even now I still often forget that God is here and that he doesn't want me to worry, he just wants me to be happy.

Camp is where I feel connected to God. It has brought me closer; before I went to camp, I never really thought that much about my faith. I never really paid much attention to God, I didn't make time for him. Even at camp my first year, the first couple of days I wanted to skip service nights because I never listened and I thought they were boring. Then one sermon caught my attention, I started to listen. Later, instead of not being involved in some of the worship songs, I joined in and I had never felt better. This summer, My favourite service was when we talked about God's plan for humanity and how he will use what makes us different to make a difference in this world and how he has called each of us to reach out to people.

Even now, I still need God to consume me more than my life currently does and trust him, because he has a much bigger plan for me than what I have for myself.

So don't be discouraged by your closed doors. If God wants a door to open, you can be certain it will open. All the forces of the darkness cannot stop it. God knows what he is doing, he knew from the very beginning.



*All flowers were supplied by  
the families of the Confirmands.*



## Faith Statement

By Evan Blades

**2 Corinthians 4:16-17 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."**

I believe in God the Father, Creator of the Universe and everything in it. I believe God is my Heavenly Father and as such will always protect, defend, shield, comfort, nourish, strengthen, bless, and hold me to give me the best in my life. I want to affirm my convictions of faith in God and Jesus by being confirmed at Glory Lutheran Church. This means I am ready to take on responsibilities of my own faith. My promise to God is to stay faithful, continue to build a relationship with Jesus, be an active member of the church and study the Bible.

I have faith and trust in God that the temporary troubles around me will not last forever. With the pandemic creating so much fear and pain, my world has changed so much. I miss seeing my friends and laughing with them at school. There are so many impacts to everyone around me and there is a lot of fear and so many sad stories. When I feel down, I know God is with me and I have faith that these struggles will not last forever. I have learned that God gives us good in everything and to trust God that my troubles and fears are temporary. Confirmation study has taught me that God is good and merciful, even in times when I am afraid. Confirmation has taught me to pray to God for hope, love and peace. I trust that the challenges in my life are teaching me things to build wisdom and expand my faith. What faith means to me is to have strength and courage for whatever challenges come to me and that Jesus is with me to help me manage them. These temporary afflictions of God will eventually go away and I trust in my faith that Christ to help me through them into an eternity of peace.

My confirmation classes have taught me the importance of church and the words of God. Confirmation has helped me grow in my faith and understanding of the church, and that life is preparing me for all the wisdom and faith to make me ready to live eternally with God.

*Special Thanks to  
Doug Sime for taking the confirmands' official pictures,  
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and Mike Lee for preparing the Confirmation Certificates.*

## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

<b>Musicians:</b>	Lynnette Woodrow, Paul Berg, Marie Berg, Esther Madsen, Mike Lee,
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<b>Ushers:</b>	Rose Schlegl, Pat Becker
<b>Greeter:</b>	Barb Anderson
<b>Reader:</b>	Carol Dreger
<b>Church Lock-Up:</b>	Dave Hauf

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## Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
October 24	29	57	\$2378.70

*PAR totals will be reported here monthly. Other electronic offerings will be included in the total reported in the Finance Corner in the newsletter.*

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## Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

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## The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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