

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LBW #229 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

P: 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.

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: 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. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

Pew Bible pg. 1296

RESPONSIVE READING: 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 be toppled into the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

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

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 her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

L: The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

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

L: Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has done on earth.

C: It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he 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.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible pg. 1180

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #230 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
(Please rise as you are able)**

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 72 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

LBW #551 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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*"What needs a fresh start in my life, dear Lord? What needs a fresh start in our church?
Speak to us through this time of worship and help us listen to your guidance."*

NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:

Rob Higgins Pen Pendleton Shorty Baugher Dave Howe (brother/Ron Howe)
Dave & Loretta Overholt (Gilman Healthcare Center)
Family of Michelle Tatar Family of Jennifer Birkey

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Denny Doyle	Pastor Barb Busboom	Rodney Larkin	Rich Friemel
Tyler Edwards	Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs	Debbi Dietz
Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Earl Smith
Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser	William Benton
Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Nick Shepherd	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith
Bob Selby	Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson

NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Janet Withers
Joan Mathis	Genet Dixon	Shorty Baugher	Joyce Higgins

MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

TABLE GUILD

ACOLYTES

BULLETIN GREETERS

GREETERS

LECTOR

PRAYER LEADER

WORSHIP STEWARD

USHERS

Sally Bauer, Emily Deal

Jack Flesner, Kyndall Cox

Tom & Linda Finger

Annie Minch, Ron Minch

DeAnn McMorris

Justin Kaiser

Lloyd Schluter

Deanne Rosenbeck, Travis & Nikky Flesner

WELCOME The church is always being called to reform, to become more loving, to resemble more closely the kingdom of God. Welcome to worship this Reformation Sunday!

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Richard & Marleen Peavler* in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 25th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *Bill & Jody Schlueter* in celebration of their 67th Wedding Anniversary on October 26th.

FLOWERS TODAY are provided by *John & Rhonda Keith* in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on October 27th.

ANNUAL QUILT SALE continues today. The quilts on display in the Sanctuary are available for purchase for \$35.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & MEAL is held each week with our time of fellowship and meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Hall then move to the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for our time of prayer. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. All are invited and welcome to attend!

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. in the Confirmation/Bible Study Room and will be a catered meal including: turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry relish, rolls and pie. Cost is \$15 per person and needs to be paid to the church office or Lloyd Schluter by Friday, November 15th.

ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS If you are unable to fulfill your worship assistant job on a particular Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Once a replacement is found, please contact the church office and let Nikki know of the change for the bulletin. Also, when you arrive on Sunday morning, please check-in with the worship steward that day and let them know you are there.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the fourth quarter (October-December) are still available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:

November 3rd – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Comm.)

November 10th – Neal White

November 17th – Pr. Phil Gronbach (Comm.)

ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 120

STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS We are again partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5th Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 27

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Monday, October 28

12:30 p.m. Quilting

Tuesday, October 29

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30

1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Thursday, October 31

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM

Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Reformation
October 27, 2024 – November 2, 2024

Prayer: Almighty God, gracious Lord, Father in Heaven, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word. Protect and comfort us in all temptations. Defend us against all our enemies and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Daily Lessons:

Sunday	1 Chronicles 13:1-14	Psalm 138	Acts 11:27-30
Monday	1 Chronicles 14:1-17	Psalm 139	Acts 12:1-11
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 15:1-29	Psalm 140	Acts 12:12-25
Wednesday	1 Chronicles 16:1-43	Psalm 141	Acts 13:1-12
Thursday	1 Chronicles 17:1-27	Psalm 142	Acts 13:13-25
Friday	1 Chronicles 18:1-17	Psalm 143	Acts 13:26-35
Saturday	1 Chronicles 19:1-29, 20:1-8	Psalm 144	Acts 13:36-43

Morning Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

Mid-Day Prayer Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

Evening Prayer We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen