

REFORMATION SUNDAY– OCTOBER 27, 2024



On this Reformation Sunday we hear familiar words from Jesus and St. Paul that remind us of the truth of our human existence: We are sinners in need of grace. Through Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary we are freed from sin, death, and the devil in order to abide with Jesus and keep his word holy. Luther taught that the church is to always be reforming and to always be returning to the Gospel truth.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join in communion today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - Karen Warnell

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

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. **Amen**

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.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **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**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him.

Amen

▲ HYMN "RISE UP, O CHURCH OF GOD"

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Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die. Rev. 3:2

1. Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O Church of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;
3. Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task, Rise up, and make her great!
As fol - l'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!

▲ KYRIE (Sung)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken)

Good and steadfast God, in your Son we have been given the gift of eternal life and righteousness before you. Empower us to bring the knowledge of your Son to a world hungering and thirsting for mercy and righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

▲ GREETING

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

▲ SHARE THE PEACE

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

▲ **ISAIAH 53:1-6** (p. 729 in pew Bible)

▲ **1 JOHN 2:1-6** (p. 1210 in pew Bible)

▼ KCJAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ GOSPEL VERSE (Sung)

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

▲ The Holy Gospel from the 22nd Chapter of Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Sung)

▲ **MATTHEW 22:34-40** (p. 984 in pew Bible)

▲ The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Sung)

▼ MESSAGE - **THE DAY MARTIN LUTHER WENT VIRAL**

▲ HYMN - "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" LBW #229

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

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

** "holy catholic church", the whole church in all times and places.*

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

▼ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▼ OFFERING HYMN (Sung)

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. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▼ GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord....

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ SANCTUS (Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven 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.

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▲ LORD'S PRAYER

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

▲ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

**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.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

(If you prefer grape juice to the wine, please let the one serving you know.)

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN (Sung)

**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.**

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Let us pray: **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing. So that by the power of The Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG "JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE" LBW #551

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Go in Peace. Serve The Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

POSTLUDE