

REFORMATION

GOD OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 27, 2024
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Settings of A Mighty Fortress"</i>	Scheidt, Haase & Reger
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
Hymn 504		<i>"A Mighty Fortress"</i>
Greeting		
Canticle of Praise	<i>"This is the feast..."</i>	p. 122
Prayer of the Day		
Children's Time		
Anthem	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	J. Schrader

Word

First Reading		Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm Hymn (see page 4)		<i>"Though the Earth Shall Change"</i>
Second Reading		Romans 3:19-28
Gospel Acclamation	<i>"Alleluia!"</i>	p. 124
Gospel Reading		John 8:31-36
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day 598		<i>"For By Grace You Have Been Saved"</i>
Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer.
Peace		

Meal

Offering 885		<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>
Offering Prayer		

Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
Thanksgiving at the Table	
Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 483, 491	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
Blessing	
Hymn 548	<i>"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"</i>
Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"March on Amazing Grace"</i> D. Bédard

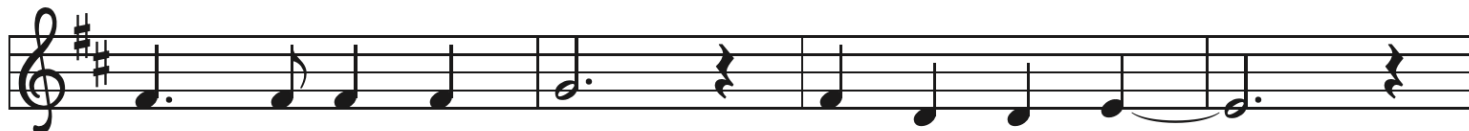
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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

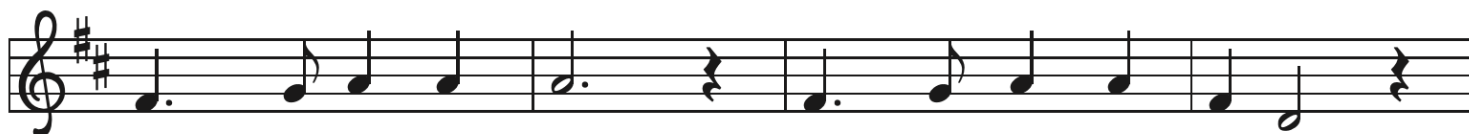
Though the Earth Shall Change



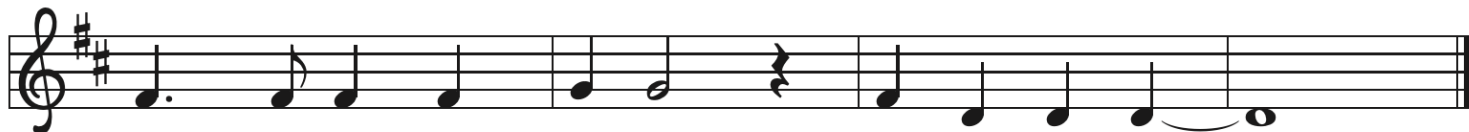
Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, and Tom Witt, b. 1957, based on Psalm 46

Music: WE WILL NOT FEAR, Tom Witt

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert

Cross Bearer: Paul Gross

Torch Bearers: Sue Laking, Linda McLellan

Communion Servers: Lynda Karn, Sunday School Children

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Glennis Koenig, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Grace, Maureen and John.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time.** Due to the congregational bylaw meeting after worship, fellowship time treats will be in the narthex this Sunday.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

General Announcements

Special Congregational Bylaw Meeting: Today following the worship service, we will be having a second special congregational meeting to approve the revised Articles of Amendment and Bylaws 1 and 2, to comply with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

Would you like a visit from the pastors? We'd love to visit you in-person, via phone, email or online! Please let us know and we'll schedule a date and time!

Pastors Carey and Sebastian

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Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

RELÈVEN

GIVING RISE TO COMMUNITY

RE[™]**REDISCOVER**

Two Rivers and Grand River Ministry Area Round Table

**23 November 2024
9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**St Matthews Fellowship Hall
54 Benton St
Kitchener, ON N2G 3H2**

Join us for an inspiring event where Lutheran churches will explore how to reimagine their mission and utilize land assets for greater community impact.

Discover innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Whether you're looking to expand your outreach or transform your resources, this event offers practical insights and collaborative opportunities to help your church make a lasting difference.

Members of our congregation, Lay Leaders and Pastors are invited to a one day workshop on November 23rd (9.30 am-3 pm), hosted by Reléven (formerly Trinity Centres Foundation) and held at St. Matthews in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a day spent exploring and discovering innovative ways to repurpose space, foster partnerships, and create sustainable change in your local area. Registration is required and lunch will be provided.

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



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