

**REFORMATION SUNDAY
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 27, 2024

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

OPENING HYMN "The Lord my God be Praised" LW 174

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With his most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my light from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
(1 John 1:8)

People: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. (ref. Ps 32:5)

People: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)

People: *Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast Of Victory" LW page 182-183 (Rev.5:11-13)

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People*: *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor
and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was
slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: *Amen*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31 34

"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus to do those good works that God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

(John 6:68)

*People: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace" LW330

The gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent his Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That man might thus be justified.

It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt opprest To come and find eternal rest.

It brings the Savior's righteousness Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.

It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.

May we in faith its tidings learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord our Righteousness.

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH Second Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and
serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

*People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

Pastor: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

*People: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

People: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN " A Mighty Fortress" LW297

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's our forever!

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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