

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude: "We Are Not Alone" – Chancel Choir

Call to Worship – "A Mighty Fortress" ELW 504

(organ)

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.**
2. **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.**
3. **Though hordes of devils fill the land, All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
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!**

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon: "Reforming"

Sola Scriptura

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For

‘All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: “*Scripture Alone... what does this mean?*”

“God Whose Almighty Word” ELW 673, vv. 1 & 4

(organ)

- 1 **God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

- 4 **Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean’s tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light!**

Sola Christus

John 14:6-7

⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: “*Christ alone... what does this mean?*”

“In Christ Alone”

(piano)

1. **In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**
3. **There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
4. **No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!**

Sola Gratia

Romans 3:23-24

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,

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: “*Grace alone... what does this mean?*”

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone” (piano)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

*Refrain: My chains are gone. I’ve been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.**

Sola Fide

Galatians 2:16

¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: “*Faith alone... what does this mean?*”

“By Grace You Have Been Saved” (ACS 1006) (piano)

*Refrain: By grace we have been saved—saved by grace through faith,
not because of what we do; it is the gift of God.*

- 1 **On the days when you are weak, on the days when you are strong,
rich or poor, young or old, just listen to the song. *Refrain***
- 2 **Rest your body, rest your mind, in the stillness you will find
you're a lovely, precious child, part of the great design. *Refrain***
- 3 **You don't need to be afraid. You will never be alone.
There is mercy, there is hope, and love will take you home. *Refrain***

Soli Deo Gloria

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Reflection: *“To the Glory of God Alone... what does this mean?”*

“To God Be the Glory”

(organ)

- 1 **To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

- 2 **Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain***
- 3 **Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

**Prayers*

Stewardship Time

“My Faith Looks up to Thee,” arr. Hal H. Hopson

Susan Roegge, organ

**Great Thanksgiving*

ELW Setting 3, page 144

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

**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.

Communion Songs:

“The Church’s One Foundation” ELW 654 *(organ)*

- 1 **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2 **Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 **Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**
- 5 **Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

“There Is a Redeemer”

(piano)

1. **There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Refrain: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. **Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.** *Refrain*

3. **When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place.** *Refrain*

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” ELW 517 (organ)

1. **Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.**
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we May sing your praise triumphantly.**
3. **O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord’s face shine on you and be
gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

1. **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**
2. **The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.**
3. **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be fill’d with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Postlude

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The altar plants are given today by Marty & Gaylon Martin

News Updates

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, October 30, 10:30am: Sunday School
Monday, October 31, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom
Tuesday, November 1, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
Wednesday, November 2, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
11am: Doorbell Dinners
12-1pm: Pastor's Pick Book Study in Library

Thursday, November 3, 11am: Doorbell Dinners
5pm: Parish Worship Meeting
6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 6, 10:30am: Sunday School

Monday, November 7, 12-1pm: Dwelling in the Word Zoom

Wednesday, November 9, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 10, 6pm: Exaltation Ringer Rehearsal
6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal

Progressive Dinner – November 12

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the first Faith Family Progressive Dinner on Saturday, November 12th at 5:30 pm. Groups of 5-8 will meet at one house for appetizers, move to another house for dinner, and then all groups will meet together back at church for dessert together. This event is for adults, but childcare will be available at church for those who need it. It will be a great way to get to know new people at Faith or spend time with those you know well. Sign up **by Sunday, November 6th** at the coffee sales counter outside of the sanctuary, and please indicate if you're willing to be an appetizer or dinner host.

All Saints Sunday November 6

On All Saints Sunday we will remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office **by Friday, November 4.**

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on WEDNESDAY, November 16, in the Faith Library as we continue our study series about Jesus and nature. This month, we'll explore our relationships with soil as part of God's creation. Please join us for some wonderful fellowship and Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Music Rehearsals

Exaltation Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6-6:30 pm, and **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm. We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at jrwelch53@msn.com or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship

services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift. Hope you will join us!!
Jean Welch, Director of Music

Nursery Attendants needed

We would like to start having Nursery Attendants available for our 9:30am Sunday morning services again. Is anyone interested in helping (18 years old and up)? We would ask that you be available by 9:20am in case parents bring their children early, and then you would stay until they come back to pick them up. Please sign up in the binder on the podium by the east doors.

Doorbell Dinners October 31 – November 4

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea: Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **New Item: \$5.50** coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

Synod Faith Formation and Prayer Group Opportunities

Our synod is offering some new opportunities to grow in your faith and reach out to the unchurched in our communities. Join us in prayer on the first Friday of each month on Zoom as we pray for the people and places engaged in starting new ministries and outreach. Visit www.csis-elca.org for more information.

Jacksonville Symphony Chorale

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorale is holding rehearsals for their Christmas concert on **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the McGaw Fine Arts Building (room 124) on the Illinois College campus. They are blessed to again have the JHS choir joining them under the direction of Stephanie Soltermann! If you would like to sing with the chorale, contact Terri Benz (217-370-2472), or just show up at the rehearsal.

Community Thanksgiving Service Choir

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches invites all singers to participate in the Community Service of Thanksgiving Choir on Sunday, November 13. The choir will be under the direction of Terri Benz and will rehearse on Sunday, October 30 and November 6 at 2:00pm and on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00am. All rehearsals will be at Centenary

United Methodist Church. Feel free to contact Terri with questions at 217-370-2472. The service on November 13 will be held at 2:00pm at Centenary UMC and will include a tribute to veterans and a Thanksgiving meditation.

Help us fill the Foster Care Closet

The majority of the children who come into foster care arrive with little to nothing. Together, we provide a sense of worth, excitement, and can ease the process of entering foster care. The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is pairing with Central Christian Church to supply children entering foster care with much-needed items. Together, we can do great things! Needed items include:

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| Walmart Gift Cards | Children’s toothpaste | Underwear (all sizes) |
| Deodorant | Children’s toothbrushes | Laundry baskets |
| Hair brushes | Children’s shampoo | Hampers |
| Socks (all sizes) | Children’s body wash | |

Please place your donations in the blue box (located in the coat closet) **by Oct. 30, 2022.**

Eastern Europe Crisis Response -- Ukraine

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities, and pastoral care. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. Your gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. **Give through your congregation;** make check out to Faith with “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” in the memo line.