



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 28, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Emily Schuttenberg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #504

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

ELW p. 120

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW p. 121-122

***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.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

LESSONS

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28

Tim Carpenter

***HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, ..."

***GOSPEL READING**

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 8:31-36

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

ELW #517

***AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Rite of Confirmation

Joseph Carpenter

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Tim Carpenter

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY "God of Grace and God of Glory" Chancel Choir

***OFFERING PRESENTATION / RESPONSE** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" **ELW #182**

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 the 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** Tim Carpenter

A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and make them an embodiment of your love for the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **ELW p. 129**

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 our thanks and praise.**

THE PROPER PREFACE P: ...We praise your name and join their unending hymn: **ELW p. 130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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. Hosanna in the highest.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER XI** **ELW p. 69-70**

***LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)** P: Lord, teach us to pray...

C: **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.**

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

***AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)** **ELW p. 135**

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 HYMN** "Children of the Heavenly Father" **ELW #781**

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Tim Carpenter

A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** "Lift High The Cross" **ELW #660**

***DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" Emily Schuttenberg

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Helen and Ed Brown on what would have been their 68th wedding anniversary by Cheryl Brown.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ROMANS 3:19-28

Now 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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

JOHN 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Communion Assistants: David & Lisa Tucker

Acolyte: Christopher Thomas

Deacons: Marcheta Campbell, Barry Bumgarner

Tabulators: Hilka Cox, Sue Karen Falls, Celia Hollar, Nick Setzer

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Tamarah Hefner, Camille Patrick, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Barry Bumgarner

Organist: Emily Schuttenberg

Assisting Minister: Tim Carpenter

Altar Guild: Tamarah Hefner, Marlene Epps

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