

# Reformation Sunday

**October 31, 2021**

8:30 a.m. Worship in Yard (if rain, Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



**In response to rising case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we strongly request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.**

## Announcements

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **C Amen.**
  
- P** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
  
- P** God our comforter:
- C** Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.
  
- P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **C Amen.**

## \*KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for



4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for



hun-gry and the poor; that



friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.**
- 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**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 46 (*To be read responsively.*)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They 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’?”

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

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*Pastor Traci*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*A Mighty Fortress*

*ELW # 504*



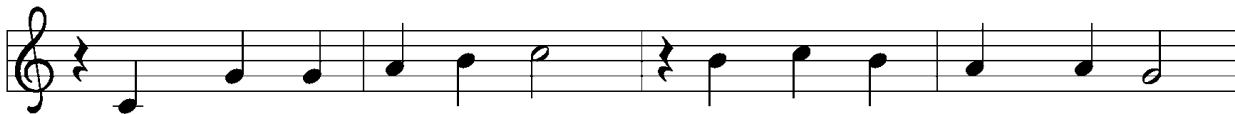
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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## \*CREED

**P** Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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**

## \*Prayers of the Church

**P** Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

**P** We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation (*especially*). Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **C** **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. ☑ Amen.

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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. 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**

### The Agnus Dei

### *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

☐ All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.



# Communion Hymn *Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

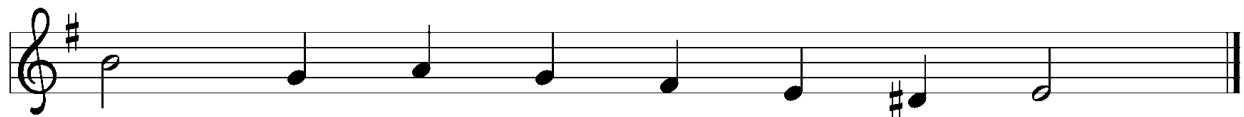
ELW # 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## Post Communion Prayer

**P** Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Thy Strong Word*

*ELW # 511*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976  
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944  
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## Blessing

☞ People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, †one God, bless you now and forever. ☩ Amen.

## Postlude

## Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. ☩ Thanks be to God.

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**Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or  
live-streamed on social media.**

**Last Week's Altar Flowers** were placed to the Glory of God and memory of Loved Ones by Linda K. Smith.

**This Week's Altar Flowers** were placed to the Glory of God and memory of Loved ones by Tina Harclerode and family.

**MESSENGERS:** There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board if you would like a PAPER Messenger each month.

## Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton –

Our Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Carla Brumbaugh

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminary”**



**Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday,  
November 6, 2021**

## **Martinsburg Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Mt. Pleasant United Church of Christ will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.

**Items most needed for November:** Mushroom Soup, Scalloped Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple. Many Thanks for all the school supplies given!

*Linda K. Smith*

**Evangelism Committee Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, November 14th, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service.

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY IS POSTPND UNTIL NOVEMBER**

### **Bible Study**

### **NOVEMBER Zoom Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 4PM, we'll meet on Zoom for Bible Study using the Semi-continuous Old Testament readings from Job:

November 9: Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10

November 16: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

November 23: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

November 30: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5966211441?pwd=VIE2MVdMT3drcDkIxTFhLK2RLNkRUQT09>**

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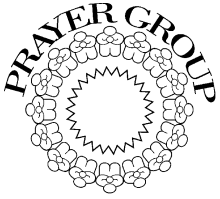
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## Phone Prayer Chain Needs Volunteers

Due to sickness, aging and death the Phone Prayer Chain needs of volunteers. The phone prayer chain helps those who do not have internet to pray for those that are in need of prayer. If you would like to volunteer on the Phone Prayer Chain call the office at 814-793-2413.

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### Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Tues. – Thurs. will be at Bishop's Convocation

Office Hours – Mon.- Fri., - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

### This Week Events

Today – Worship Outside 8:30 a.m. (if it rains, go to Sanctuary)

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Worship & Music Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m. via zoom

Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - Daylight Savings Set your clocks back one hour

Sunday – Worship Outside 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting)

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

### Worship Schedule for November

In November, we will offer two Sunday services each week

**8:30AM; Worship Outside (weather permitting)**—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

In case of rain or cold temperature, the service will move to the Sanctuary and will be a spoken liturgy.

**10:30AM; Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.



## All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021

Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **November 1, 2021** is the deadline. You can also submit names using our Email address: [stmatthewluth@aol.com](mailto:stmatthewluth@aol.com) or use the website: [stmatthewLC.com](http://stmatthewLC.com)

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**Person submitting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Verna Blough, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Audrey and Dan Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Joan Partner, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jim and Ginny Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

### Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; Romans 12:17-21, 13:8-10. **Tuesday** Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1; Acts 7:17-29. **Wednesday** Micah 6:1-8; John 13:31-55. **Thursday** Psalm 146; Numbers 36:1-13; Romans 5:6-11. **Friday** 19:32-37; Romans 3:21-31. **Saturday** Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24. **All Saints Sunday** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.