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Reformation Sunday



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

WOV page 46

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.

Martin Luther's Morning Prayer

P: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me.

C: Amen.

Dialogue

P: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors by the prophets;

C: but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found

C: call upon him while he is near.

P: The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart;

C: that is the word of faith that we proclaim.

* Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW # 597

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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.

Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

L: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a
new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not
like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took
them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant
that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For
this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those
days, declares 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. 34
And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother,
saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of
them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sin no more." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *46*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 46.

[1] God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

[2] **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

[3] though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

[4] **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

[5] God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

[6] **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

[7] The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

[8] **Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

[9] He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

[10] **"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"**

[11] The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 3:19-28*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole
world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no
human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes
knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glo-
ry of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemp-
tion that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by
his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteous-
ness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former
sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he
might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of
law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that
one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn** ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** **ELW # 517**

* Gospel: *John 8:31-36*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed him, "If you abide in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abra-
ham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say,
'You will become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who prac-
tices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house for-
ever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be
free indeed. *[ESV, revised]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Built on a Rock*** **ELW # 652, verses 1-3, 5**

*** Apostles' Creed** *WOV page 49*

P: In Christ, we have heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation.

C: We believe in him and are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

P: In trust and hope, we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

**C: 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.

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. Amen.

Prayer

Reconciliation

WOV page 49

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C: and pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C: and look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new.

P: Let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

WOV page 50

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways,
encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem ***Now Thank We All Our God***

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 52*

L: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina and Ella Joy.

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 52*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Closing

Blessing *WOV page 53*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **ELW # 504**

* Dismissal *WOV page 53*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Announcements

Chime and Choir Practice **Today**

Chimes at 10:45am.
Choir at 11:15am.

Last day to order carnations for **All Saint's Sunday** is Monday October 27th. To order, call the church office 815-369-5552 or contact Janis Kurth.



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Good Shepherd's

All Saints Sunday

November 2nd

member those who have gone before us.

Worship Service with Communion at 9:30am.

Hannah Circle

Sunday, November 2nd, 10:30am. after Worship Service

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on November, 13th
at 12:30pm for potluck.
Entertainment will be provided by Set Free.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm

Sing to the Lord a New Song

November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent. Good Shepherd will celebrate with folk/rock service at 9:30am. Hope to see you then!

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday, from 8:00-11:30 am.
Come to enjoy a morning of fellowship and fun.

Attendance October 12th
In-person 24, Online Not Available