

REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 31, 2021



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 GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL/KAREN WARNELL

HOLY COMMUNION, SETTING ONE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Stand, Spoken)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

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. **C: 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. *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN "A MIGHTY FORTRESS" LBW # 229 *(Sung)*

**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.**

**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, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us, We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail! One little word subdues him.**

**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!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

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 (*Sung*)

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

A: For the peace from above,... let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world...let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For this holy house..let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*)

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

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

P: Let us pray: 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. **C: Amen**

FIRST READING — REVELATIONS 14:6-7 (*Sit; p.1227 in pew Bible*)

SECOND READING — ROMANS 3:19-28 (*p.1118 in pew Bible*)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (KCJAM)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Stand, Sung*)

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

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – JOHN 8:31-36 (*Sung; p.1063 in pew Bible*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. John, Chapter 8. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN OF THE DAY "PSALM 46" (*Stand, Sung, Tune LBW #170*)

**God is our hope and strength, In need his help is near; Though earth should shake and mountains break,
We will not ever fear. Though waters rage and foam, Seas rise and mountains cower,
The Lord of hosts is with us still, And Jacob's God our tower.**

**Streams from the throne of God Make glad his temple grounds; God dwells in her to help her soon,
She shall not be cast down. Though kingdoms, nations quake, the earth melts at God's power,
The Lord of hosts is with us still And Jacob's God our tower.**

**Come, see what God has done: He makes all conflict cease, He breaks the bow, snaps spears, burns shields,
And gives the nations peace. Know then, that I am God, Exalted in this hour;
The Lord of hosts is with us still, And Jacob's God our tower.**

NICENE CREED *(Spoken)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM - "GOD OF GRACE" *(Sit; Arrangement by Lyndell Leatherman)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray, ... through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: 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 now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— ourselves, 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 *(Spoken)*

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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 *(Sit)*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(Stand, 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Let us pray.

A: 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.

BENEDICTION (*Sung*)

P: Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" LBW #320 (*Sung*)

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!**

P: God's Word is our great Heritage! (*Spoken*)

C: We will stand on the Word of the Lord!

POSTLUDE — MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL/KAREN WARNELL