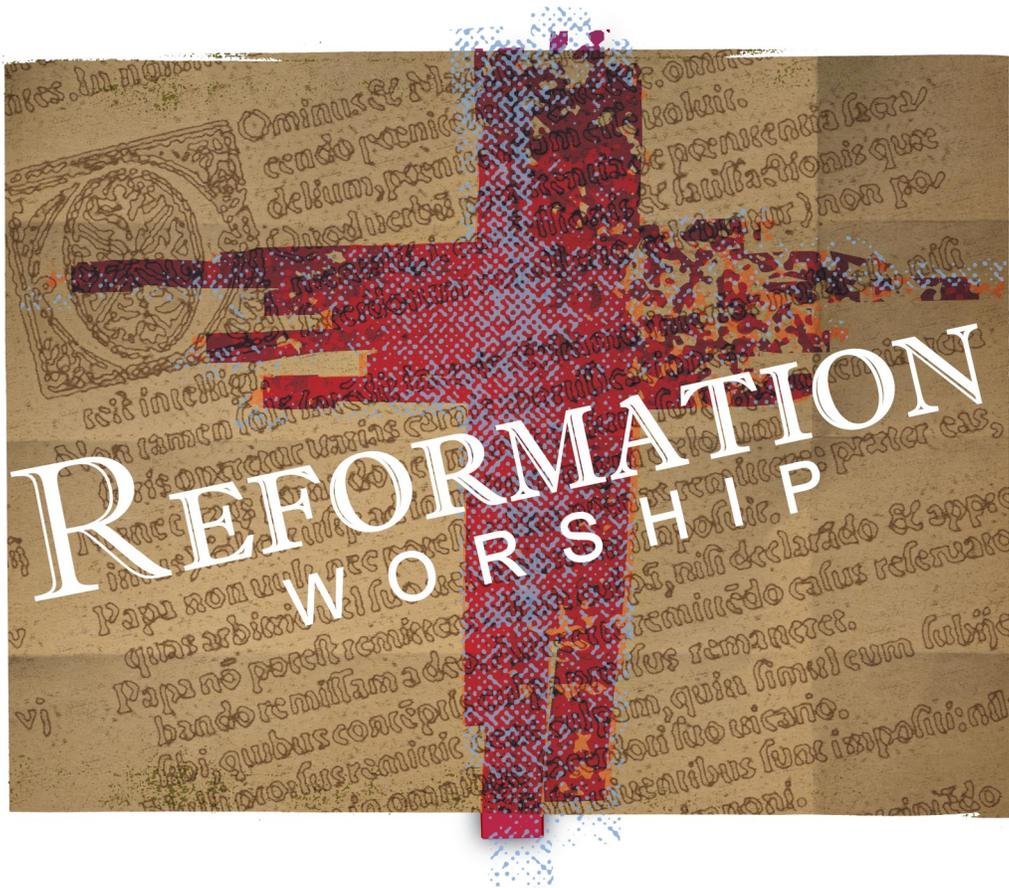




GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2022 - 5:00 PM

OCTOBER 30, 2022 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Built on the Rock”

Kevin Hildebrand

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“For Many Years, O God of Grace”

**For many years, O God of grace,
This church has been Your dwelling place
And we Your congregation.**

**On Christ, our precious cornerstone,
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one foundation.**

**This day We pray: “Let us greet You, Lord, and meet You
Here with singing, All our praises to You bringing.”**

**Here children have been born anew
As manifold as morning dew,
Their vows to You confessing.
Here many found a table spread,
They ate Christ’s body with the bread
And drank the cup of blessing.**

**This day We pray: “Let none falter At Your altar.
We adore You, Gladly worship here before You.”**

**Here when the marriage vows were made,
Both bride and groom besought Your aid,
Your love their own transcending.
Here mourners, with their troubled hearts,
Have found the peace Your Word imparts,
The joy that has no ending.**

**This day We pray: “May the story of Your glory
Here resounding Be a song of grace abounding!”**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Luther’s questions and answers from the Small Catechism provide us with catechetical review as well as confession.

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Vicar: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.

Vicar: How do you know this?

People: From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Vicar: Are you sorry for your sins?

People: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters.

Vicar: What have you deserved from God by your sins?

People: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death and eternal damnation.

Vicar: Do you hope to be saved?

People: Yes, that is my hope.

Vicar: In whom, then, do you trust?

People: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Vicar: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

People: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Vicar: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

People: First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make payment for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone and, through faith in Him be saved.

Vicar: What motivated Christ to die and make payment for our sins?

People: His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

Vicar: As you believe, so let it be. In the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** “By Grace I’m Saved” (vv. 1 & 2)

Hymn 566

**By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.**

**By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Vicar: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the

freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***SERMON HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn 657

**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 overpower 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 ours forever!

THE SERMON

"Unfogging the Future"

Romans 3 & 8

[5:00]*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

[10:45]*THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Words from Luther's Small Catechism help us to prepare our hearts and minds to receive Him who comes to us in the Sacrament. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

People: **It is the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

People: **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

Pastor: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

People: **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand**

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sund the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE 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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (vv. 1, 9 & 10)

Hymn 555

Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,

They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher
The Organist
Communion Deacons
The Lector
The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
Sandy Hulse
Jan Struck, Roger Walker
Jane Petersen
Jim Campbell, Linda Davy

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher
The Celebrant
The Liturgist
The Organist
The Sound Technician
The Elder on Duty
The Communion Deacons
The Lectors
The Robing Leader
The Crucifer
The Acolytes
The Greeters
The Welcome Team Ushers

The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Vicar Sam Hoag
Sandy Hulse
Bruce Wales
Georgia Fisher
Ron Booth, Dr. Terry Hostler, Dan Mueller
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