

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday Rite of Affirmation (Confirmation) of Frederik William Schmidt October 27, 2024, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God* [Cantata 79]
Johann Sebastian Bach

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS [based on Hebrews 4:12-16]

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we DO have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need... Let us therefore confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God,
C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #840: *Now Thank We All Our God*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

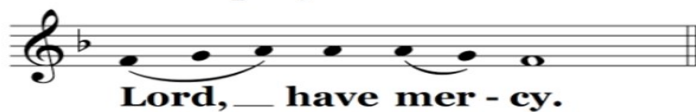
C And also with you.

KYRIE

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



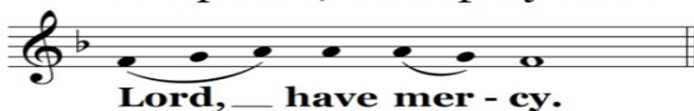
AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory Be to God on High*

Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below each staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.

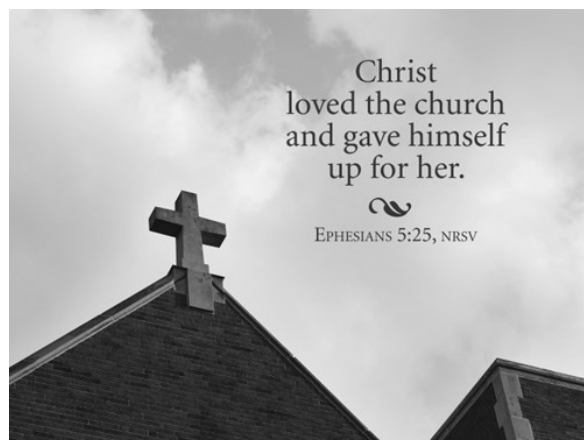
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

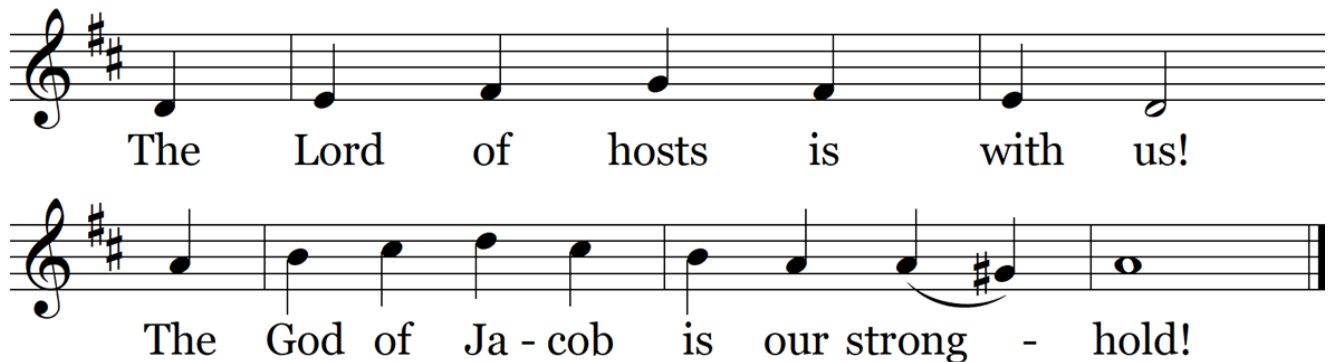
We sit

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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 The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 46 [*The choir sings the refrain; we repeat it, then sing it where indicated. Cantors sing the psalm verses*]



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¹ *God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.*

² *Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;*

³ *though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult. **Refrain***

⁴ *There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.*

⁵ *God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.*

⁶ *The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. Refrain*

⁸ *Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;*

⁹ *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.*

¹⁰ *“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the
earth.” Refrain*

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

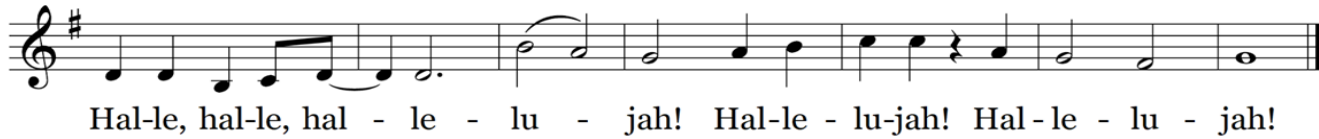
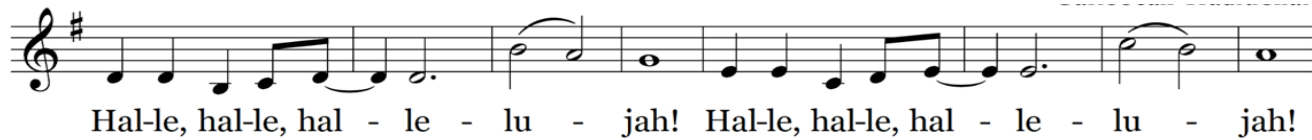
¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

GOSPEL VERSE: *Caribbean Alleluia*
(We sing it twice)



HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON: *The best eye drops to see the Light*

The Reverend Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #510: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

THE RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION)
OF FREDERIK (ERIK) WILLIAM SCHMIDT ELW pp. 234-236



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace, **C** **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!
—Martin Luther

*Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
and, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
proclaim the wonders God has done, proclaim the vict'ry God has won,
how precious was our ransom!*

*O God, you saw my deep distress before the world's foundation,
and, with your mercy measureless, you planned for my salvation.
You turned to me a father's heart; you did not choose the easy part,
but gave your dearest treasure.*

*The Son obeyed your gracious will, was born of virgin mother;
and, your good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore, a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
to lead the devil captive.*

*To me he said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
The foe will shed my precious blood; all this I suffer for your good;
my life o'er death will triumph.*

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
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OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

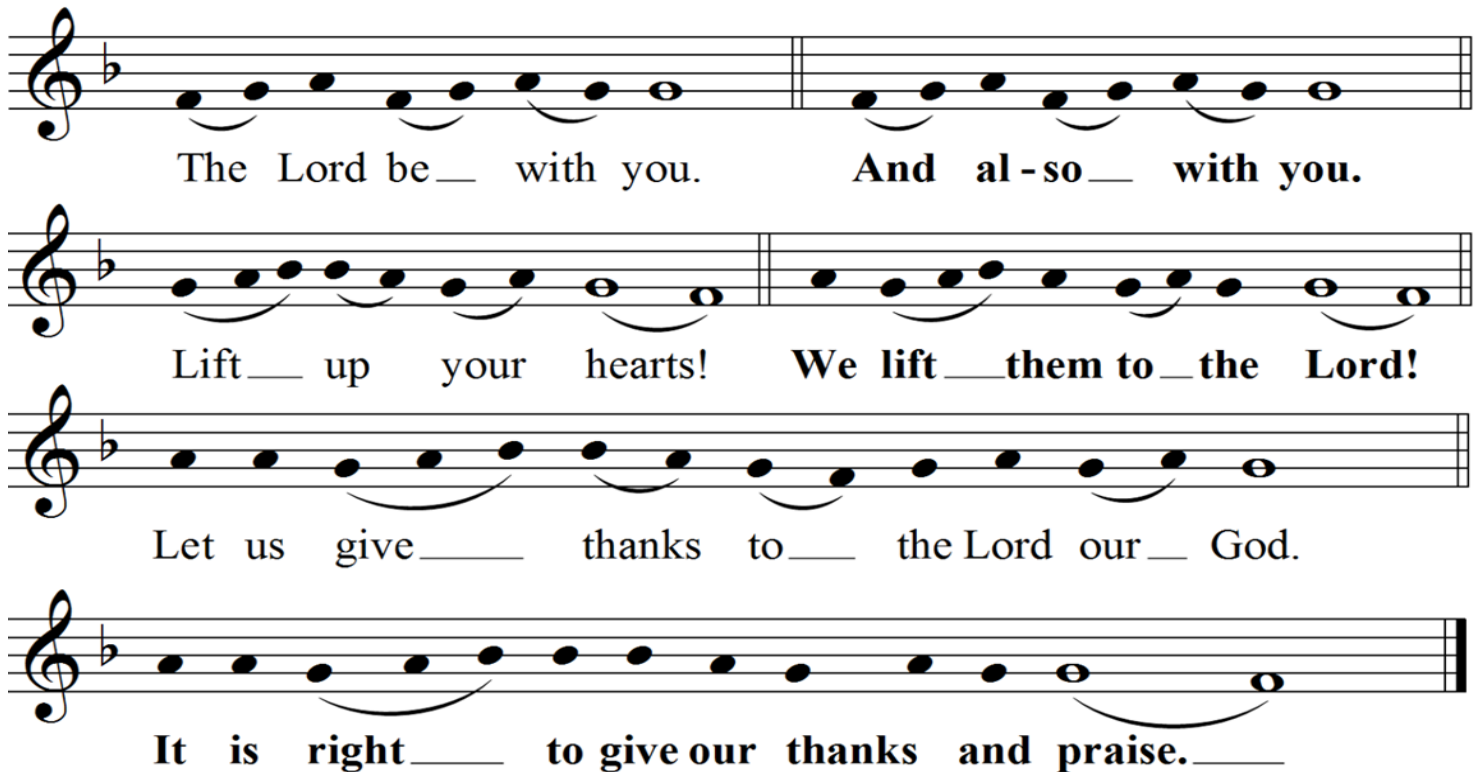
P Let us pray:

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be__ with you. And al-so__ with you.

Lift__ up your hearts! We lift__ them to__ the Lord!

Let us give____ thanks to__ the Lord our__ God.

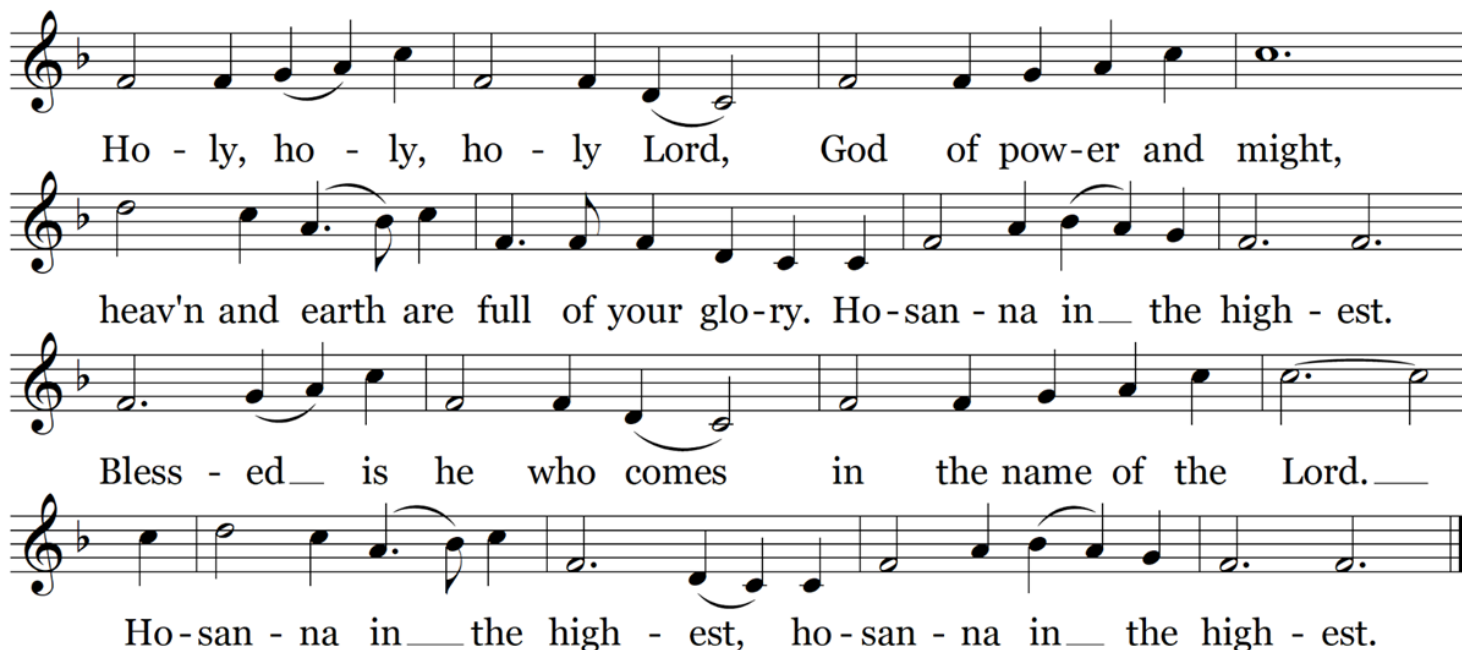
It is right____ to give our thanks and praise.____

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words followed by underscores indicating where a breath or a pause should be taken. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

P It is indeed our 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in__ the high - est.
Bless - ed__ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.__
Ho-san - na in__ the high - est, ho-san - na in__ the high - est.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.



P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,
and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the
earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION HYMNS *O Lamb of God*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

ELW 405: *O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God*

ELW 454: *Remember and Rejoice*

We stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

SENDING

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

PRAYER

P Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: #504 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Paul Kickstat

We are thankful for the musicians who joined in the celebration today:

Jorge Martinez and Joshua Romero, Trumpets
Newberry College Music Department

Macie Goodman, Trombone
Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church

Ben Goodman, Timpani
Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church

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