

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

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Introductory Note for Reformation Sunday:

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.

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting on October 31, 1517, 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. Reformation Sunday, as Lutherans call it, is generally observed on the Sunday before October 31 (as November 1 is the festival of All Saints Day), and is both a remembering of the historical Reformation and a celebration of God's ongoing reforming of the faith and life of the Church.

Pastor Marschhausen

OPENING SENTENCE

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace

and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our
neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our
transgressions,

and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Reverend Johnson

THE INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Jubilate Psalm 100

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his

pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his
Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to
age.

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Reader from Concordia

LESSON JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God**

Reader from St. Mary's

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A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *

and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself *

and became obedient to death, even death on a cross

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *

and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *

to the glory of God the Father.

Reader from Concordia

EPISTLE 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.

¹⁹Now 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.

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People Thanks be to God

THE HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe, with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no equal.	confide, our striving turns to losing; the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing. You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name. No other God we claim! None else can win the battle.	and threaten to devour us, we tremble not, we trust God's will: they cannot overpow'r us. Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage, this tyrant's doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail! One little word shall triumph.	above the pow'rs, shall end all their thanksgiving. The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won. The kingdom's our forever!
2. If we in our own strength	3. Though all the world with devils fill	4. God's Word shall stand	

Deacon Fedorchak proclaims

THE GOSPEL JOHN 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹Jesus 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Pastor Marschhausen

Reverend Johnson

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;

Pastor Marschhausen

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

INTERCESSIONS

Reader from St. Mary's leads

With confidence in God's grace and mercy,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all
those in need.

A brief silence.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom
of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in
error, reform it. Where the church speaks
your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is
divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of
the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the earth changes, as mountains shake
and the waters roar, may we care for this
planet as a holy habitation for all living
things. Sustain all peoples and lands
recovering from natural disasters of any kind
(especially). Lord, in your mercy,

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again 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. **Amen**

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,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

hear our prayer.

Guide areas of the world divided or
traumatized by conflict, especially in our
own land. Free all from slavery and human
trafficking and protect all in harm's way.
Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Release those living in bondage to debts,
chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing
touch to those who are ill especially those on
our parish prayer lists. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In this family of faith we give thanks for
courageous voices that have remained firm
in their commitment to the one who frees us
from sin and death. Centered in your grace,

unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those

who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT 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.**

Pastor Marschhausen

PRAYER: Time of conflict, crisis, disaster

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; *N. and N.* God mercifully grant you the riches of grace, that you may please God both in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Johnson leads

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

We give you thanks, dear heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We pray also that you would protect us this day from sin and every

evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels watch over us, so that the wicked foe may have not power over us. Amen.

Pastor Marschhausen

THE BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *Holy God We Praise Your Name*

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| 1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. In finite your vast domain, everlasting in your reign. | 2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy holy Lord!" | 3. Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the son goes on. | 4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery. |
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Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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DAILY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 26- 31

Mon – Oct 26

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25
James 2:8-13
Psalm 119:41-48

Savior Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Tue – Oct 27

Deuteronomy 10:10-22
James 2:14-26
Psalm 119:41-48

Thu – Oct 29

1 Samuel 2:27-36
Romans 2:17-29
Psalm 43

Wednesday Oct 28

Simon and Jude, Apostles
Jeremiah 26:(1-6) 7-16
Psalm 11 (1)
1 John 4:1-6
John 14:21-27

Fri – Oct 30

Ezekiel 13:1-16
2 Peter 2:1-3
Psalm 43

Sat – Oct 31

Malachi 1:6–2:9
Matthew 23:13-28
Psalm 43

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for the
glorious company of the
apostles, and especially on
this day for Simon and Jude.
We pray that, as they were
faithful and zealous in your
mission, so we may with
ardent devotion make known
the love and mercy of our