



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

November 1st, 2020



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

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9:00AM SUNDAY

Ron Stimpson

Elder

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Sarah Peterson

Organist

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Congregational Chairman

Rick Melius

Head Elder

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Martin Luther's great hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is based on Psalm 46. When the psalm was first written, it gave courage to God's Old Testament people. Centuries later, when Luther wrote the hymn, the world was filled with plagues and death, and the devil was recognized as active in the lives of everyday people. Further, neither the Roman Catholic Church nor the government accepted the teachings of the reformers. Now, in our day, we face cyber warfare, pandemics, terrorists, political polarization, and ecclesiastical division. Because of our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we need not fear. Our gracious God is a very present help in this time of trouble. He is our refuge against the powers of the created world around us and the forces of evil from every source. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

REFORMATION SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

LSB 650

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength;

People: **therefore we will not fear.**

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

People: **and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

Pastor: If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

People: **and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord of hosts,

People: **hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of

hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. 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.

People: **Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

KYRIE

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

People: **Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of creation, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of lords, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, always present in trouble, silence our fears when Your good creation seems out of control and evil appears to run rampant.

People: **Like the dawning of a new day, dispel the darkness of our hearts and renew confident faith in Your constant presence and gracious protection;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 46

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

People: **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

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

People: **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader: 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.

People: **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.**

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

People: **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19–28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31–36

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

SERMON

“A Curse and A Blessing”

Galatians 3:10-14

CREEDAL HYMN

“We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances. O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments.

People: Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power.

Pastor: Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe.

People: Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders.

People: You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities.

Pastor: Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions that end in, "Lord in Your mercy").

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

OFFERING

****5:30PM SATURDAY SERVICE****

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

CCS 67

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend CCLI: #3350395

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live
3. There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 657

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****9:00AM SERVICE****

† Service of the Sacrament †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, especially for the gift of Your Son. He entered human history as one of us, was obedient to death, turned away Your righteous wrath by taking on Himself the punishment due us, and on the third day He rose, leading the way to eternal life for all who trust in Him for salvation. With Him by our side, we need not fear any foe.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we join our voices to praise Your holy name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of hosts, Creator of all, for in Your foresight and compassion You promised to send Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to bear our sins and be our Savior. With Your Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we rely on Your presence always and rejoice to receive Your Son as He comes to us in this blessed Sacrament. Strengthen us thereby that we continue in confident faith, fearing not world, Satan, or sinful flesh. Grant us the assurance that You are both with us and for us each day so that we freely serve You until we see You face-to-face in eternity. To You alone be all the glory and honor, O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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3. There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain:
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And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
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Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

HYMN

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

CCS 29

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

(Sung two times)

HYMN

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

LSB 658

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Thanks and praise to You, heavenly Father, for in this Sacrament You have again assured us that we are freed from the wrath due us for our sins and freed to serve You in joy. Help us to trust firmly in Your forgiveness and guidance each day until faith turns to sight; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God almighty—the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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