

### Lift high the cross

Martin Luther believed following Jesus was a way of life.

Follow Luther to the Wittenberg castle and back home again to find an important reminder of Jesus.



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### October 29, 2023 † Reformation Sunday

*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.*

### † GATHERING †

#### Prelude

*(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)*

#### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





## Martin Luther (1483-1546)

### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

When we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**But if we would confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today God calls us to look at the faith he has given us by grace.

*(Let us take a moment of silence for reflection and confession.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We prefer to boast of our faith**

**and seek to impress you and each other**

**with the pretense of fine moral living.**

**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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us  
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.

He has placed his law on our hearts and minds  
and declared us right with him.

That truth sets us free to walk in his ways.

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 the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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### Opening Hymn

### *The Church's One Foundation*

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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,

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### Opening Litany

No matter how many times a day we pray,  
 praying will not get us into heaven.  
**For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith,  
 and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God,  
 not by works, so that no one can boast.**

No matter how many times we go to church,  
 going to church will not get us into heaven.  
**For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith,  
 and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God,  
 not by works, so that no one can boast.**

No matter how much money we put in the offering plate, giving money to the church will not get us into heaven.

**For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.**

No matter how nice we are to people, being nice will not get us into heaven.

**For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.**

Only by believing in Jesus and putting all our trust in him **will we be given the gift of eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.**

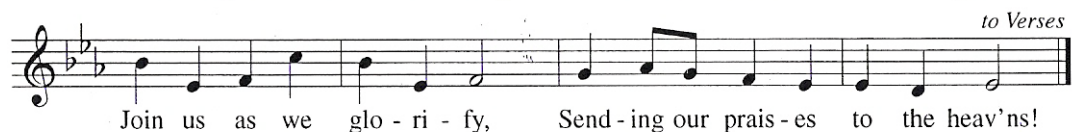
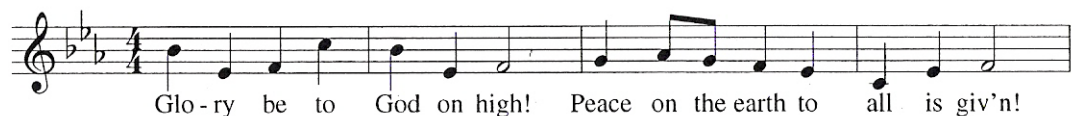
### Apostolic Greeting

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.**

### Hymn of Praise

### Glory to God

Family of God



1. You, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King, O God the Fa-ther, might-y One;  
2. You sit at the right hand of God; Oh, hear our hum-ble prayer to-day;  
3. You, O Lord, are the Ho-ly One, and you a-lone are Lord of heav'n,



1. Je-sus Christ, to you we sing, O Lord, on-ly be-got-ten Son. (Ref.)  
2. Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us- Je-sus, take our sins a-way. (Ref.)  
3. Reign-ing with the Ho-ly Spir-it and the Fa-ther. A-men. (Ref.)

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Blessed be your name, O God,  
**for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus,  
the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

### Announcements

### Benediction

God all mighty, God most merciful,  
bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.  
In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

### A Mighty Fortress

#504



- 1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a sword and shield vic-t  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-  
3 Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de-  
4 God's Word for-ev-er shall a-bide, no thanks to foes, who



to-ri-ous; he breaks the cruel op-pres-sor's rod and  
ject-ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem-ble not, un-moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him-self fights by our side with



wins sal-va-tion glo-ri-ous. The old sa-tan-ic foe  
God him-self e-lect-ed. You ask who this may be?  
can-not o-ver-pow'r us. Let this world's ty-rant rage;  
weap-ons of the Spir-it. Were they to take our house,

*Song continues on next page.*





stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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**Distribution Hymn**      *Let Us Break Bread Together*      #471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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**Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer.22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 46

Let us read Psalm 46 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>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.

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

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law

## Agnus Dei

## Lamb of God

Family 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.

## Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

*The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.*

## Distribution Hymn

## Now We Join in Celebration

#462

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior’s in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - ’ly of God’s chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v’ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t’ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

*Song continues on next page.*

who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper, Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Inspiring God, you give us your scriptures

for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,  
and for building us up in service to you and your world.

Open your children's hearts

each time your church opens your Word of life.

Send your Spirit upon evangelists, teachers, preachers, and healers,

that the wind and fire of Pentecost

may thrill and transform your people today.

Make your Son's disciples feel their hearts burning within them

as you speak with them and they find their story in your story;

until the day you draw us into your Book of Life,

and we are gathered between the covers of your glory,

ever one God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together 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.**

comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Verse

### God's Word is Our Great Heritage

#509

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;  
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while  
time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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## Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Time

### Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

### Reforming God

(Tune: WOV #778)

1. Re - form - ing God, for - give your Chur - ch's strug - gles  
 2. Re - form - ing God, the change you bring will chal - lenge  
 3. Re - form - ing God, trans - form our in - ner be - ing--

to wor - ship Christ, our Sav - ior, with one voice;  
 our hopes and dreams, our hab - its and our ways;  
 en - rich our faith, and build our hope in you.

for - give our man - y self - in - flict - ed trou - bles,  
 and as your Spir - it guides us on your mis - sion,  
 Re - form - ing God, trans - form our way of see - ing

In the death and resurrection of your Son  
and the sending of your Spirit  
you turned your covenant with your people  
into an invitation to all the world.

And so we thank and praise you, with the angels and archangels,  
singing your song of glory.

## Sanctus

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -  
 ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who  
 comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

## Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Inscribing God, in Jesus your Word was made flesh.  
In your scriptures that flesh was made word.  
In your church and your kingdom that word is made flesh again.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit  
bring your scriptural promises to fulfillment  
in your people gathered in your name today.  
By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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✠ MEAL ✠

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**



**Proper Preface**

Storytelling God,  
 you had too much love within your Trinity to keep it to yourself,  
 and so you made a universe in which to bring forth the earth,  
 and an earth in which to raise up a people,  
 and a people in which to come among us in your Son,  
 that we may know your purpose  
 never to be except to be with us in him forever.  
 Through patriarchs and prophets,  
 through women of courage and kings,  
 through the redemption of failure  
 and the transformation of faithlessness  
 you embodied your relentless will to abide with us.

through which we argue rather than rejoice.  
 we'll have to leave behind the good old days.  
 the paths through which your world might be re-newed.

For you, O God, give grace beyond all measure;  
 For you, O God, cre-a-tion's bril-liant auth- or,  
 Re-form-ing God, trans-form your Church and send us

the Ho-ly Spir-it's gifts on us are poured,  
 are al-ways work-ing, mak-ing all things new,  
 in-to the world to bap-tize and to teach.

as by your Word, your prom-ise, joined with wa-ter,  
 We are your chil-dren, O great heav'n-ly Fath-er,  
 Trans-form us al-ways, shape us for your pur- pose;

you make us one in Je-sus Christ our Lord.  
 and so, where-e'er we go, we are with you.  
 Re-form us all, O Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty.

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**Apostles' Creed**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

### Prayers of the People

P Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God our parent, you call us your children  
and have made us siblings through your son Jesus.  
Heal the church’s many divisions, bring understanding and peace  
where there has been contention and strife,  
and unite us in one body through the love of Christ.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P God our creator,  
your hands have made the heights of the mountains,  
the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation.  
Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms,  
and human carelessness.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake,  
but your word stands fast forever.  
Let your justice and peace roll down like waters  
wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P God our champion, you are our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in times of trouble.  
Draw near to all who suffer, *especially*....  
Be their rest and comfort.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A God our reformer, you make all things new.  
Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways,  
and kindle zeal in us for the future.  
We pray for young people affirming their baptism.  
With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence...  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A God our Savior, you made yourself known  
in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace.  
We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther  
and for all whose example has brought us closer to you.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your unending love and amazing grace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### Peace

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

✠ OFFERING ✠

### Offering Response

### *We Are an Offering*

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The musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an". The second staff contains: "of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The third staff contains: "lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,". There are triplets of eighth notes in the first and third staves.