

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

October 30th, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Reformation Sunday

Introduction for the Day: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Reformation Day - Sunday, October 30, 2022

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

Brass and Percussion players: Robert Hughes, Nick White, Steve Winters, Abigail Hughes, Jack Dankwardt, Dave Mikec, Noah Manke, Brian Smith

Gathering

Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart. - Martin Luther

Prelude

Fantasia over het Lutherlied: "Een Vaste Burg is Onze God" by Jan Zwart [1877-1937]

Dutch organist & composer of organ, piano, and choral works. He was the first organist in the Netherlands. He was also the first cantor-organist in the Lutheran Church in the Netherlands.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Stewardship Temple Talk

Al Van Lith

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

#654 The Church's One Foundation

Reformation Litany

If God is for us,

who can be against us?

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Almighty Lord, our ears are open to your Word. Our eyes are open to your presence.

For the promises made through your prophet Jeremiah are certain and sure: "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."

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Let us read and sing responsively from Psalm 46.

The organ will intone the refrain, then the congregation is asked to sing.



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God of shelter, God of strength,

Mighty Fortress, saving God:

even if the earth shudders, even if mountains tumble into sea depth, making the waters
churn and seethe, we shall not be afraid.

You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob.

Joy streams through your city, through your sacred dwelling.

You are with us, God; the city cannot fall. [Refrain]

At dawn you scatter the enemy; kingdoms topple, earth crumbles at the sound of your
voice.

You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob.

Come! Let us see God's wonders, God's saving deeds!

God breaks the bow, snaps the spear, burns the shield, and stamps out war.

"Be still!" says God, "Know that I hold power over all peoples."

You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob. [Refrain]

Reading

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage by Carolyn Jennings

– Senior Choir & Brass

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The holy gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

...Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering.

The Church of Christ, in Every Age arr. Donald Busarow

– Senior Choir, Brass, and Congregation

ELW #729 The congregation is asked to join the choir in singing stanzas 1, 3, and 5.

Congregation and choir:



1. The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be -
 3. Then let ___ the ser - vant Church a - rise, A
 5. We have ___ no mis - sion but ___ to serve In



set ___ by change, but Spir - it - led, Must
 car - ing Church that longs ___ to be A
 full ___ o - be - dience to ___ our Lord; To



claim ___ and ___ test its her - i - tage And ___
 part - ner ___ in Christ's sac - ri - fice, And ___
 care ___ for ___ all, with - out re - serve, And ___



keep ___ on ris - ing from ___ the dead.
 clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Choir only:

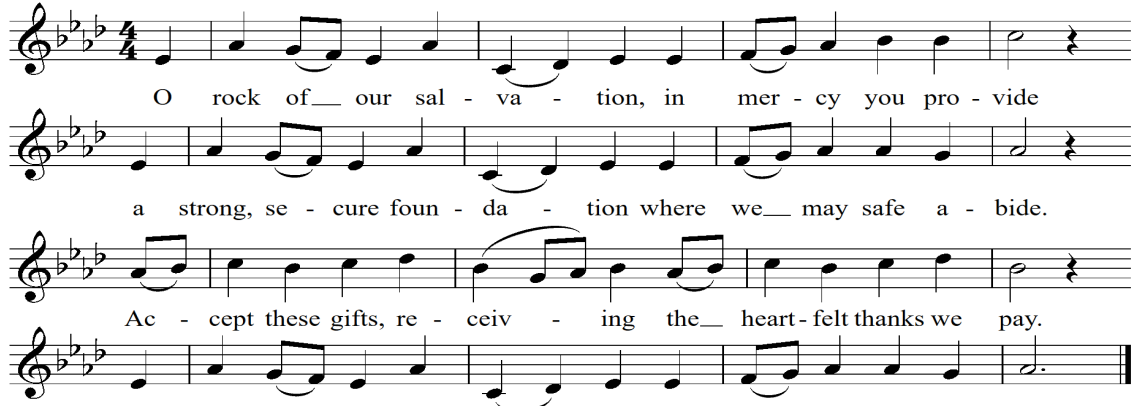
2. Across the world, across the street,
 The victims of injustice cry
 For shelter and for bread to eat,
 And never live before they die.

4. For he alone, whose blood was shed,
 Can cure the fever in our blood,
 And teach us how to share our bread
 And feed the starving multitude.

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

O Rock of our Salvation



O rock of our sal - va - tion, in mer - cy you pro - vide
a strong, se - cure foun - da - tion where we may safe a - bide.
Ac - cept these gifts, re - ceiv - ing the heart - felt thanks we pay.
We come, O Lord, be - liev - ing; oh hear us as we pray.

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Offering Prayer

Almighty God, we do not offer you our works as they are prescribed by the Law. For such works cannot save us. We offer, instead, these gifts, motivated not by fear or obligation, but by faith, faith in your grace, faith in your Son. Accept them as our gifts of love. Use them that your Word might grow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

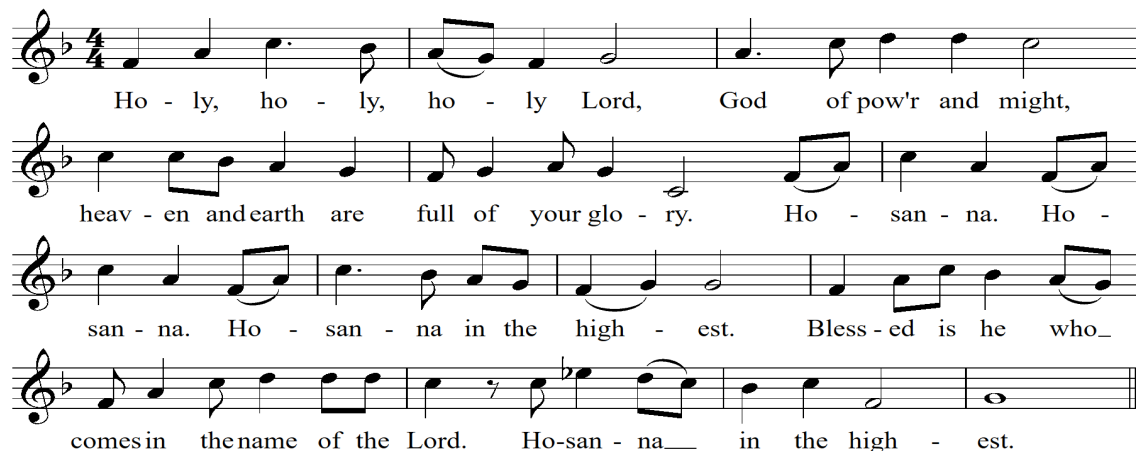
Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O Lord,

In the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

Come for the table is now set.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Luther's Statement on Holy Communion

What is communion? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and the wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink. In this sacrament is given to us the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness of sins there is life and salvation.

We have, therefore, two principal sacraments in the church, baptism and the bread. Baptism leads us into a new life on earth; the bread guides us through death into eternal life.

Finally, the blessing of this sacrament is fellowship and love, by which we are strengthened against death and all evil. This fellowship is twofold: on the one hand we partake of Christ and all saints, on the other hand we permit all Christians to be partakers of us, in whatever way they and we are able; so that by this sacrament all self-seeking love is uprooted and gives place to love which seeks the common good of all, and through this mutual love there is one bread, one drink, one body, one community, --that is the true union of Christian brethren.

Call to Communion

#486 God Extends an Invitation/

Nuestro Padre nos Invita

Communion Anthem 8:30

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread by Timothy Shaw
– Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

#483 Here Is Bread

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his love and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that reform 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.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

#548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1. Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of love and grace;
 2. Rise, trans-formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though wound ed, whole;
 3. Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
 4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole.
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion from this day and un - to death.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; God the won - der of our days.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G Major [S. 541] by J.S. Bach [1685-1750]

Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. I would not for all the world forego my humble share of music. - Martin Luther

FIRST READING: 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. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Psalms 46**SECOND READING: 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 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, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: 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; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

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