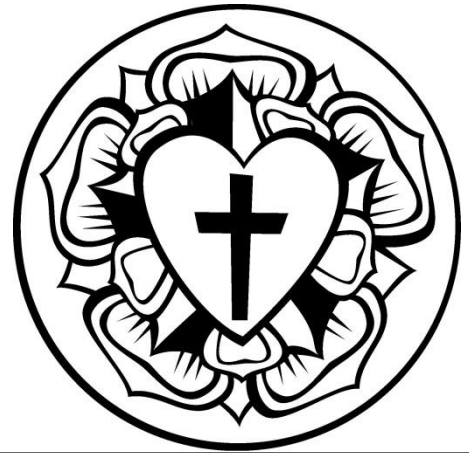


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REFORMATION DAY

THE WORK RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT SAVES US

October 28 & 29, 2023

✝ In The Name Of Jesus Christ ✝

AS WE GATHER]

On this day when we observe and celebrate the Reformation, our Readings point us to remember the struggles and eventual insights of Martin Luther. God used these struggles and insights of one man in Germany to reshape the Church and let the true Gospel resound all over the world. Luther struggled as a young monk and professor because he had been taught that he, by his works of righteousness, might possibly then qualify to be loved by God. This teaching caused him nearly to despair entirely. But then he read Romans 3:23–24: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Struck by God’s Word here, Luther recognized that it is Christ’s work of righteousness—His dying and rising for sinners like Luther—that saves. Today is a celebration of what Christ has done for sinners like Luther and us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Thy Strong Word” *LSB* 578, vv. 1-3, 6

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

P. By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

C. God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

P. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

C. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

P. As You reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

C. reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us. *Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

P. Scripture tells us very clearly that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C. but, we are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

P. God calls us to confess our sins. Oh Lord, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

C. Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we pray for Your forgiveness.

P. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Brothers and Sisters, I have good news for you! Through the redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority and command, as a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray together,

C. Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for ours on the cross. Now we stand righteous before You by faith. Guide us to trust always in Jesus alone, that we may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING *Revelation 14:6–7*

(In a vision, John sees an angel who declares to all peoples and nations, "Fear God and give Him glory.")

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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 46 *(This Psalm to be read responsively, verse by verse.)*

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

**C. ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P. ³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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

P. ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

**C. ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C. ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

**C. ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

P. ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER
AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING;
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER.
AMEN.**

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*

(“We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”)

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, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

(continued...)

This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:31–36*

(Jesus declares that to believe in Him is to be truly free.)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C. Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

(10:30 ONLY) TITHES AND OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657

(8:00 – the Choir will introduce the hymn and sing with the congregation)

SERMON 5:30 – The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein "**ABIDE IN JESUS' WORD**" (*John 8:31-36*)
 8:00 & 10:30 – The Rev. Bruce Stam "**PUMPKIN PATCH GOSPEL**"

CREED *Nicene Creed*

**C. I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
 dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P. Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, especially Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

P. Holy God, hear these further prayers from Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Further petitions are offered here)

P. Hear us as we bring all of these prayers to You and as we join together in the prayer Your Son has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

(5:30 & 8:00 ONLY) TITHES AND OFFERING

(8:00 only – Trinity Choir “Built on the Rock”)

✘ SACRAMENT ✘**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.****PROPER PREFACE**

P. It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life on the cross in order that our hearts may be reshaped to reflect not our own goodness but God’s. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” *LSB p. 208*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P. Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. **Amen.**

P. Welcome to the Lord’s Table.

AGNUS DEI (p. 210 in hymnal)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB* 655

“By Grace I’m saved” *LSB* 566

POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C. Amen

BENEDICTION *Psalm 98:3a; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:5*

P. God has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness.

C. **Amen.**

P. By grace you have been saved through faith.

C. **Amen.**

P. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. In Christ, you are blessed.

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

C. **Amen.**

HYMN **"The Church's One Foundation"** *LSB 644, vv. 1,2,4,5*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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Leading Worship

Pastor 5:30 – The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein

8:00 & 10:30 – The Rev. Bruce Stam

Music Nancy Simonson, Organist; 8:00 – Trinity Choir

Elders 8:00 – Curt Becher, 10:30 – Wayne Meyer

Worship Assistants 5:30 – Eric Remold, Mark Remold

8:00 – Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman

10:30 – Mark Prieve

Lectors 5:30 – Dee Bonkoski; 10:30 – Weeg family

Greeters 5:30 – Richard Delaske;

8:00 – Jackie Denninger, Barb Beatty;

Ushers 5:30 – Judy & Dan Valentyn, David Schuenke;

8:00 – Jim Cross, Vernon Cross, Wayne Dalluge;

10:30 – Wayne Nelson, Bob Reichert