

Sunday, October 25th – 10:00 a.m.
Reformation Sunday

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an every-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDES

*"Prelude in D Major"
"The Peace of Christ"
"For a Full Atonement Made"*

*J.S. Bach
R. Burkhardt
R. Howell*

Pastor says Good Morning and Welcome

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the 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.

A: Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik
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- 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.
- 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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

A: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

A: Have mercy on us.

P & A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory Be to God in Heaven* Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik

C: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all Creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

FIRST READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

R: A reading from the 3rd chapter of the book of Romans:

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46 *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)*

R: We will read Psalm 46 responsively

R: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

A: ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

R: ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

A: ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

R: ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

A: ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

R: ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A: ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

R: ⁹behold 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.

A: ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

R: ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE ACCLAMATION *Alleluia (Sung)* **Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik**

C: Alleluia! Lord and savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

VIDEO CLIP

SERMON

by Pastor Tina Mackie

A: Let us profess our Faith with the Apostle's Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

**P & A: 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,
born of the virgin Mary, 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 INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers

A: Let us offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words "Grant us your tender care."

(A brief silence)

A: On this day commemorating the Reformation, O God, we pray: that Christian churches around the globe be reformed and renewed; that ecumenical collaboration be widened and deepened; and that Lutherans stand firm in the gift of the gospel. . .

(A brief silence)

Hear us, holy God:

P: Grant us your tender care.

A: Attending to the natural earth, O God, we pray: that the seas and lands be cleansed of pollution; that both rainstorms and droughts be moderated; and that animals retain their habitat,

(A brief silence)

Hear us, steadfast God:

P: Grant us your tender care.

A: Aware of disorder around the world, O God, we pray: that wars and armed terrorism cease; that violent extremism everywhere be calmed; that governments meet the needs of their poorest residents; that the days before our election be peaceful; and that all prejudice based on gender, color, orientation or ethnicity be rejected

(A brief silence)

Hear us, sovereign God:

P: Grant us your tender care.

A: Facing the coronavirus, O God, we pray: that the pandemic and its anxieties subside; that medical personnel and services be everywhere supported; that any who are unemployed find work and all who have been evicted find housing; and that a trustworthy vaccine be developed.

(A brief silence)

Hear us, compassionate God: P: **Grant us your tender care.**

A: Moved by the needs of all our neighbors, O God, we pray: for those suffering from discrimination; for those incarcerated or held in immigrant camps; for farm workers and their children; for all who are hungry; and for those we name here before you. . .

(Please read only 1st Name and Congregation can read with AM instead of Echoing)

Jim Albright, Trace Els, Virgil Emswiler, Ralph Finkbiner, Kelly Gubanich, Sean Murtha, Roxanne Robinson, Kenneth Siedlecki and Sharon Wilson

(A brief silence)

Hear us, mothering God: P: **Grant us your tender care.**

P: Thinking lastly of ourselves, O God, we pray: that we be enabled to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that you receive our personal petitions. . .

(prayers from your heart for those you care about)

(A longer period of silence)

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Kenneth Bauer, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Dottie Jacques, Rich Kleylein, Ryan Law, Mary Lesh, Cindy Levensgood, Ellen Levy-Gray, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Diane Pannella, Jennifer Paris, Judi Rittenhouse, Brookelyn Rogers, Lynn Schmitt, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, Vicki Walker, Luke Walton, and Greg Wick

(A brief silence)

Hear us, loving God: A: **Grant us your tender care.**

P: Grateful for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially for all the people whose efforts reformed and renewed the church, O God, we pray that at the end we join with them in your glory:

(A brief silence)

Hear us, eternal God: A: **Grant us your tender care.**

P: Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your might and your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. A: **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all. A: **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another
(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)

OFFERING

If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website;
zionofspringcity.org *and make your contribution there.*

Download the GIVE+ App, or text 610-595-9674 to set up a one-time or recurring donation amount.

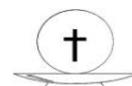
SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" Sung By Lori Hoshaw

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **P: Amen**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)*

Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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 COMMUNION

