



# Reformation Sunday

## October 29, 2023

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### GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Danse Macabre* Opus 40      Saint-Saëns      arr. H. Cramer

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      Martin Luther      arr. A.V. Giamanco

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Song: Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

2. See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.
3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.
4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: Blessing and Honor

ELW #854

1. Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,  
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,  
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,  
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;  
whose are the kingdom, the crown and the throne!
2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;  
let all the earth sing his glory and fame.  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow'r  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;  
echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
3. Ever ascending the song and the joy,  
ever descending the love from on high;  
blessing and honor and glory and praise –  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise;  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,  
dying in weakness and rising to reign;  
dying in weakness and rising to reign!

L: Let us all pray... **C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that you renew your church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**C: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.**

L: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

L: Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

**C: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

L: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

**C: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Choral Anthem: *Founded on Faith*

Paul D. Weber

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 3:19-28

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 8:31-36

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Presentation of Bibles

*Arinna Haas, Amelia Kelly, Cali Byrne, Elsie Kantor, Joshua Winfield, Kai Naber, Kennedy Clemons*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
2. 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 eternally.
3. 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.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

**Offering:** (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship. Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his name. One of the ways we do this is through the ministry of faith formation. If you are worshipping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be. )

Offertory Music: *Meditation in C*

John S. Dixon

Offering Response: We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**Offertory Prayer: C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS p.36

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

L: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God... now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

ACS p. 40

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;

so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. (refrain)
2. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. (refrain)

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**SENDING**

L: God, the Source of glory... God, the Word of life... God, the Spirit of truth...  
(+) bless you all, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW #504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, might Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hoards of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Toccatà and Fugue in D Minor*

J.S. Bach

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Reader: Melanie Jensen

Communion Asst:

Cantor:

Fellowship: Lux/Harrison family



## ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of October 29:

- TODAY: Confirmation from 1-3 pm in the Fireside Room.
- Trunk-or-Treat from 5:30 – 6:30 pm on Oct. 31 (Tues.) in the parking lot.
- Small Catechism Refresher – 4 week adult study – Wed. at 7 pm in the Library
- GF Jazz Band rehearses 7-9 pm in the Social Hall – Wednesday
- Handbells rehearse at 5:40 pm on Thursday in the Sanctuary
- GF Community Band rehearses Thursday from 7-9 pm in the Fireside Room
- Next Sunday: All Saints' Sunday with candle lighting and prayers. Please give names of loved ones who have died in the past year to Pr. Tammy for inclusion in the prayers. Worship time: 10:00 am
- Next Sunday: Daylight Savings Time ends – clocks fall back one hour.

**Keeping in Prayer...** Sandy Kirkegaard & family following Pr. Walt's death last week, Helen, Linda, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Ray, Ron, Dorothy, Noah, Elaine, Dorothy, Jerry, Toni, Steven, Megan, Scott, Haley

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