

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022
in the 169^h Year of the Parish
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (propositions for debate regarding the sale of indulgences for forgiveness) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a Lutheran Church. Luther's primary principle is that people are justified (made right before God) by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation then is a gift from God and not earned by human works or good deeds.

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”



Our COVID-19 Guidelines:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Face masks are optional.

Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.

Please continue to observe social distancing when passing the peace.

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, “Green Book”)

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Ein Feste Burg* Max Reger (1873-1916)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father †, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. The congregation may kneel.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

The pastor stands and gives words of assurance.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN Built on a Rock**

LBW, “Green”, 365

***REFORMATION DIALOGUE**

P Hear the good news! We are saved by grace through faith in Christ! This is not our own doing. It is God's gift to us!

C **Amen! Thanks be to God!**



Every week I preach justification
by faith to my people, because
every week they forget it.

~ Martin Luther

AZ QUOTES

*THIS IS THE FEAST



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that you renew 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 all who confess Christ as Lord and Savior your saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

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.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It 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. 33But 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. 34No 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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

1God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

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

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

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

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

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

7The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

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

9behold 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.”**

11The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 3:19-28

19Now 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. 20For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

27Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

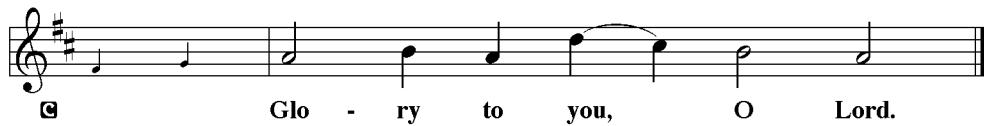
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....John 8:31-36**

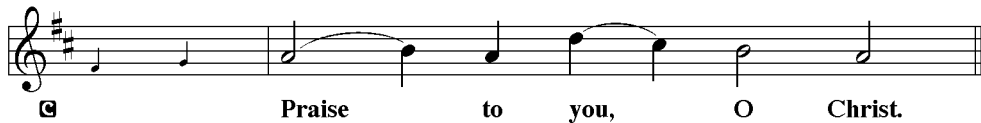
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



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.”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

EXHORTATION

P Reformation Sunday is the celebration of recognizing the truth of the Gospel. It commemorates how on October 31, the day before All Saints' Day, known in the church as “All Hallows Eve”, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, nailed to the Castle Church Door in Wittenberg, Germany 95 Theses. Luther's 95 Theses proclaimed the truth of the Gospel that grace, forgiveness and life eternal are found in Christ and Christ alone. He charged the church to recover this ancient and sacred truth and to never tire in proclamation of it. On this day, we give thanks for all reformers who have called the church to its tasks, affirm the truth of the gospel, and by way of the Holy Spirit pledge ourselves to continue Christ's message and ministry.

(As the hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” is played on our organ, Martin Luther will make his appearance and post the 95 Theses on our Church Door. After he exits, please join in singing this “hymn of the Reformation”!

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God LBW, “Green”, 229

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith, the faith in which we baptize:

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

After each petition, “Hear us, O God/Your Mercy is Great.”

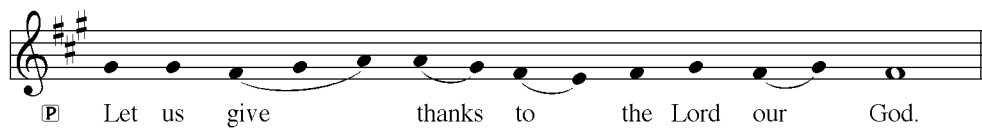
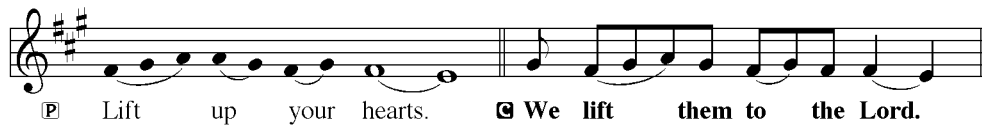
***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words,
and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have
prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

P 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.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C 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**

*LAMB OF GOD



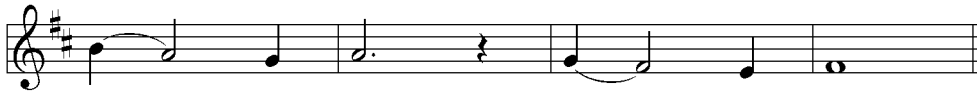
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:

- *Communicants as directed by ushers are asked to come forward by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

Please do not kneel at the rail.

P Christ invites you to his table.

Come, taste and see.

C Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

*AFTER COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***HYMN The Church of Christ in Every Age LBW, “Green”, 433**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sonata de Clarines Antonio Soler (1729-1873)

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Storm and Hurricane Victims, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah.

WORSHIP LEADERS (10/30/22)

Lector	8:00 a.m.	Candy Dewar
	10:30 a.m.	Linda Rosini

Communion Assistants	8:00 a.m.	Jackie Kinney / Drew Haussmann
	10:30 a.m.	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber

Organist	Sam Robinson
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Ushers:	8:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Herb Poff
	10:30 a.m.	Matt Fortin – Captain, Glenn Yaple, Bud Doebler

Altar Guild	October	Cindy Huff and Linda Rosini
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READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

OUR STEWARDSHIP (10/23/22)

Regular Offering	3,937.00
Plate Offerings	30.00
Theological Fund	25.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Sunday School Offering	7.00
Operation Christmas Child	40.00
Disaster Relief	50.00
Flowers Memorials / Tributes	60.00
GRAND TOTAL	4,199.00



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+In Honor of our Daughter, Hannah, on her 21st birthday by Vicki and Drew Haussmann.

+In Loving Memory of my Grandmother, Freda Shaner, on what would have been her 97th birthday.



REFORMATION FACTOID: In 1522, Martin Luther, who believed that all people should have access to the word of God, finished translating the New Testament into the German language. *Living Lutheran's* October lead feature tells the story of Martin Luther's

groundbreaking translation and its significance both historically and present-day. A copy of *Living Lutheran* is available from the Narthex.



Operation Christmas Child

Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 6th after the 10:30 service to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A light lunch will be served, and a brief presentation will show how meaningful and life-changing these gifts are to the kids who receive a shoebox filled with all sorts of goodies. Plus, packing shoeboxes for others is tons of fun! Many hands make for light work, and all are welcome to participate in this outreach project.

If November 6th doesn't work into your schedule, we also need extra hands to help unpack all of our collected treasures. We will be working in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 1st from 10:00-Noon and Wednesday, November 2nd from 5:30-7:30. Would love to see you there!

If there are any questions, please contact Vicki Haussmann at (570)447-3263. Thanks!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ♦ Sunday, November 6, All Saints' Sunday (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)
- ♦ Sunday, November 13, "Shoebox Sunday" (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)
- ♦ Saturday, November 19, "Billtown Brass" in St. Mark's Nave, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30a.m.)
- ♦ Thursday, November 24, "A National Day of Thanksgiving" (USA)
- ♦ Sunday, November 27, Annual Advent Wreath Making. After the 10:30 a.m. service, light lunch and all materials provided.
- ♦ Sunday, November 27, The First Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m.)

COMMEMORATIONS



All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. This year All Saints will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6 and we will remember the faithful who have died during the past year at both services.



Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

