

REFORMATION
2017 *It's Still* **All About**
Jesus

October 29, 2017

REFORMATION SUNDAY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.



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Welcome to worship! In a world — and a church — that’s always changing and reforming, we trust in the constant and sure love of God.

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Pastor

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Organist



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“It’s still all about Jesus.” It was all about Jesus when the Lord God first promised a Savior through Abraham and his descendants. It was all about Jesus with every foretelling of the coming Christ by Old Testament prophets. It was all about Jesus at the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It was all about Jesus as the apostle Paul penned, “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (*Romans 3:28*). It was all about Jesus when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. It’s still all about Jesus today as we receive the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament. It will be all about Jesus when He returns in glory on the Last Day. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, all about Jesus!

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Small Catechism; Romans 3:22b-24)*

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to 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.

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Green 369

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes on holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 14:6-7

The eternal Gospel is for all people.

Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation and tribe and language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

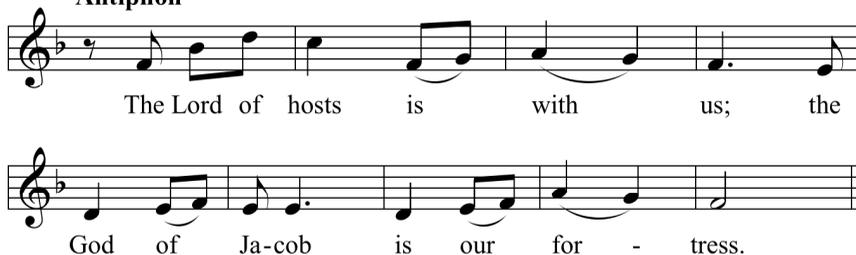
PSALM 46

Choir: Antiphon

setting by Matthew Machemer

Choir and Congregation:

Antiphon



The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja-cob is our for - tress.

Psalm Tone



God is our ref- | uge and strength,* 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 cit- | y 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.

Choir and Congregation: Antiphon

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.
Come, behold the works | of the Lord,* how He has brought desolations | on
the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;* He breaks the bow and shatters
the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.
“Be still, and know that | I am God.* I will be exalted among the nations, I will
be exalted | in the earth!”
The 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 be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Choir and Congregation: Antiphon

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

The goodness God demands, He gives, by grace through faith.

Now 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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting by Matthew Machemer

Refrain



Choir: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

H O L Y G O S P E L

John 8:31-36

Jesus comes to give freedom to those enslaved by sin.

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

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 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'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Telling The Truth

John 8:31-36

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

A Mighty Fortress
setting by Matthew Machemer

**A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe, Now means deadly woe, Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.**

Choir: With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
Our victory has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

N I C E N E C R E E D

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . and to You we give glory forever and ever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

The Truth Will Make You Free
setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Choir

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.
Continue in my word and my disciples be. Continue in my word, the truth will make you free.
Know the word, know the truth, my disciples be. The truth will make you free.
If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E

S 199

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

S A N C T U S

S 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC



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.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Green 230

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend your holy Church, that we May sing your praise triumphantly.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
 Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.**

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Green 297

**Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
 Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
 He is our mediator.**

**Theirs was a false, misleading dream Who thought God's law was given
 That sinners might themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.**

Cantor: And yet the Law fulfilled must be, Or we were lost forever;
Therefore God sent his Son that he Might us from death deliver.
He all the Law for us fulfilled, And thus his Father's anger stilled
Which over us impended.

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace; All glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

Built on a Rock

Green 315

**Built on a rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face, He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when Church bells are
ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word Where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST - COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray Luther's Morning Prayer.

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.

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Though All Our Life Is like a Scroll

see insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – All Saints' Sunday (Yr. A): Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Kailyn Townsend
 ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Galen Behr
 CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Becky Hurt, Cindy Wheeler
 LECTOR ----- Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	100	Bible Class	30
Communion.....	72	Offering	4029
Sunday School	22	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	6	Specials	445

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 8

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - REFORMATION SUNDAY -----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 2:00 P.M.
 TRUNK OR TREAT----- 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY - PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL----- 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

SATURDAY - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS—SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
 USHER/GREETER TRAINING----- 11:30 A.M.
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 2:00 P.M.
 TRUNK OR TREAT----- 5:00 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us with the video-based Bible study - *A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement*. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

TRUNK OR TREAT — Today from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mount Olive is hosting it’s second annual *Trunk or Treat*. It’s not too late to sign up. See the sheet in the back of church.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS — Remember to turn your clocks back next Saturday night.

JOIN US — You are invited to our monthly *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon on Wednesday, November 8, at 11:30. We had Italian last time so let’s have Mexican next. Let’s meet in the church parking lot and carpool to Fernando’s, 7555 Pacific Street. Please RSVP to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX — Please join your fellow Mount Olive movie buffs on Friday night, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. (NEW TIME!) We will be showing the movie “The Monuments Men.” The film runs 118 minutes. Popcorn and movie candy provided.