CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
ZIONSVILLE



Reformation Sunday **October 25, 2026**

Setting 3

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers during the offering.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

Livestream Notice

Today's service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE **Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus** **Gieschen**

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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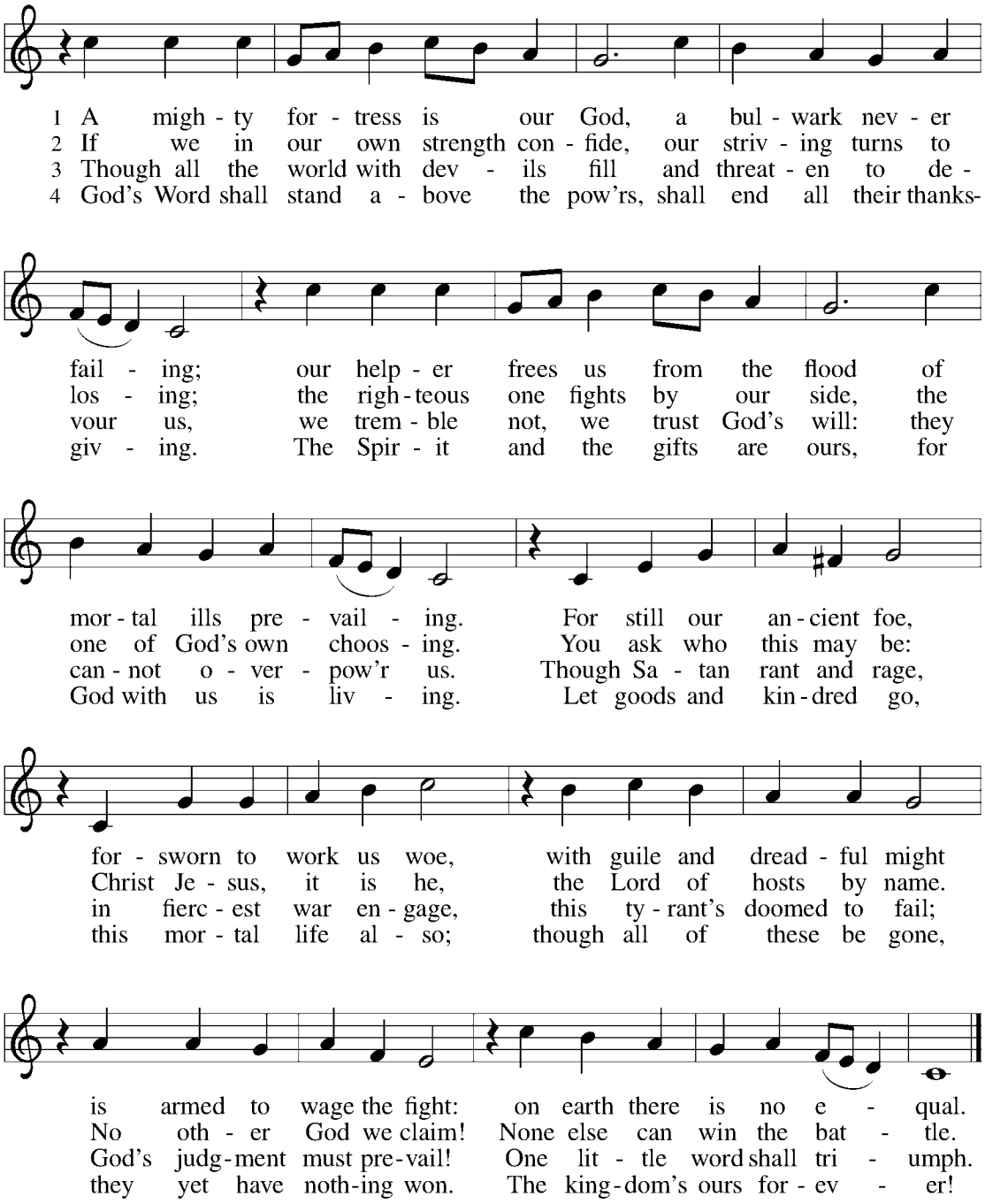
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

GATHERING SONG **A Mighty Fortress is Our God** **ELW 505**

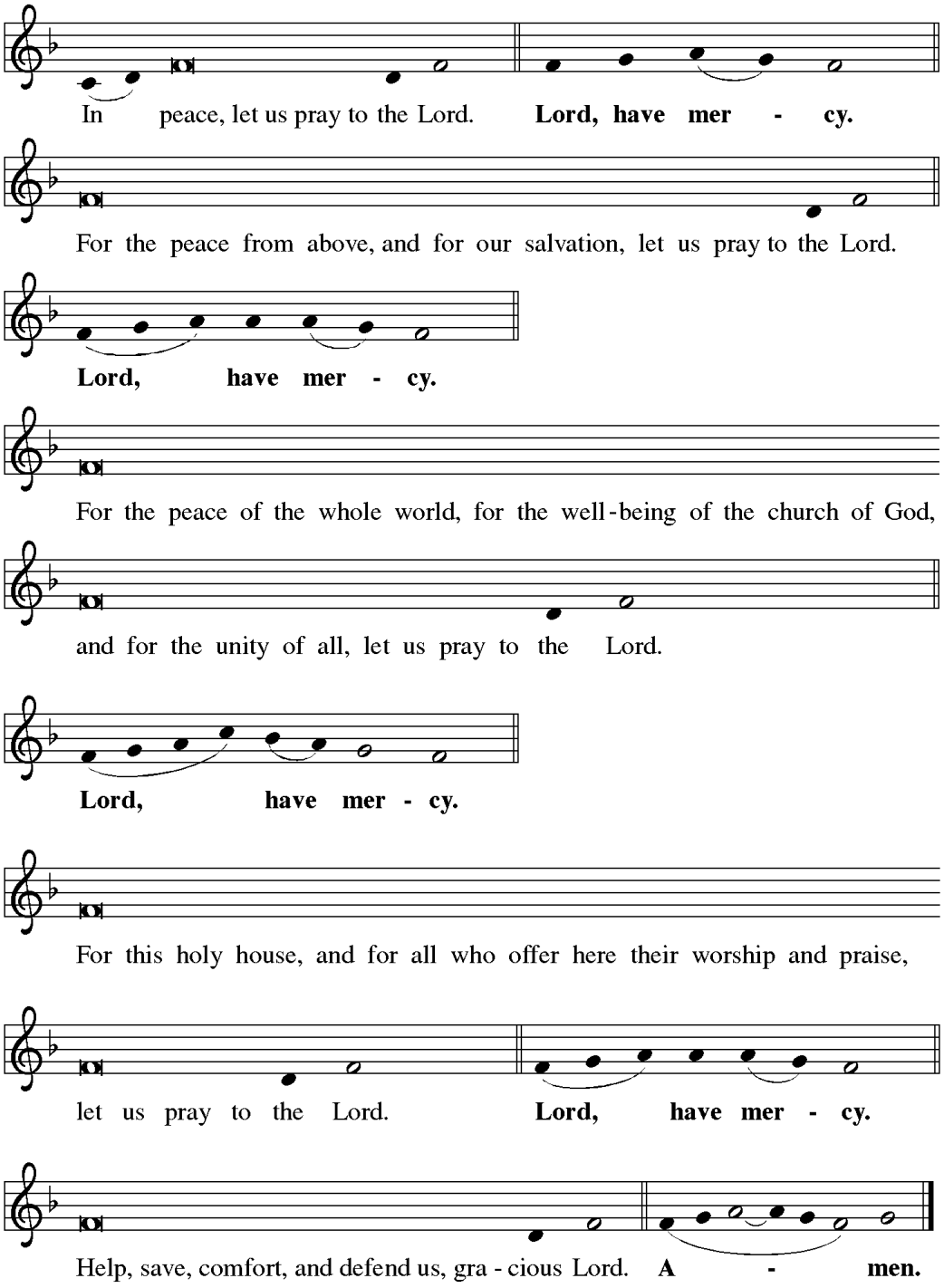


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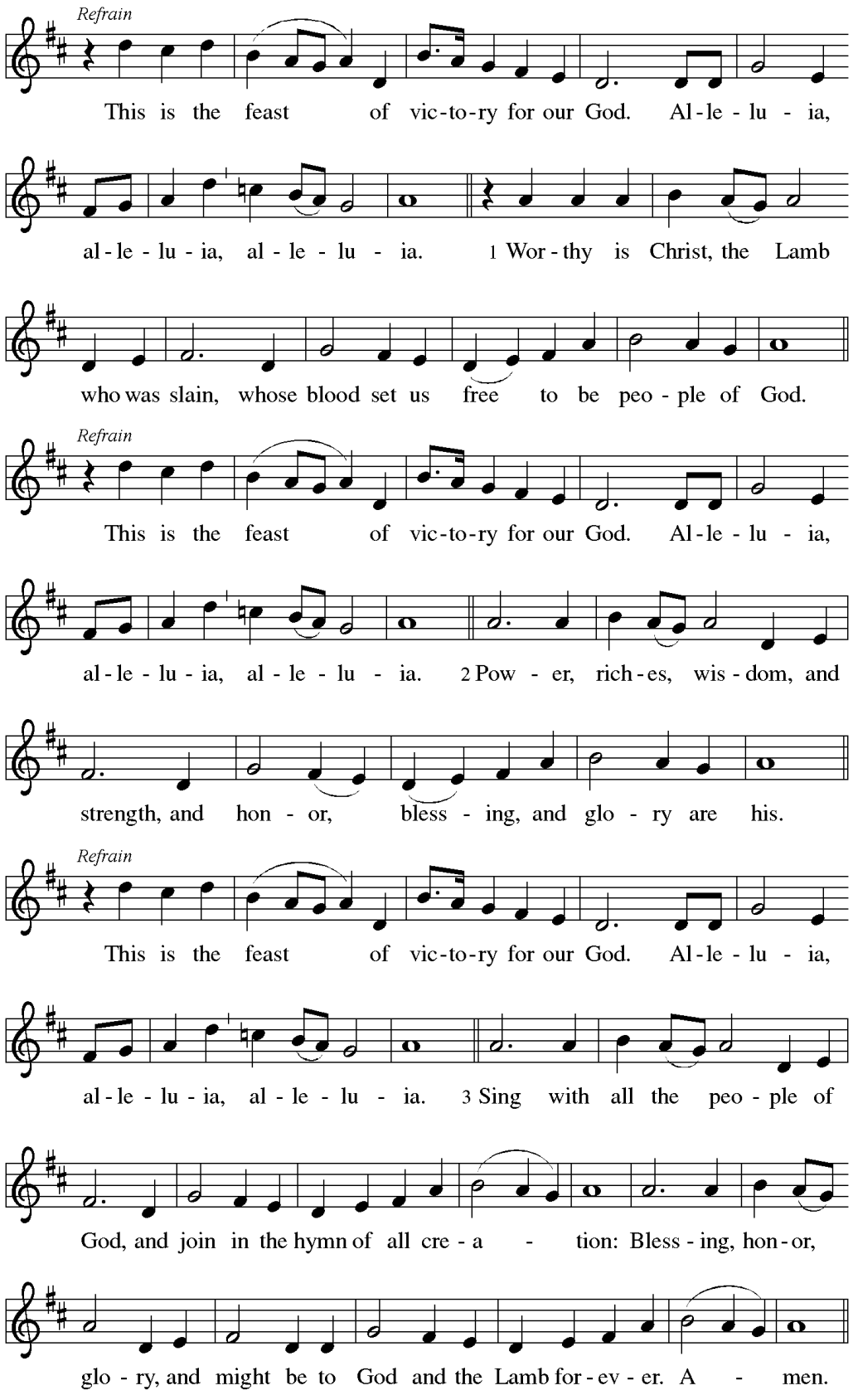
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

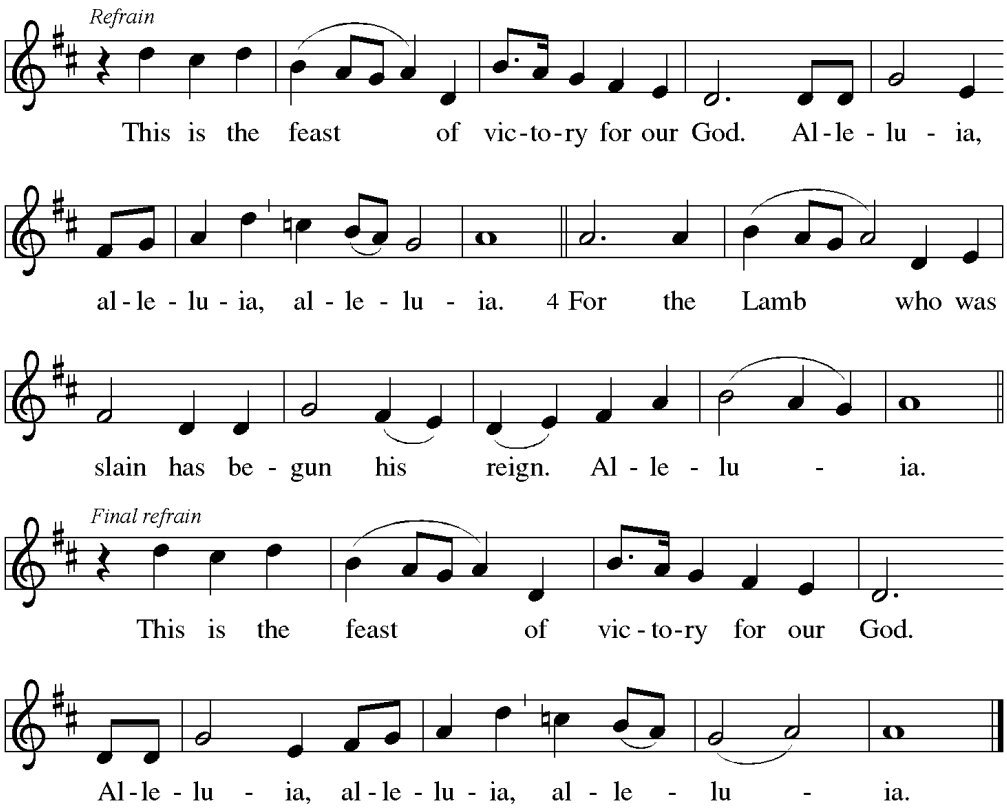
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

L A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It 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. But 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. No 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.

PSALM 46

L God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
C Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
L though its waters rage and foam,
and 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 shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
C The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
L The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
C Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;
L behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
C "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
L The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

L A reading from Romans.

Now 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. For no human will be justified before God by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

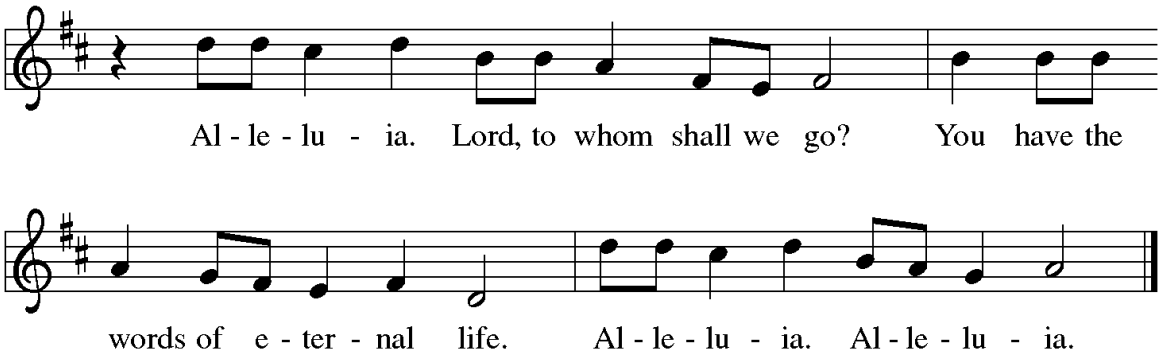
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 8:31-36

P The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

P Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They 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'?"

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

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

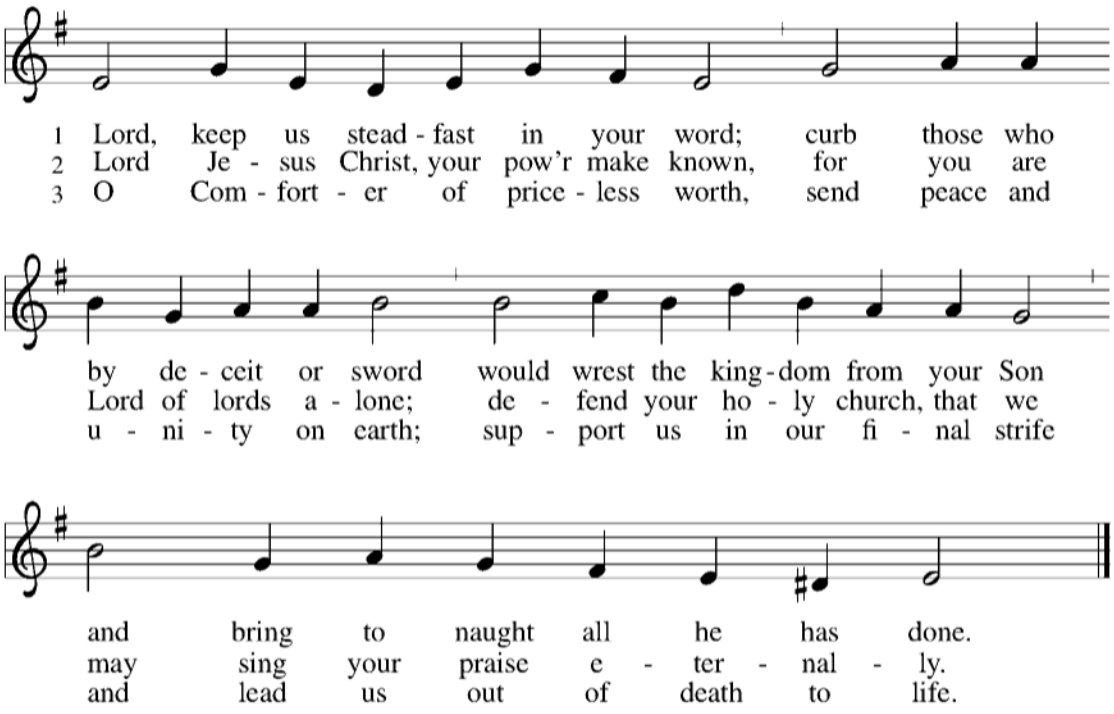
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Joe Pittman**

SERMON **Pastor Lecia Beck**

Please stand as you are able after the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** **ELW 517**



APOSTLES' CREED

AM Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.
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.

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AM Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
A brief silence.

AM As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God
C Your mercy is great.

AM We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering especially **Nathan, Lorie, Barb, Jo Anne, Algis, Dalia, Marla, Hannah, Ray, Janice, Rita, Charlotte, Barb and family,** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

AM Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

PASSING OF THR PEACE
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated.
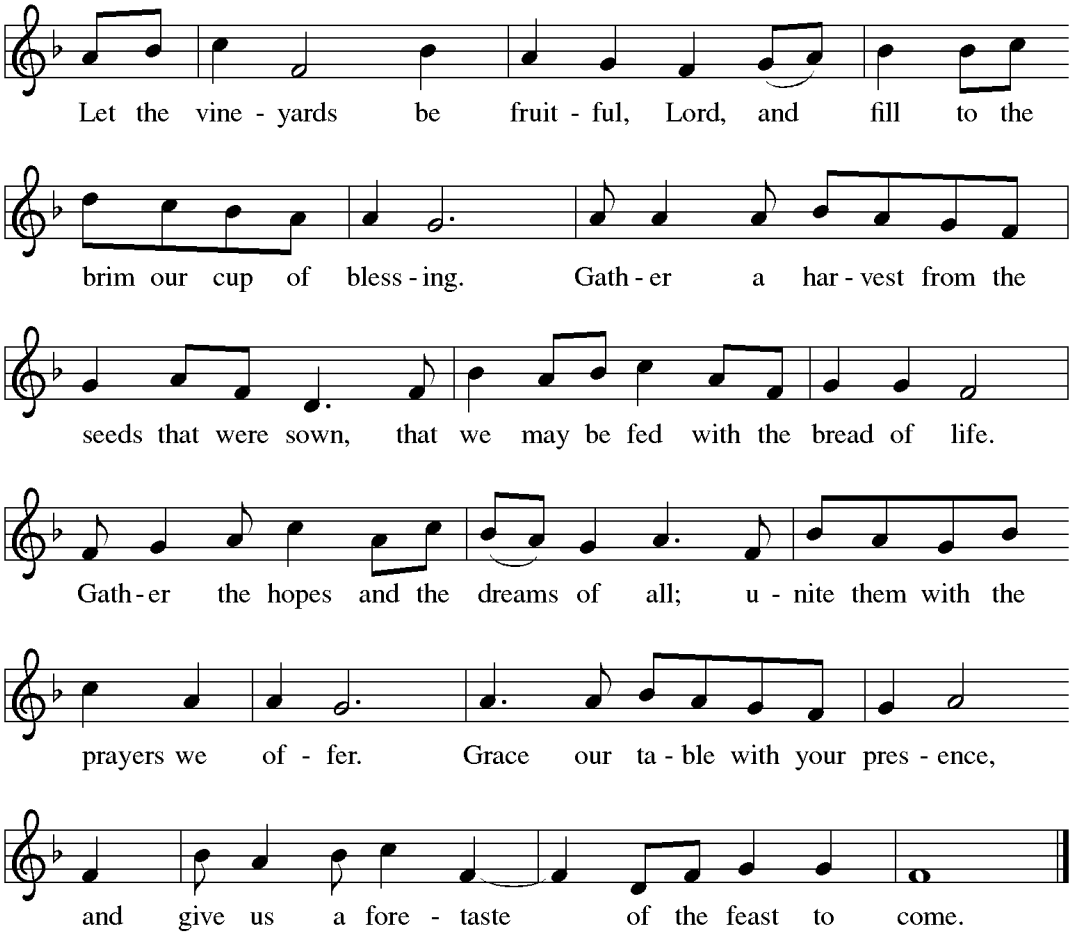
RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or by scanning the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our Financial Secretary for more information at giving@clczionsville.org.

OFFERING **Christus Victor** **arr. Eithun**

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY SONG **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



OFFERING PRAYER

AM God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
C Amen.

+MEAL+

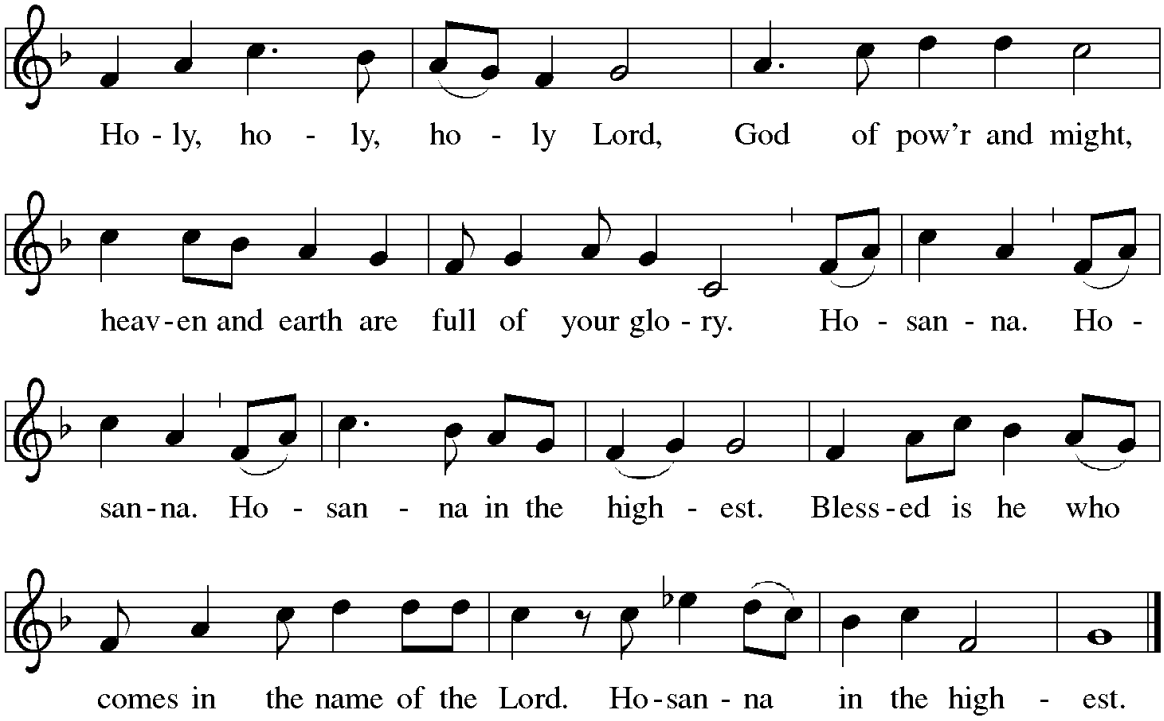
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, our lover, our keeper,
our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth,

for the universe beyond our knowing,
for seas and forests and fields,
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place,

for creatures seen and unseen,
for animals both wild and tame,
for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,

and for the places we humans call home,
for cities and churches and schools,
for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

P We praise you for your covenant people,
for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,
for Jeremiah and the psalmists,
and for centuries of faithful Christians,
for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde,
for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai,
Nommensen and Kierkegaard,
Bonhoeffer and Hammarskjöld,
for all servants of the Reformation.

P We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,
who saves us from sin and from evil,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,

P Who on the night before he died,
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.

P 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..

P And so we remember your Word,
his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection,
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 breath, your fire, your wisdom,
your law, your grace, your freedom.
Bless this meal and all those who share it;
inspire your people for service;
continue the reformation of your churches;
and renew the world with your mercy,
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,
with the joy of life in your household.

We praise you, all-holy God,
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,
mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
C Amen.

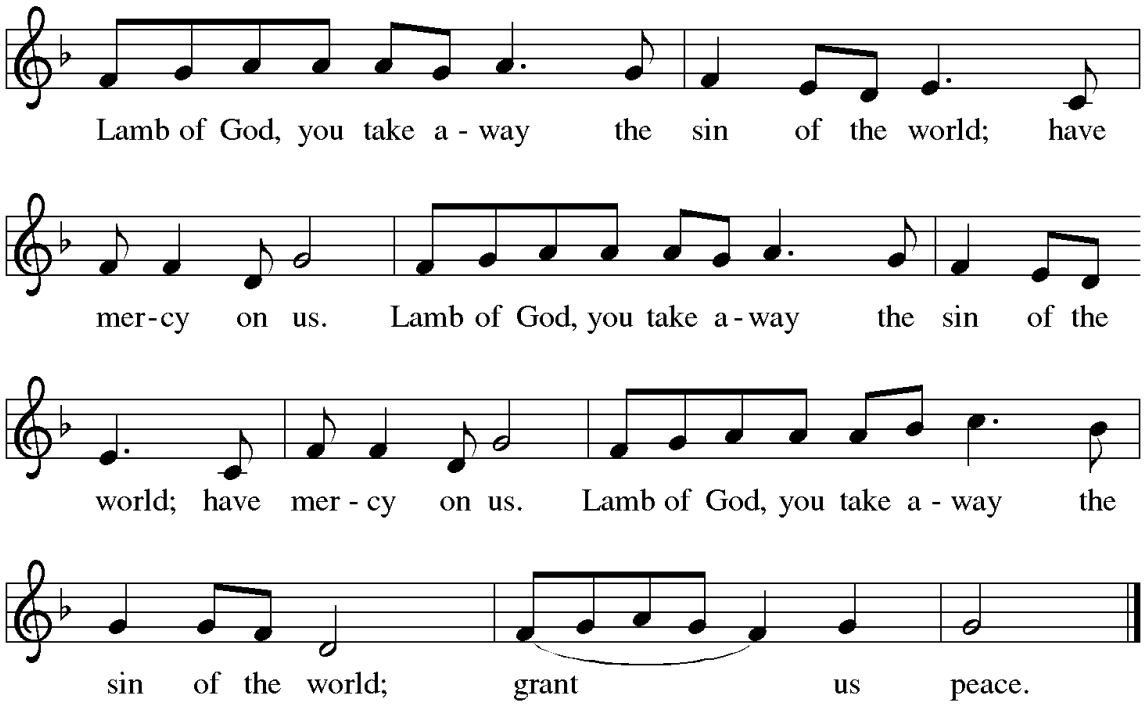
LORD'S PRAYER
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION
*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion, don't hesitate to ask. The elements will be brought to you. You will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister and you will hear the words "**the body of Christ, given for you.**" Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, "**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**"*

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
AM Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
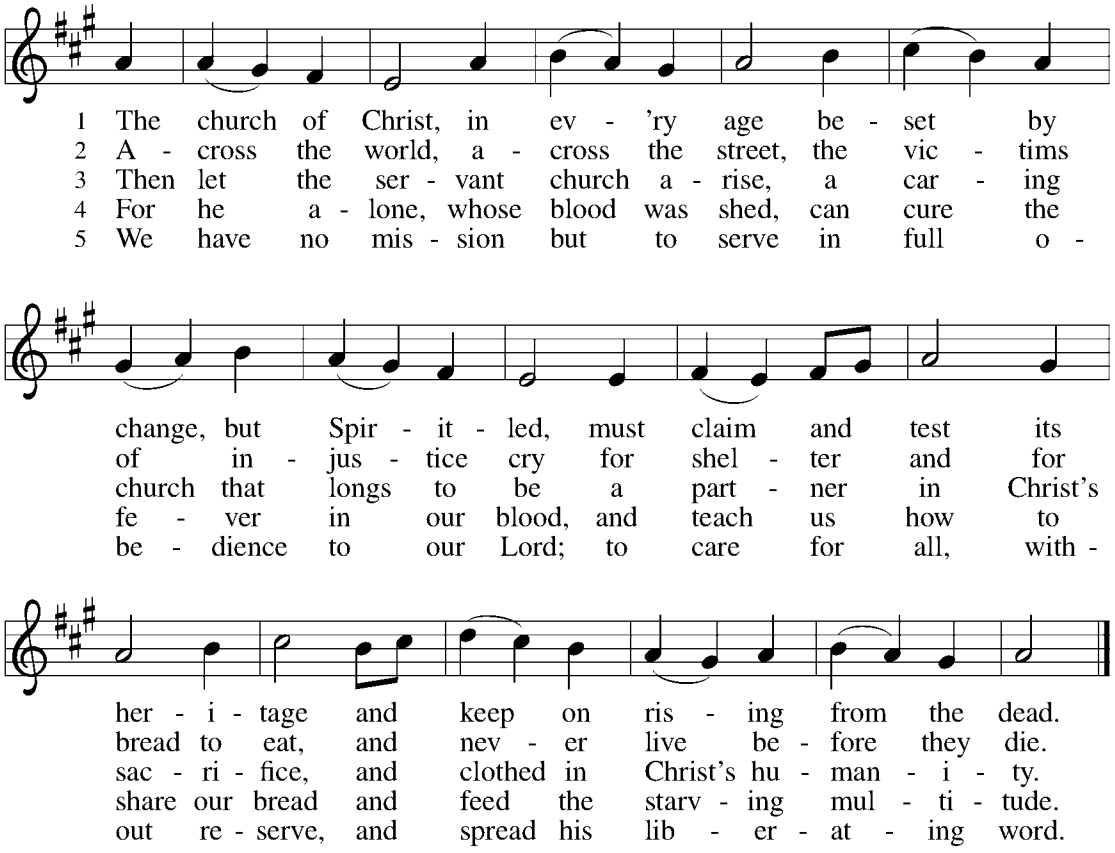
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able for the blessing.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN **The Church of Christ, in Every Age** **ELW 729**



DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **A Mighty Fortress** **arr. Linker**

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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Guitarist:	Kevin Potter
Assisting Minister:	Maddie McKinzie
Cantor:	Bill McClanahan
Lector:	Tony Firmani
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Greeter:	Gary Ashenfelter
Usher:	Brian Hardesty
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