



*So if the Son  
sets you free,  
you will be  
free indeed*

# Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

**In Our Prayers:** Dan Janssen, Miss Murphy

**Coping With Cancer:** Wanda Douglas, Jennifer Beseke, Miriam Krueger, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Perry Caven, Harv Baird, Michele Thiesse

**Care List:** Albert Ballanger, Tammy Kuehl, Tim Brammeier, Barb Mustard, Loretta Peterson, Taylor Antony, Crue Crosby, Carol Janssen, Roberta Garbers, Sandy Claussen, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson, Marilyn Pierson, Lorraine Gagnon, Dennis Cook, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Marcella Broolsma, Kay Groth, and those we name in our hearts.

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Connie Beckius, Megan Monroe, Gary Roush, Payten Anderson, Charlene Behne, Tayler Hagen, Margo Ballard, Jeanne Frappier, Jones Leiting, Jamie Larson, Dave Smith, Lennox Broolsma, David Hanson, Adyson Ross, John Burmeister, Bryan Hansen, Vivian Richards, Anne Sheppard, Trisha Striemer, Dawson Weber, Gabby Wedner

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Nate & Amanda Amborn, Earl & Charlotte Cordes, Barry & Stephanie Kneeland

**We Remember** the family and friends of Ardis Broolsma. Ardis was called to her eternal rest on October 23 and her funeral will be held here at St. John's on Saturday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. Masks will be required.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** We will participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes again this year. Donated items can be left in containers in the front entry through Nov. 19. A list of acceptable items is on poster by containers and also has been included in the newsletter.

**Turkey Dinner:** St. Paul's UCC invite you to their turkey dinner fund raiser next Sunday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Sherburn Blood Drive** is Monday, November 8 at Assembly of God Regional Worship Center from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Call Dorothy at 236-5764 to make an appointment.

**Prime Rib Supper** is November 20 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Lions club members, Ringnell Insurance, Amborn Lumber, Bank Midwest and at the door. Cost is \$22/person with tickets purchased in advance and \$25/person at the door.

**Mission Sunday:** Make plans to attend our worship services on Mission Sunday, November 21. Gary Thies, founder of Mission Central near Mapleton, Iowa will speak to us during our worship services and also with our Sunday school and Bible classes. A door offering for missions will be taken.

**Harvest Dinner** will be held here at St. John's on Sunday, November 21 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Free will offering. Menu: cheesy turkey, pulled pork, brisket sandwich, potato chips, salads, desserts, pies.

## Family Devotional



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**Bible Stories 101** lesson for the week: Jacob Wrestles with God—Genesis 23

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*Divine Setting Four*

### As We Gather

Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us.

Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: "Fear God and give Him glory...and worship Him who made heaven and earth." (Rev. 14:7)

### Preschool/Kindergarten Sing (10:30 Service)

### Hymn of Invocation: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LSB 904 vs 1-4

### Confession and Absolution LSB 203

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P We are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise. But, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

**Introit** *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C **let the humble hear and be glad.**

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**ALL: 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.**

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

**Kyrie (SUNG)** *LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God the Father"** *LSB 506 vs 1-4*

*Stand*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **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.

C **Amen.**

### Sunday School Sings!

**Preschool** will sing today at the end of the 8:00 service and the beginning of the 10:30 service. Please have the children meet in the fireside room at 8:40.

**Grades 1-6** will sing on Sunday, November 1. Please have children meet in the fireside room at 8:45.

**Youth Advisory Meeting** will be held today at 10:00 a.m.

**Music Committee** will meet in Vicar Jeff's office this morning after the 8:00 service. Music packets for November—December are in the church office for committee members to pick up.

**Community Servant Event:** For those who would like to help with this service day we will meet at the church at 12:00 noon and then disburse as groups. All ages are welcome to help...the more the merrier! Bring your own rakes. We will meet back at the church at for pizza.

**Friendship Club Thanksgiving Dinner** is Monday, November 1, 12:00 noon here at the church. Ham will be supplied, bring a dish to pass. Something fun planned after dinner!

**Bible Study:** Join us at 9:00 on Wednesdays for our Bible study "Determined, living like Jesus every moment—a study of Luke".

**Confirmation:** We meet at 12:30 this Wednesday due to the early dismissal at MCW

**Jr. High FFF** will meet right after confirmation until 4:00 this **Wednesday, November 3**. Thank you to Tiffany Waldee for leading this and Lois Ziemer for providing snacks.

**Bible Knowledge Bowl** is Sunday, November 7 during the Sunday school hour for the 3rd-6th graders.

### Save The Date

Sunday School Christmas Program  
**Wednesday, December 15 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
More info to come

**Benedicamus** *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

P 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.**

**Preschool/Kindergarten Sing (8:00 service)**

**Hymn to Depart: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" *LSB 865 vs 1-4***

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**Take My Moments and My Days**

**Sunday, October 31:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class, SALT, Music Committee, 10:00 a.m. Youth Advisory

**Monday, November 1:** 10:00 a.m. Temp Ridge Service, 12:00 noon Friendship Club Thanksgiving Dinner

**Wednesday, November 3:** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Confirmation, 1:45 Jr. High FFF, 2:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth meet at church for envelopes

**Saturday, November 6:** 2:00 p.m. Ardis Broolsma Funeral

**Sunday, November 7:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion Service, 9:15 a.m. Bible Bowl, Sunday School/SALT Sunday school 1-6 sings, 3:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Outreach Night

*Sit*

**First Reading** *Revelation 14:6-7*

*"The message of the Angel"*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

P <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

C **a very present help in trouble.**

P <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,

C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C **the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C **God will help her when morning dawns.**

P <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

P <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

P <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

C **he burns the chariots with fire.**

P <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God.

C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"**

P <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**Epistle** *Romans 3:19–28*

*“The Righteousness of God Through Faith”*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *John 8:31–36*

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

**Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>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’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So 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.**

**The Third Article** *Sanctification*

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657 vs 1-4**

**Sermon Message: "Jesus' Reformation Words For Us"**

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700 1-4**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Stand*

**Lord’s Prayer**