

# Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have  
been justified through  
faith, we have peace with  
God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, through whom we  
have gained access by faith  
into this grace in which we  
now stand.



*Romans 5:1-2, 11*

**OCTOBER 29, 2023**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Ann Sprengeler

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 46*

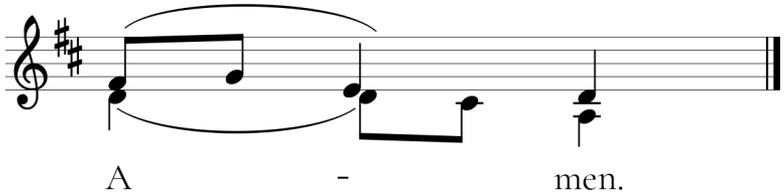
God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; <sup>3</sup> *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah <sup>4</sup> *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. <sup>6</sup> The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. <sup>10</sup> Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #261 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

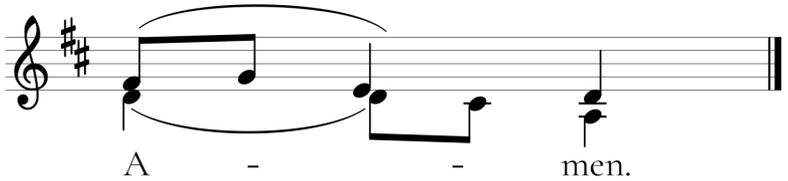


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

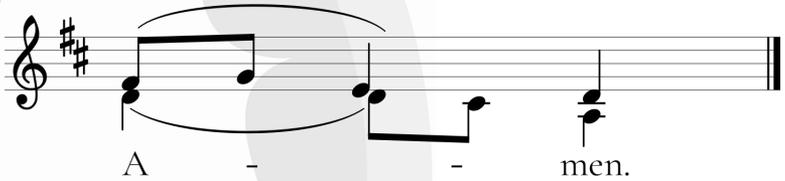


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Revelation 14:1-7** Then I looked, and behold, a<sup>1</sup> Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having<sup>2</sup> His Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. <sup>3</sup> They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred *and* forty-four thou-

sand who were redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup> These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed<sup>t</sup> from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup> And in their mouth was found no deceit<sup>t</sup>, for they are without fault before the throne of God<sup>2</sup>. <sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- <sup>7</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

**Romans 3:19-28** <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God,

through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all<sup>1</sup> who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the words "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The second staff is in bass clef and contains the melody for the words "These words are written that we may believe that".

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are writ - tenthat we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## #775:1-3 Thy Strong Word

### SERMON

**Matthew 11:12-19** <sup>12</sup> "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup> "And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> "He who has ears to hear, let him hear! <sup>16</sup> "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, <sup>17</sup> "and saying: 'We played the

flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you,  
And you did not lament.' <sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating  
nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup> "The Son  
of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a  
glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and  
sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children'."

## **THE KINGDOM IS GRASPED BY FAITH**

Only faith can see God's kingdom

Only grace adorns God's kingdom

Only scripture reveals God's kingdom

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #780 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

## OFFERING HYMN #792

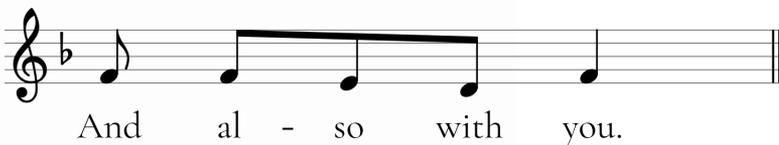
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

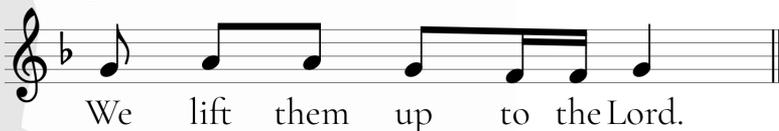
all     Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;



p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

# THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the  
glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-  
Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,



O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your



praises tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood



Be for my soul the high - est good.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #262 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

## Sermon Worksheet—Matthew 11:12-19

Preservice:

In what ways has God failed your expectations?

In what ways has he exceeded your expectations?

Sermon:

What is the reaction of the violent to the coming of God's kingdom?

Examples?

What is the only way to enter the kingdom?

In verse 14 what is conditional?

Why was John having doubts?

What does faith reveal about John's situation?

Why does Jesus liken the Pharisees to children?

What were they *not* expecting from the Messiah?

What is the standard for judging Jesus, John and all prophets?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, October 29**

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

4pm Reformation Service @ Milwaukee

**Wednesday, November 1**

3:45pm Confirmation Class

**Sunday, November 5**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

### Upcoming Events

October 29 Reformation Service

November 23 Thanksgiving Service

November 26 Christmas Eve Practice

## USHERS FOR OCTOBER

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Russ Brown, Joe Brown

## USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn,

Parker Kohn, Tyler Denson

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 5**

Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok

**Next Week Team # 6**

Bill Jenkins, Adam Frederick

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 79

Bible Class – 17

Sunday School - 8

General Fund - \$ 4627

Missions - \$ 65

## PRAYERS

**Kate Sauers** has ALK-positive anaplastic large-cell lymphoma.

**Tina Eichstadt** has been discharged from the hospital and is now back home recovering after suffering a heart attack.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Surveys for the date of our Christmas caroling are available on the shelf. Fill one out and return to Pastor's box.

## DEPARTED SAINTS

All Saints Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Departed Saints sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board.

## VOTERS REPORT

Reports from the October meetings including the voters' meeting are available on the shelf.

## SIGHT SAVING HYMNALS

The council approved the purchase of four sight saving hymnals. If you would like to try one of these hymnals, please ask one of our ushers.

## 2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply @ [mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org)

## MDF

Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year but without additional funds will run dangerously low. Please remember the MDF in your offerings and prayers.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Rev. 7: 9-17  
Psalm 149  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matt. 5:1-12

## JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

The annual joint Reformation service will be held at Messiah in Hales Corners WI on Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. **The joint choir rehearses at 3 p.m. and children at 3:30 p.m.**

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN.

Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, is still considering the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.



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