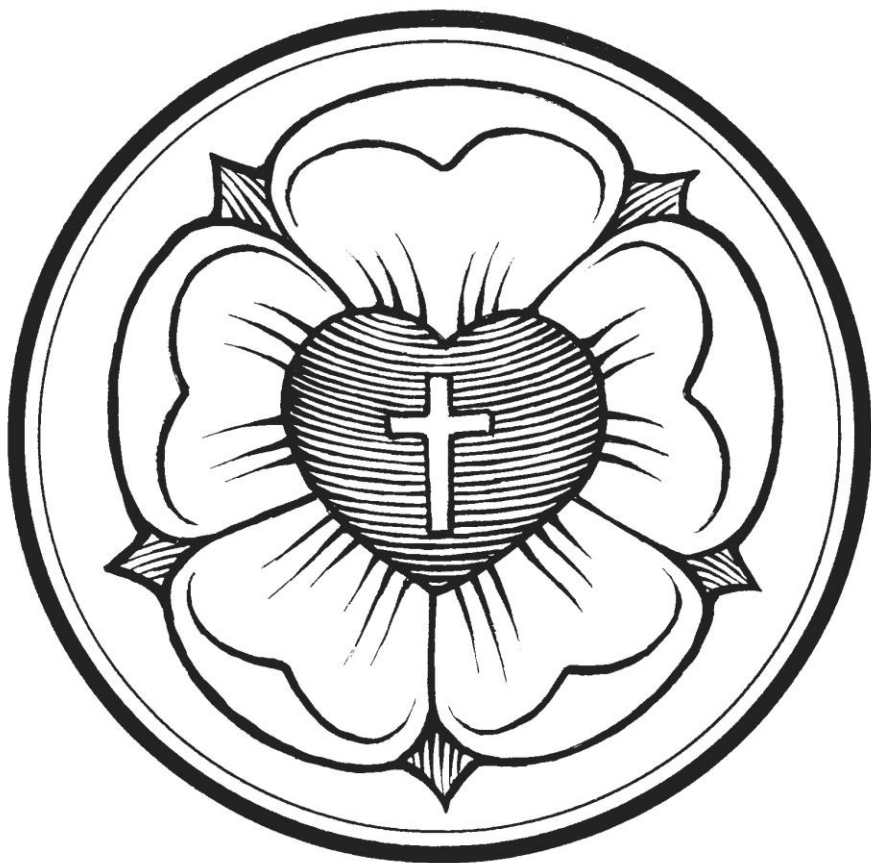


REFORMATION DAY



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THE SON OF GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH BY HIS GRACE- “Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32)

PRESERVICE MUSIC/CHURCH BELL

OPENING HYMN “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD” 656

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 213-214

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 34:1-2, 11, 22; ANTIPHON: PSALM 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

**I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

**Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE” 948

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

REVELATION 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

[A] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (8:00 AM)

PSALM 48:1A, 12-14A

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

SUNDAY SCHOOL GR. N3-4

“GOD MADE ME”

(10:30 AM)

EPISTLE

ROMANS 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ

NICENE CREED

(BACK COVER OF LSB)

HYMN OF THE DAY “SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME” vs. 1-5 555

SERMON “THE FREE ONE”

HYMN OF THE DAY “SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME” vs. 6-10 555

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH P. 215-216

☐ Lord, in your Mercy, ☑ Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

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| + Family and friends of Shirley Dibb | |
| + Maya Radtke | + Dan Gueningsman |
| + Jeremy Radtke | + Chad Feltmann |
| + Darian Litzau | + Angela Litzau |
| + Darvin Heldt | + Karen Strei |

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ P. 216-217

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: 159

Bible Study: N/A

Sunday School: N/A

Organist:

Lynn Mueller

Scripture Reader:

Larry Hoof

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. INSTRUMENTALISTS- Thank you to Jane Holasek, flute; Evelyn Dial, flute and Ellie Schulties, alto saxophone, for providing special music for today’s services.

2. SPECIAL COLLECTION- A door collection for the Bahr/Strei Scholarship fund will take place TODAY. This scholarship is designated for college and seminary students attending an LCMS school, pursuing a degree in church work. Our church is currently supporting one student in this field.

3. ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY- Thank you to everyone that helped with our ditch clean-up. Thank you to: Barb Kegler, Mike Kegler, Jim Hlavka, Dale Klaustermeier, Fred Holasek, Don Hoof, Tracy Peterson, Brooklyn Peterson and Jim Klaustermeier.

4. CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION- Church Worker Appreciation: October is Church Worker Appreciation Month. Boxes will be located on the narthex desk for Amanda, Ellie, and Pastor Barlau. Feel free to drop a note or card of appreciation into their box. You may bring your own from home or use the supplies provided.

5. KFC - Everyone in grades 4-8 is invited to carve a pumpkin on Wednesday, October 29th at 3:00. The pumpkins will be displayed

and voted on by the community at the St. Paul Trunk or Treat on Halloween. The winner will receive a \$15 Target gift card! Please email Ellie or sign up on the youth bulletin board so we can have enough pumpkins! Friends are more than welcome!

6. DARTBALL- Dartball will have a practice and warm-up on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come as we get ready for the Dartball season!

7. ALL SAINTS DAY- We will be observing and celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2nd. On this day, we will be remembering those from our church family that have passed away during the past year.

8. CHURCH DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING: New photo dates of Wednesday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 11th have been added for you to schedule an appointment to be included in the new church directory. See October Lamplighter or table in Upper Narthex for more information.

9. THANK YOU: The Stewardship committee wants to express sincere gratitude to all the congregation members who assisted in any way to execute the recent church directory photo project. Your kindness and giving of your time was a wonderful reminder of HIS love in action. It's truly a gift to know so many people are always willing to help out when needed. We are looking for a couple more helpers for the last two photo dates on November 5th and November 11th. If you are able to help please sign up at the photo directory table in the upper narthex.

10. TRUNK OR TREAT will be October 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in our church parking lot. There is still time to sign up to participate by decorating a trunk and handing out treats! Please sign up in the narthex! Thrivent funds available to help pay your expenses! Questions? Talk to Jane or Ellie.

11. BIDS- The Trustees are now taking bids for Church Grounds keeping, Cemetery Grounds keeping, Janitorial services and snow removal. For more information talk to a Trustee (Jim Hoof, Dave Dressler, Steve Dietel).

12. POINSETTIAS- If you would like to order a poinsettia for the Christmas Season, forms are available on the desk in the Upper Narthex. Forms will also be available in the November Lamplighter. Order forms are due November 12th.

13. CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to change your clocks!

14. YOUTH PAINT NIGHT- Youth grades 5-12 are invited to come to a guided paint night on Sunday, November 16th at 6:30! Art teacher Ashley Clemensen will lead us in a 1-hour painting session of a Christmas scene. Please note that the skill and speed level will be aimed at 7th grade and above, so if your 5th or 6th grader would like to come, please plan on joining them! Parents and friends of any age student are welcome to join too. Email Ellie or sign up on the youth bulletin board if you would like to attend!

15. FUNDRAISER-The ACT youth mission group will be selling 2026 calendars in November as a fundraiser for their 2026 mission trip. Watch for a table in the lobby!

16. SCHEDULE- *November 2:* Ushers: 1st Service- Larry Hoof, Stewart Ruwersma, Jr., Derek Zebell; 2nd Service: Sheldon Ehrke, Brett Schmidt, Beau Schmidt; Acolytes: 1st Service- E. Novotny, J. Barlau; 2nd Service: C. Bebo, B. Peterson; Greeters- 1st Service: Jim Klaustermeier; 2nd Service: Ron & Shelly Trettin; Scripture Reader: Dave Wroge; Flowers: LaJean Hoof; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct 26	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sun. School/ACT/Bible Study Sunday School N3-4 Sing WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
Mon. Oct 27		Release Time Classes
Wed. Oct 29	Noon 3:00 p.m. 3:05 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for Bulletin KFC Pumpkin Carving 6 th Grade Release Time 7 th Grade Confirmation 8 th Grade Confirmation
Thurs. Oct 30	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Release Time Classes Music Class <i>The Chosen</i> Bible Study
Fri. Oct 31	4:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Sun. Nov 2 <i>All Saints' Day</i> <i>Daylight Saving</i> <i>Time ends</i>	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Sun. School/ACT/Bible Study WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION