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Reformation Sunday



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Sue Diddens

Welcome and Announcements

Dialogue

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

C: Amen.

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.

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.

* Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* ELW # 654

* Greeting

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.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

Refrain: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor
and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor, glory and praise
be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* 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 righteousness, 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.

* Gospel: *John 8:31-36*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

[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 Abraham 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 practices sin is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36] So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Reflection

Meditation Wayne Kurth

*** Hymn** ***A Mighty Fortress is our God*** **ELW # 504**

*** Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

Men's Choir Anthem

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D. ,Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke, Pr. Paul Carlson, Shelvan Heid, Bob Schlachter, Mary Gerbode and Karl Kayser.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God,
C: Your mercy is great.

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

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

* Hymn *Blessed Assurance* **ELW # 638**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sue Diddens

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 26th. To order, call the church office 815-369-5552 or contact Janis Kurth.



Good Shepherd's
All Saints Sunday Worship Service
November 1, 2026
Remember those who have gone before us

Worship Service with Communion at 9:30am.

Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry
Will be at the Jane Adams Trail, Orangeville, IL
Tuesday, October 27th from 3:00-4:30pm

Attendance - October 11th

In-person 27, Online - not available

Hannah Circle

Sunday, November 1st, 10:30am. after Worship Service

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on November, 12th

at 12:30pm for potluck.

Entertainment will be provided by Set Free.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday, from 8:00-11:30 am.

Come to enjoy a morning of fellowship and fun.

Happy Sunday,

Start this Sunday with a clean heart, no doubt, no tears, no fear, and no worry.

Thank God for his priceless gifts and miracles throughout the world.