Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Five

Festival of the Reformation October 30, 2022



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.

Romans 3:23-24



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October 30, 2022

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

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Stand

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

Invocation *Matthew* 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** 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 and be 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





Gloria in Excelsis

947 All Glory Be to God on High



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 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

Vs. 1-4 All

- 5 Men
- 6 Women
- 7 Men
- 8 Women
- 9-10 All

Stand



Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- **G** 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."

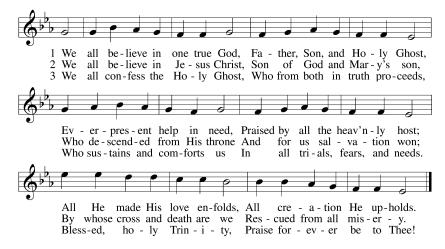
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





Creed

953 We All Believe in One True God



Sit

Sermon

"Justified"

Text: Romans 3:19-28

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P 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,

C 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,

C 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.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

© hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)



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.
- **G** We 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.
- 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

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

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 ⅓ 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



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



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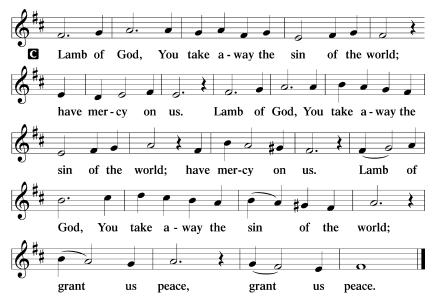
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEACE

C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29



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.

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Stand

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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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The Beginnings of the Reformation

Reformation Day is a minor festival and is usually celebrated the last Sunday in October. Reformation Day is being celebrated today, October 30. On this day we recall the work of God in preserving and reforming the church in times of trial and for giving the church teachers and preachers of the truth. The color of the paraments used for Reformation is red, the color of zeal and martyrdom.

Lutherans commemorate October 31, 1517, as the beginning of the Reformation. On that date the Augustinian monk Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses about forgiveness of sins and the abuse of the sale of indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The first thesis reads: "Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, in saying 'repent' intended that the whole life of His believers on earth should be a constant penance."

Luther, as a doctor of theology and a professor, explained the Bible to his students and taught them how to explain its teachings to others. In his preaching and teaching he warned his hearers against trusting in good works and self-righteousness. Luther proclaimed that, based on various writings in the Scriptures, people will live eternally because they are justified, that is declared righteous, by God through faith (Habakkuk 2:4).

In April of 1521 Luther was requested to appear before the Diet (Council) of the city of Worms, Germany, to stand trial for his opposition to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Luther stated that he could do nothing against Scripture because God's Word has more authority than the Pope or the councils of the Church. Luther's words caused the Holy Roman Empire to be forever divided, the Lutheran Church to be launched, and annual Reformation services celebrated.

The major theme of the Reformation is that justification is by faith alone, not by works. Even though man is, by nature, sinful and unclean, justification means that we are declared righteous (right with God), our sins are forgiven because of Christ's payment on the cross, and we are given eternal life solely because Jesus rose from the dead to sit at our Father's right hand. All these blessings are given to us by or through faith, faith wrought in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Truth and Liberty Coalition is a Colorado non-profit organization dedicated to educating, mobilizing, and unifying the Body of Christ to

stand for biblical Truth in the public square. You can learn more about them at www.truthandliberty.net. They have created a non-partisan voter guide as a tool to help congregants make informed decisions as they seek to vote according to biblical values. These guides are on the table by the front door in the narthex.

If you would like to learn more about the candidates, they also recommend the Christian voter guides published online by Church Voters Guides (churchvoterguides.org).



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.

1Timothy 2:5



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour next Saturday night, November 5, 2022, before you go to bed.

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.

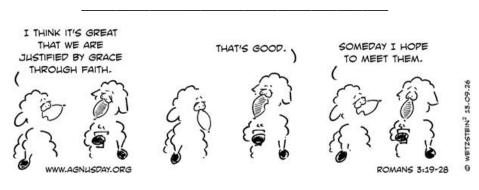
A reformation is an improvement resulting in a condition superior to an earlier one. The church at that time taught that one could work or buy one's way into heaven. After studying Scripture, Luther believed forgiveness and salvation are by grace alone through faith alone.

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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Explanation of Luther's Rose



"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology.

The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that

I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who believes from the heart will be justified (Rom. 10:10).

Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal.

This is my *compendium theoligae* [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation.

May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."

Martin Luther, Letter to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530.



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: JUSTIFICATION

Discover the hidden words.



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Congregational Christmas Giving "Blessings at Christmas"

This Christmas we again have the opportunity to support "Blessings at Christmas" through AbleLight (formerly Bethesda Lutheran Communities) Ministry headquartered in down-town Littleton. This project is sponsored by "Women of the Cross."

Gift-giving this year is purchasing Gift Cards in any amount determined by your Heart. Suggested gift cards for easiest shopping: Walmart or VISA cards.

Place your "Gift Card" in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box. This will be located on your right side as you depart the Sanctuary. (Cards will be collected after second service.) We will receive your gifts <u>beginning Sunday, November 6 through the deadline of Sunday, November 27.</u>

Should you wish to make a cash donation or by check, make your check to: LWML - Women of the Cross - Memo: For AbleLight Christmas Blessings, and put in the slotted Christmas-wrapped box.



AbleLight will purchase meaningful and useful gifts using the donated gift cards for those living in AbleLight's home situations. AbleLight will wrap and place the gifts under the Christmas trees.

Thank you for your generosity in making someone's Christmas special! Women of the Cross

Petitions and Prayers: With one heart, mind, and purpose, the early church continually prayed, making their petitions known to God.



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:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) mental health issues
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris should officially be on heart transplant list soon
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter
 Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Frank Koessel recovering in a rehab facility

Prayer of intercession:

*Heavenly Father, on this Reformation Day, I thank You for the Spiritinspired work of Martin Luther that has blessed many generations. Faith comes by hearing, and I have been edified by the courageous instruction of Luther and all the saints who have proclaimed Your truth. I pray that I may likewise be bold and stand firmly in my faith. I can do no other. In Jesus' name. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life October 30, 2022

"While we are on this side of eternity, the chance to serve and love our country and our neighbor and our community is as depthless as the Lord's love for us. Engaging is a good, right, and humbling call."

Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C.

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

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