

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

WELCOME, *Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex or fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering plate and come back soon!*

PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP: Lord of the Church, we ask You to bless Your Church here on earth. May it continue to grow in faith and in souls. May it continue to be true to the message of the Bible. May it always uphold the cross of Jesus Christ, and the new life and salvation which He brings. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements + *please silence cell phones* +

Prelude "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" (Reuter/Culli)
[Words for Meditation - See LSB 582]

The Reformation

Seven things we take for granted that are ours because of the Reformation:

1. The **open Bible**, available to all, written in our own language.
2. A **service of worship** in our language in which all can participate.
3. A collection of **hymns and songs** that we can join in singing with our fellow believers.
4. We have the privilege of **Bible study**, where together we can study God's Word.
5. The teaching that **every believer is a priest** who is in service to the Lord (1 Peter 2:5,9)
6. The comforting doctrine that we are saved solely by **God's grace** through **faith** in Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:8-9)
7. The concept of a **loving God** and Father who wants to forgive us and bring us to life everlasting. (John 3:16)

Stand

We Confess our Sins *(from "Luther's Prayers")*

P Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

C I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised:

P He who believes in me shall have everlasting life.

C Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still said:

P My child, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. I will raise you up on the last day, and you will have eternal life.

C I cannot help myself by my own strength. I come to you for help. Please forgive me. Amen

We Hear the Good News

P God shows His love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare unto you, who have sincerely repented, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C Amen!

The Prayer of the Day *(Luther's Morning Prayer)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–24, 28

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

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

from Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength,
C **a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

We Confess Our Faith *(from Luther's Small Catechism)*

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, all this that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Sit

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Trumpet: Ryan Stites)

LSB 657



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
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 - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons
va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,
work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They

Sermon

Offering - may be placed in offering plates at exit doors

Stand

Reformation Litany

- P** O God, You are our refuge and strength;
C **A present help in time of change.**
- P** O Lord, You are our light and salvation;
C **A perfect guide in time of turmoil.**
- P** We ask You to deliver us;
C **From all sin, from all error, from all evil.**
- P** We ask You to fill us with Your strength to do Your will;
C **By the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts; by the power of Your Word and sacraments; by Your divine presence and blessing.**
- P** As we celebrate once again the Festival of Reformation, we are reminded that we need Your help to take from Your Church
C **all bitterness that would destroy its fellowship;
all divisions that would destroy its unity;
all coldness that would hinder its mission.**
- P** Cause us to remember the need
C **to emphasize the Gospel as the center of faith;
to insist upon the authority of the Scriptures;
to point out the limitations of man-made decisions and decrees.**
- P** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for Your Church and for the needs we now bring before You ...(*petitions for specific needs are prayed here*)
...By Your Spirit, then, make us firm in our faith;
C **bold in Your grace;**
- P** open to the Scriptures;
C **courageous in action; constant in devotion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Words of Our Lord - The Lord's Supper

Communion Music “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word” (Cassler)
[Words for Meditation - See LSB 655]

Sit

Blessing

- P** The grace of the Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **Amen.**

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Luther/Held)

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+ SOLI DEO GLORIA! +
+ TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY! +



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FAMILY PRAYERS: We pray for a successful community outreach this afternoon at our Preschool Trunk or Treat Event. We give thanks for the lives of three men who were called to glory last week and we pray for God's peace and comfort to be with: Carmen Heath and family following the passing of her husband, Jack; Shari Clark and family following the passing of her husband, Leighton; and for the family of Pastor Sternbeck formerly with Makah Lutheran Church in Neah Bay. (*services pending*) We continue to pray for our nation, our community, Preschool, and all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Jan Stoecker (*recovering from knee replacement surgery*), Marty Adickes, Larry Schneibel, Jean Collinson, Kent Boster, Jan Ruegg, Megan Van Dusen, Pat Bruce, Deacon Tim Bruce, Tim Duncan, Kathy Langston, Pat Skinner, Bernie Christianson, Don Haas, Jo Jensen, Mona Van Dyke, Debbie Hayes, Carolyn Stephens, Larry Latson, Gerald Martin, Bud & Doris Harris, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Jim & Susan Kaiser in Ethiopia with Lutheran Bible Translators.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by Mai Ha Alexander in loving memory of her parents and her husband, Joseph.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: **Elders/Ushers:** (8:30 am) Roger Harmann, Bill Eichler; (9:45 am) Jon Wendt, Don Brueckner; (11:00 am) Frank Jones, Neil Eklund, Mike Millar
Altar Care: Autumn Stites & Susan Clements; **Counters:** RayDelle Kistler & Patti Vardanega
Lectors: (8:30 am) Frank Herodes; (9:45 am) Carl Honore'; (11:00 am) Patsy Mathys
[* Please contact Lector Coordinator Gary Meier to volunteer to be a Lay Reader.]
Audio/Visual Team: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, Tom Davies
Trustees: Larry Schneibel, Paul Schwabe, Paul Kaiser, Rev. Mark Smith, Tom Maschhoff

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: [Tues. & Thurs. - 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group]

This Afternoon: **3 - 5 pm "Trunk or Treat" Event** (*outdoor walk-through event*)
THURSDAY: 10 am Living Way Bible Study *meets in the sanctuary & on-line*
 12:30 pm Quilting Group
SUNDAYS: 8:30, 9:45 & 11 am Worship Services

Our LWML collect coins or "mites" on the 1st Sunday of every month in support of missions



QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING: Our next regularly scheduled Voter's Meeting is Sunday, Nov 14th, and will once again need to be done with Covid protocols in place. There are prepared informational handouts available now out in the narthex which also include a voter's ballot for our 2022 Budget Proposal. This information is for members only and only members may vote. All ballots must be returned to the designated box in the narthex by Sunday, Nov. 14th. *Thank you!*

THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS: Checks for this mission will be collected **Sun. Nov. 7th & 14th.**