

Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
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CENTRAL LUTHERAN'S MISSION



Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

Central Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE *Erhalt uns (Lord, Keep Us Steadfast) BuxWV 185* Buxtehude

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you're able)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is the forgiveness of sins and the promise of new life. Receive freely this healing gift of mercy and grace. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #506 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



The image displays a musical score for the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". It consists of seven staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words appearing in multiple lines to accommodate the melody. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No

sword and shield vic - to - rious; He
 would be lost, re - ject - ed. But
 threat - ning to foes, who your fear us, We
 thanks to foes, who your fear it; For

breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal - va - tion
 now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God him - self e -
 trem - ble not, un - moved by we stand; They can - not o - ver -
 God him - self fights by our side With weap - ons of the

glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic
 lect - ed. You ask who this may
 pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant
 Spir - it; Were they to take our

foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful
 be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus might - y
 rage; In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to
 house, Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a -

might he arms him - self to a fight, On
 Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He
 fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One
 way, They can - not win the day; The

earth he has no e - qual.
 holds the field vic - to - rious.
 lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

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

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

For this ho-ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

GLORIA



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, who God the Fa - ther
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us 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. *(please be seated)*

WORD

FIRST LESSON **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

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. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.



**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;
though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**

The Lord of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works¹ of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up-¹on the earth;**

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.
**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

ANTHEM(8:30) *Now Thank We All Our God* – J. S. Bach Chorale

ANTHEM (11:00) Luther’s paraphrase of The Lord’s Prayer Cantors
See ELW #747 for the full Luther version with 9 stanzas

SECOND LESSON Romans 3:19-28

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 him 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 his 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. The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to go to the Chapel for a special message. They will return during the Sharing of the Peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



Cantors: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. **Repeat antiphon.**

GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews 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." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN #411 We All Believe *(please stand)*

Martin Luther adapted the text of the Nicene Creed and set it to music to instruct his congregation, (most of whom could not read) in the basic principles. He adapted the music from Gregorian Chant.

1. We all be - lieve in one true God,
 2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ,
 3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost

Who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther,
 God's own Son, our Lord pos - sess - ing An e - qual
 Who, in high - est heav - en dwell - ing With God the

who to us in love Has the right of chil - dren giv - en.
 God-head, throne, and might, Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing;
 Fa - ther and the Son, Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing;

God in soul and bod - y feed us; All we need God's hand pro - vides us;
 Born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
 Who the Church, God's own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us.
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er;
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion

Watch - ing that no harm be - tide us,
 That the lost might life in - her - it,
 Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.

God cares for us by day and night.
 Was put to death up - on the cross,
 All flesh shall rise, and we shall be

All things are gov - erned by God's might.
 And raised by God vic - to - ri - ous.
 In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Final Amen
 A - - - - - men

(8:30) RITE OF CONFIRMATION

ELW pages 234-236

Charles Micah Bodner, Alexander Vaughn Ellison-Hougland,
and Anders John Smith

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

HYMN #517 Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (Luther text)

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the Soprano part, and the harmony is in the other three parts. The lyrics are in German, and the text is a Luther text. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Soprano line and a Bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

OFFERING

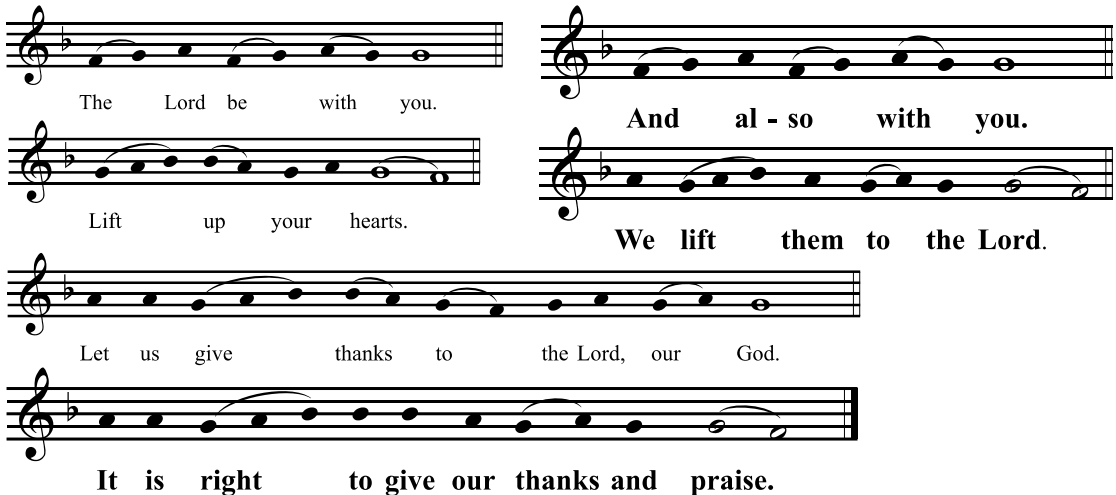
You are invited to place your offering in the plate as you come forward for communion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand as you're able)*



The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

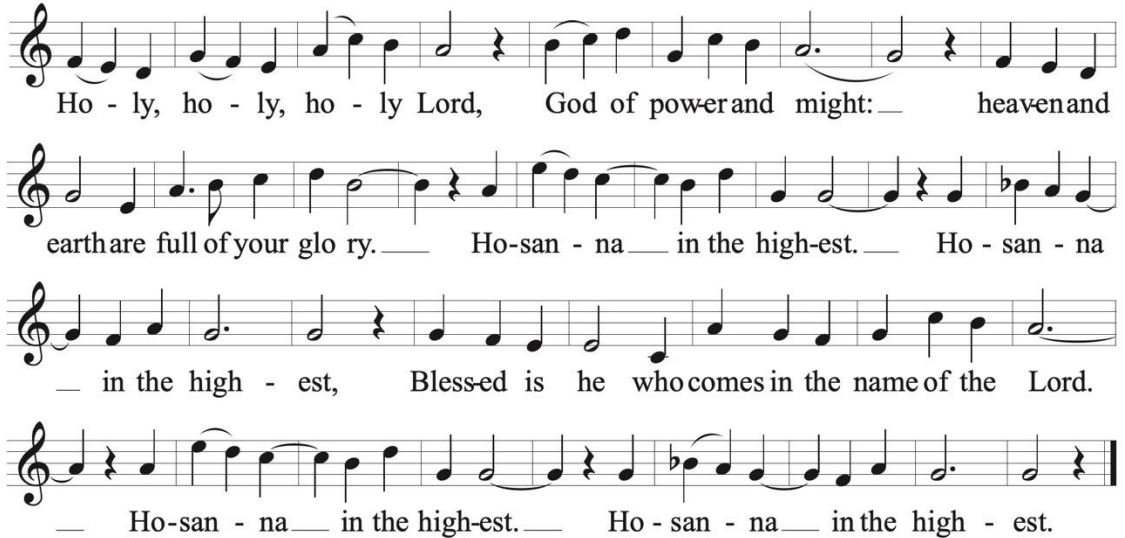
And al - so with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give our 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 power and might: — heaven and
earth are full of your glo ry. — Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na
— in the high - est, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
— Ho-san - na — in the high-est. — Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. (*be seated*)

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us — peace, grant us peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #654 The Church's One Foundation *(see next page)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

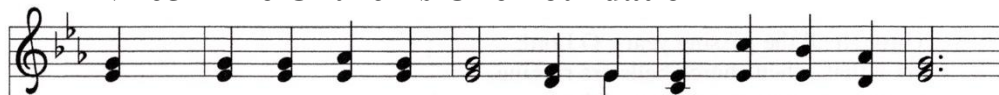
We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Praeludium in G Major* Nicolaus Bruhns

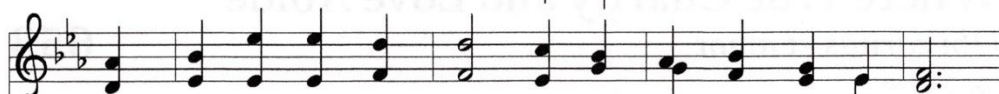
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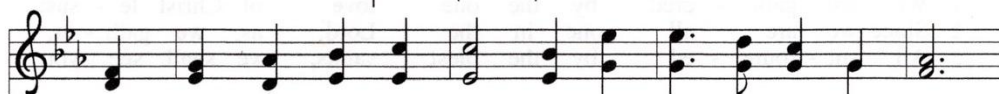
HYMN #654 The Church's One Foundation



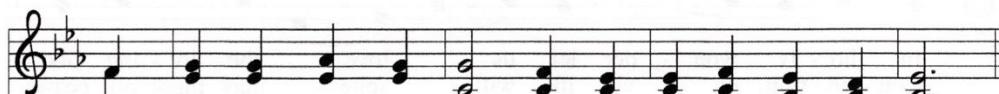
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



The new CUE Whole Life Harvest Festival is today, 3-5pm at Emmaus Lutheran. *Gathering the Harvest* will have games, activities, and presentations that will help live out Jesus' instruction to bring in the harvest both spiritually and materially. This will include; food collection for FISH maze, activities to support those who produce and provide food in our communities, a presentation from the youth summer service trip, and games, prizes and treats! There will be something fun for our youngest members on up so please plan to join us this afternoon!

In honor of All Saints Day, the Chorale will perform **John Rutter's *Requiem* on November 1st** at both the 8:30am and 11am services. Come participate in worship with this wonderful piece about life and death.

Also to commemorate All Saints Day, you are invited **on November 1st at 5pm for a Service of Remembrance in the Memorial Courtyard** rain or shine, to remember the lives of our beloved siblings in Christ who have joined the Church triumphant since last All Saints Day, as well as the all of the dearly departed saints of every time and place.

Annual Solicitation for Funding Special Projects: CLC Endowment Committee is actively soliciting proposals for funding special projects within the church, which are outside of the normal budget. Acceptance of these proposals will be guided by the CLC Mission: to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel. Request forms may be obtained in the Narthex, church office, from the Endowment Committee or www.connecttocentral.org/foundation-endowment. Your proposal must be coordinated through a committee, ministry team, council, relevant staff person, and/or one of the pastors. **Deadline: November 1st.** Endowment Fund Committee Members: Kelly Colvin-Smith, Chair; Donna Bennett; Drew Haugen; Stephanie Riess; Becky Shurson; Bruce Smolnisky; and Debbie Knebel (Council Rep).

BONHOEFFER: WITH COURAGE AND HUMILITY

C.U.E. DAY OF LEARNING

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis in 1945, is widely remembered for his brave resistance to Hitler. In this series sponsored by Central, United, and Emmaus Lutheran churches (CUE), presenter Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker explores how Bonhoeffer's ethical approach uniquely pairs boldness with profound humility and offers a crucial blueprint for navigating unsettled times today. *All events hosted at Emmaus Lutheran Church (1250 W. 18th Ave.)*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM | LECTURE: "A PROFILE IN COURAGE AND HUMILITY."

- An introduction to Bonhoeffer's life and ethical framework, examining how faith and responsibility intersect when the ground feels like it is moving under our feet.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | WORKSHOP: "WITH COURAGE AND HUMILITY: BONHOEFFER'S ETHICAL APPROACH FOR US TODAY"

- Part 1: Presentation based on Dr. Brocker's paper from the XIV International Bonhoeffer Congress and his forthcoming book from Fortress Press.
- Part 2: Guided case study using a discernment process inspired by Bonhoeffer's ethics.



ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker is a scholar and author specializing in Dietrich Bonhoeffer's ethics. His forthcoming book, *With Courage and Humility: Bonhoeffer's Ethical Approach for Us Today*, is published by Fortress Press.