

**OPENING SONG: "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther!"**

Hap-py birth-day Mar-tin Luth-er We re-mem-ber you to-  
Now what is the way to hea - ven? It is no-thing we have  
day, And we thank God that he sent you To re - mind us of the  
done, But what Mar-tin Lu-ther showed us, Namely faith in his own  
way, of the one true way to hea- ven, So we're hap - py not for-  
Son. Mar-tin Lu-ther was God's ser-vant, And our church still bears his  
- lorn. Hap -py birth-day Mar-tin Lu - ther, we're glad that you were  
name. Hap -py birth-day Mar-tin Lu - ther, we  
born! \_\_\_\_ thank God that you came! Hap-py birth-day Mar-tin  
Lu - ther, we thank God that you came!\_\_\_\_\_



**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE  
BIRTH OF MARTIN LUTHER**

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***In Worship Today...***

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages God's people to remember those who have been faithful leaders (**Heb.13:7**). Although Martin Luther was a humble man and always kept full focus on Jesus Christ, his contributions to the rediscovery of the Gospel and the reformation of the Christian Church are worthy of remembrance and thanksgiving. For a fuller understanding of the man, his work, and his era, we will devote time to the beginning of his earthly story—the time of his birth at Eisleben, Germany, in 1483. As you hear his story today, thank and praise God for the way he works in amazing ways through seemingly unlikely people—people like us—to accomplish His good and gracious will!



Eisleben, Germany -  
Birthplace of Martin Luther

**OPENING SONG: "Happy Birthday Martin Luther!"** (Printed on back)

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



**READING: LUTHER'S BIRTH AND BAPTISM, Eisleben, Germany, 1483**

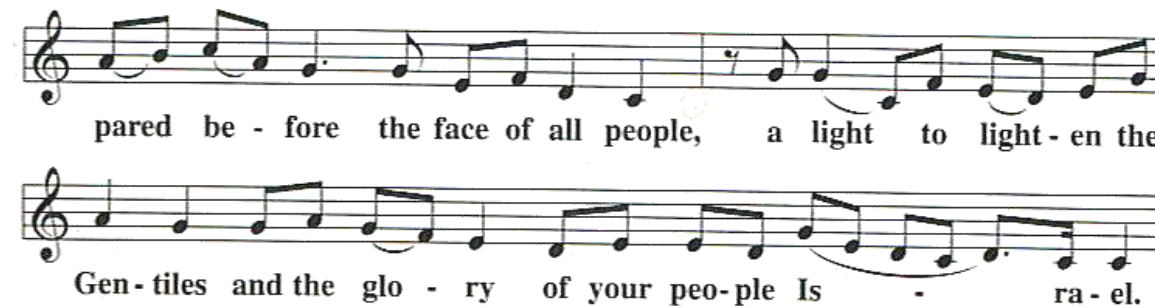
**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*) O Lord God, in Your grace You have raised up leaders for Your Church, including Martin Luther, who have labored so that the Gospel may be proclaimed in its fullness. Continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your people. Grant them inspired leaders, keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on them Your abiding peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



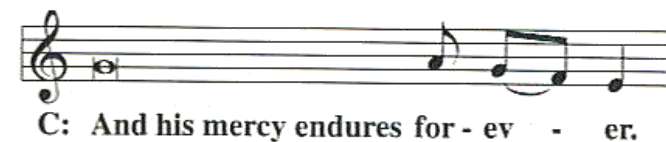
**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 46:1–11** (*The Lord is God. Idols are nothing.*)

<sup>1</sup> Bel bows down, Nebo stoops low;  
their idols are borne by beasts of burden.  
The images that are carried about are  
burdensome, a burden for the weary.  
<sup>2</sup> They stoop and bow down together;  
unable to rescue the burden,  
they themselves go off into captivity.  
<sup>3</sup> “Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the people of Israel,  
you whom I have upheld since your birth,  
and have carried since you were born.  
<sup>4</sup> Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.  
<sup>5</sup> “With whom will you compare me  
or count me equal? To whom will you  
liken me that we may be compared?  
<sup>6</sup> Some pour out gold from their bags  
and weigh out silver on the scales;  
they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god,  
and they bow down and worship it.  
<sup>7</sup> They lift it to their shoulders and carry it;  
they set it up in its place, and there it stands.  
From that spot it cannot move. Even though  
someone cries out to it, it cannot answer;

it cannot save them from their troubles.  
<sup>8</sup> “Remember this, keep it in mind,  
take it to heart, you rebels.  
<sup>9</sup> Remember the former things, those of  
long ago; I am God, and there is no  
other; I am God, and there is none like me.  
<sup>10</sup> I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say, ‘My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.’  
<sup>11</sup> From the east I summon a bird of prey;  
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my  
purpose. What I have said, that I will bring  
about; what I have planned, that I will do.



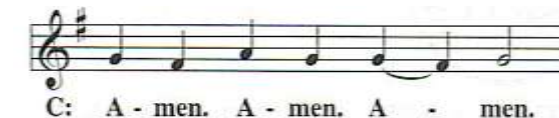
**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**PRAYER**



**THE LORD'S BLESSING**



**CLOSING HYMN: #373 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"**


**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** See who's celebrating a birthday this week & wish them a "Happy Birthday!" **TODAY**–Robert Luedtke; **Nov 8**–Jan Seegers; **Nov 9**–Anthony Brandt; **Nov 10**–Martin Luther.





## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Distribution Hymn: #377 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"*

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



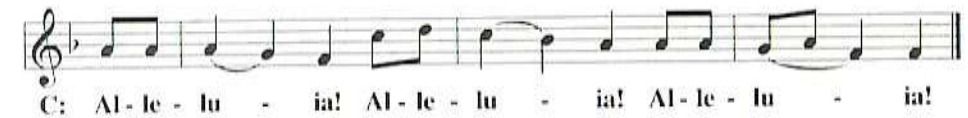
C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

## PSALM OF THE DAY, Psalm 31, page 77 (Sing in Unison)

### SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:31–39 (Nothing can separate us from the love of God.)

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

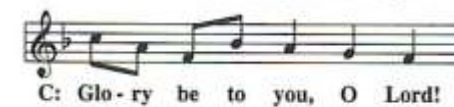
**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15) Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 16:25–33

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*




C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

**John 16:25–33** (Jesus encourages His disciples in knowing that He has overcome the world.) <sup>25</sup> “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking

clearly and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup> “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”


After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #529** *“Built on the Rock”*

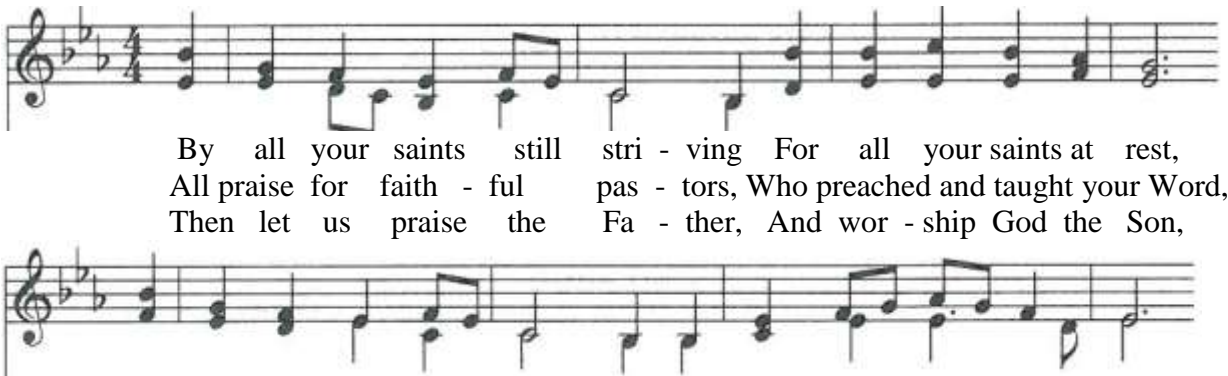
COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH OF MARTIN LUTHER



**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** Based on Hebrews 13:7 *"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."*

*"Remember Our Leaders"*

After the Sermon rise to sing #552 *"By All Your Saints Still Striving"*



By all your saints still stri - ving For all your saints at rest,  
All praise for faith - ful pas - tors, Who preached and taught your Word,  
Then let us praise the Fa - ther, And wor - ship God the Son,

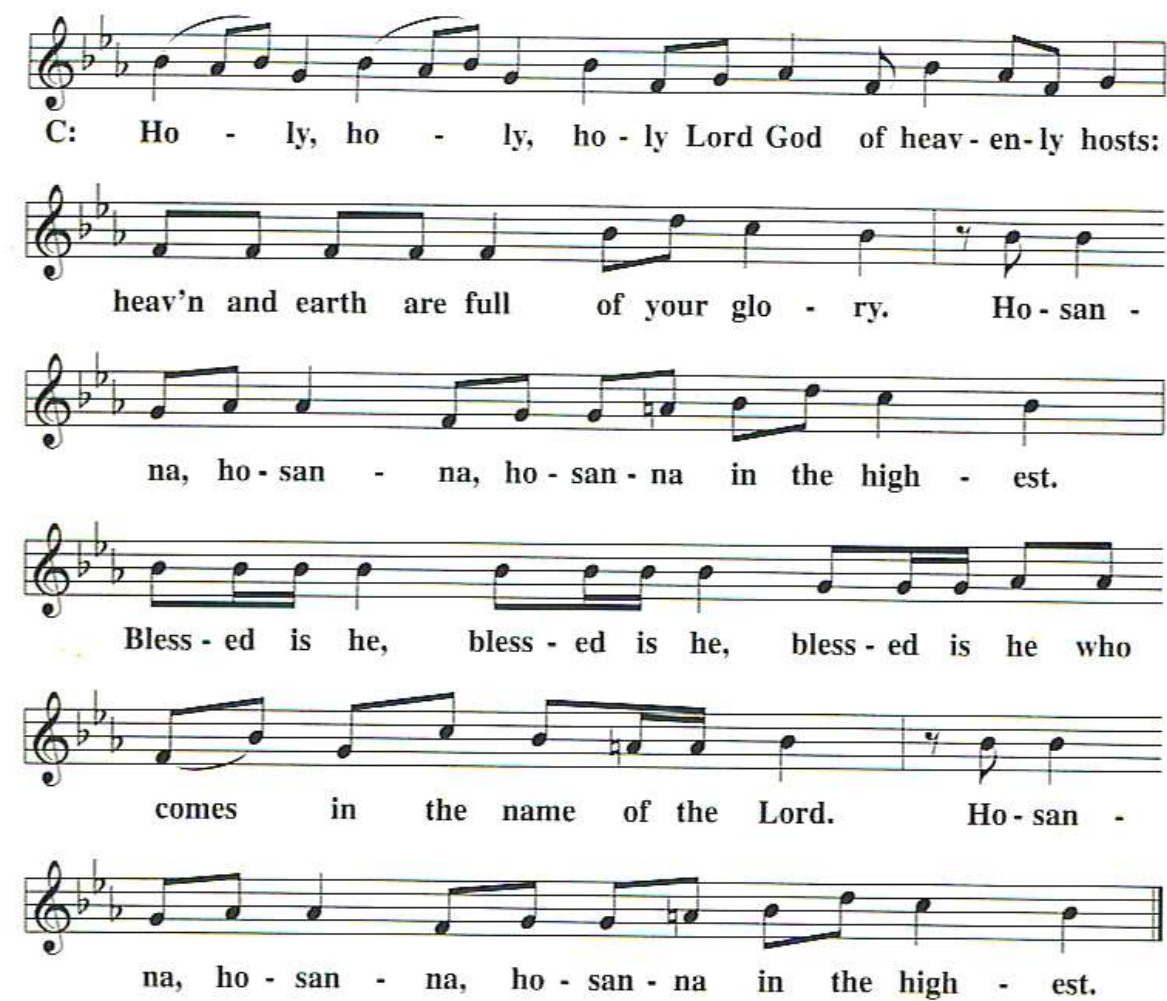
Your ho - ly name O Je - sus, For - e - ver - more be blest  
For men like Mar - tin Lu - ther, True ser - vants of their Lord.  
And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One

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SEASONAL SENTENCE *follows...*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

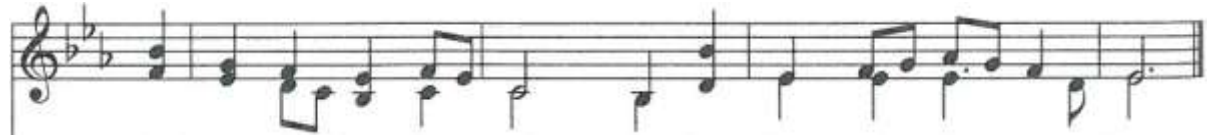
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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, saying, “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”  
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is My ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”





You rose our King vic - to - rious, That they might wear the crown,  
Lord, help your pas - tors nour - ish The souls with - in their care,  
Till all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand be - fore the throne



And ev - er shine in splen - dor Re - flec - ted from Your Throne.  
So that your Church may flour - ish And all your bles - sings share.  
As - cribe all power and glo - ry And praise to God a - lone

#### THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Lord, we pray for the Church on earth, that You will rule, protect, and guide her. Deliver us from the works of the devil, and shelter Your flock with Your love. Give us grace that we may take part in extending Your kingdom in our time, keeping and preserving the treasure of the Gospel for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for the nations of the world, and especially for our beloved nation. As Election Day approaches help and guide us, we pray, that all our elected leaders might lead in such a way that pleases you, providing for the common defense and overall good of society, that we might worship you in all quietness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We pray for our families and everyone in them. As we thankfully reflect on the life of Martin Luther, we bless You for the care that he received through his parents, and all the ways You prepared him for his reforming work. Grant that all of us may treasure the children in our lives and serve them with loving care, heeding Your call to bring the little ones to You for Your gracious blessing and directing them into paths of righteousness and every Christian virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**

We pray for all who minister to us through their callings. As we reflect on the birth and younger years of Martin Luther, we thank You for all who are employed in manual tasks, including miners, farmers, construction workers, and all those whose daily toil brings blessings to us. We thank You for the devotion of mothers and fathers and all family members who create loving homes in which children are raised. May their guidance direct us, their witness inspire us, and their love support us all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**

**Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**

We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are ill, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, those who are facing challenges in life, and all others whose needs for God's gracious visitation are known to us, [including . . .]. Lord, may Your holy angels be with them, that the evil foe may have no power over them and that, according to Your will, they may find restoration and wholeness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**

**Hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**

Merciful God, we bless You for the saints who have completed their earthly journeys and who now rejoice in the fullness of Your heavenly kingdom. On this day, we remember Your servant Martin Luther. Lead us to follow in the way of those faithful men and women who have gone before us, so that we may at last rejoice together eternally at Your throne. Hear us for the sake of Christ alone, *who also has taught us to pray... (The Lord's Prayer follows)*

#### ✠ ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE SACRAMENT ✠

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

