Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Five

Festival of the Reformation and The Rite of Confirmation

(10:30 a.m.)

October 31, 2021





Festival of the Reformation

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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for Reformation Day

Lord God Almighty, on this Reformation observance, we thank You for the gift of Your holy Word. Satan cannot tolerate the true proclamation of the Word, so he continually distorts and distracts from the divine message through false prophets, false doctrine, and false hope. Lord of the Church, we glorify You for promising that Your Word will stand forever. Thank You for raising up reformers and endowing them with the Spirit to clearly see what is truth in accord with Your Word and to recognize error instigated by Satan and carried out by humans. Fill us with that same Holy Spirit to be eager students of Your saving Word. Safeguard the Scriptures to our synod, our congregation, our families, and us. Reform our hearts through the Scriptures so that we confess our sins and look only to Jesus for salvation. Lord, may we daily search the Scriptures, for they "make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." In the name of Him who is our Savior from all sin. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to

eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

John 20:19-23

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]* and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*

let the humble hear in the glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;* none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]* and shall not be put to shame.



942 Kyrie! God, Father





948 All Glory Be to God Alone



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I [John] 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. And 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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle: 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for 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, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It 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.

Then 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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

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

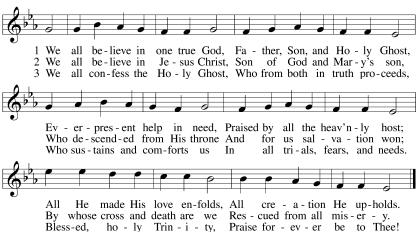
Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

953 We All Believe in One True God



Sermon

"The Truth Will Set You Free"

Text: John 8:31-36



10:30 a.m. The Rite of Confirmation: pg. 272 LSB Isaac Doak Chimezikora Oqu

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

E Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Sit

Offering



Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

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Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

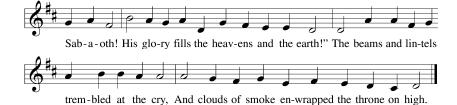
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Sanctus

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

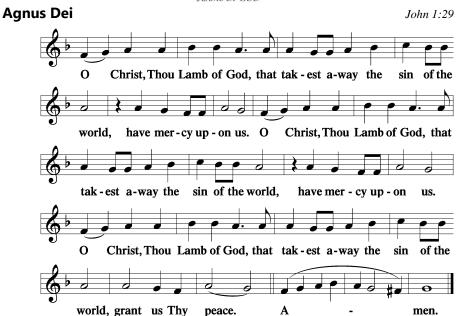




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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

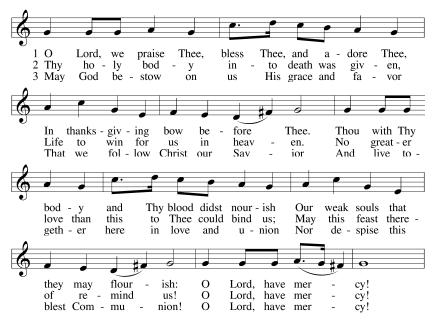
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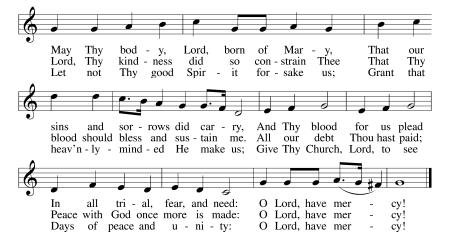
655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Post Communion Hymn

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

Thanks be to God.

Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels

Confirmation 🐡

Confirmed today at the 10:30 a.m. service are Isaac Doak and Zikora Ogu.

Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for bringing these young people to this point of the confirmation of their faith. Thank You for giving them the opportunity to study Your Word in depth. Keep them strong in their faith and close to Your Word. Let Your Spirit continue to work in their lives so that they remain active in Your church, enabling others to see the light of Your love. Help them to regard this day as the beginning of their growth in Your Word rather than an ending. Grant that their lives be filled with the joy of Your presence. Let them praise You all the days of their lives. We pray in the name of Your holy Son Jesus. Amen.



The congregation is invited to attend a reception in honor of our confirmands this morning, October 31, between services at 9:15 a.m.

Hammers and Nails

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



Whack! The sound of the hammer reverberated as Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to a church door 504 years ago; ninety-five propositions that started a Reformation.

A reformation is an improvement resulting in a condition superior to an earlier one. The church at that time taught that one could work or buy one's way into heaven. After studying Scripture, Luther believed forgiveness and salvation are by grace alone through faith alone.

Our condition is sinful. A just God requires sin to be punished. Divine punishment is eternal separation from God; that is hell.

Whack! The sound of the hammer reverberated as Jesus was nailed to the cross—and another reformation was started. The sinless Son took God's righteous judgment upon Himself, completely paying the price for our sin. Baptism connects us to Christ's death and resurrection. It is by God's undeserved grace and mercy that we take on Christ's perfection—a condition far superior to our earlier one.

Jesus—thank You for dying on the cross, for paying the price for my sin, for grace and mercy, and for faith to believe. Amen.

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Thank you to Jonathan Hodel and Joe Tabris for the special music this morning.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

New study/discussion group opportunity



Continuing on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30 PM at Church, we will be discussing the four Solas; fide, scriptura, gratia, and Christus (one each week). There will be time for fellowship as we gather so please bring a snack or dessert to share if you like. Joshua Christian will be presenting the evenings Sola followed by time for small group discussion. This short series is planned to be completed before Thanksgiving. Come for one or all. We hope to see you then!

Your Evangelism Board



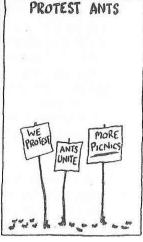
Bethesda Auxiliary sales are back! We would like to invite all our supporters to our last fall sale this year on Saturday, November 6 at Malley Senior Recreation Center (3380)

S. Lincoln, Englewood) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Malley Center sale is their Annual Fall Craft Sale with lots of vendors. Come out and support Bethesda and get some Christmas shopping done as well. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to seeing you again!

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9







"I know we're trying not to be stuffy around here, but let's not refer to 'A Mighty Fortress' as 'Martin Luther's Greatest Hit." **Petitions and Prayers:** The wonderful assurance for you in prayer is grounded in and motivated by hearing and learning God's Word.



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, bore our sicknesses and infirmities and "with His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are sick so that they have confidence that You hear them when they cry out to You. If it be Your will, ease their pain and heal them. Assure them of Your love for them. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sandy Olson (daughter of Jerry and Shirley Tuell) relief from pain and healing from recent car accident
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie and young daughter Jade (Jamie is missing and has mental health issues)
- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Julie Swanson (friend of Rueben Sironen) cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) in Hospice
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) finding right medications
- Julie Ann Zamora on-going health issues
- Linda Olson (mother of Andy Olson) hospitalized and intubated with Covid

Prayer of intercession:

*God of righteousness, thank You for using Your saint Martin Luther to remind us that we are all made saints through Christ alone. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die and rise from death to save us and make us holy. Remind us of the hope that on the Last Day, Martin Luther and each one of us will be together forever with You. We pray in Jesus' saving name. Amen

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life October 31, 2021

"So follow Daniel ... Martin Luther ... the believers of ages past who have stood firm on Scripture alone, by faith alone, and by God's grace alone no matter what the cost. Spread the Word. Preach the truth. Defend your faith. Pass it on to your children. God will bless you and keep you firm in the one true faith. With that comfort you can proclaim, 'Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen!'"

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

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"No, the door was fine. I'm just fixing your theology."