

Reformation Sunday

Sunday October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

GATHERING
A Mighty Fortress

Helmut Walcha

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
Come to the help of your people,
Turning us from our sin
To live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
That we may confess our sin,
Receive your forgiveness,
And grow into the fullness
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
We confess
That we are captive to sin
And cannot free ourselves.
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.
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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
And for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
Of the church of Christ,
And by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
The entire forgiveness of all of your sins,
In name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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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
 your 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!

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE 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 silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

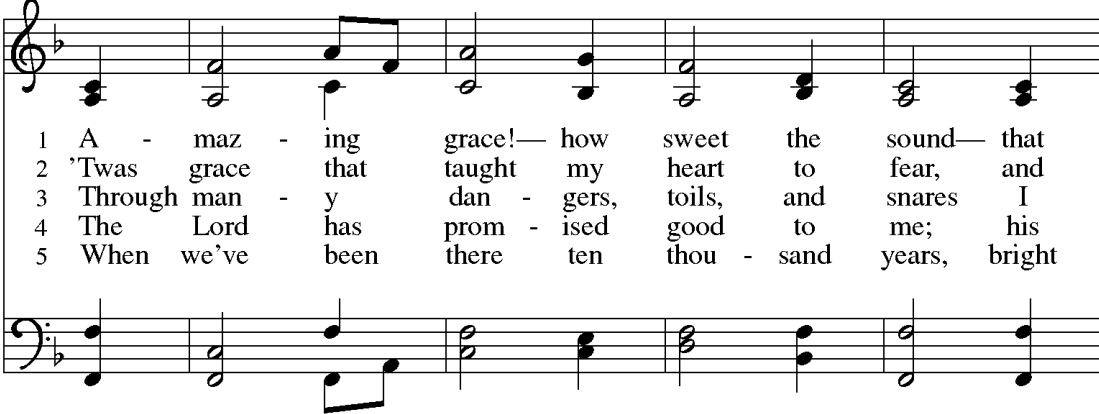
³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

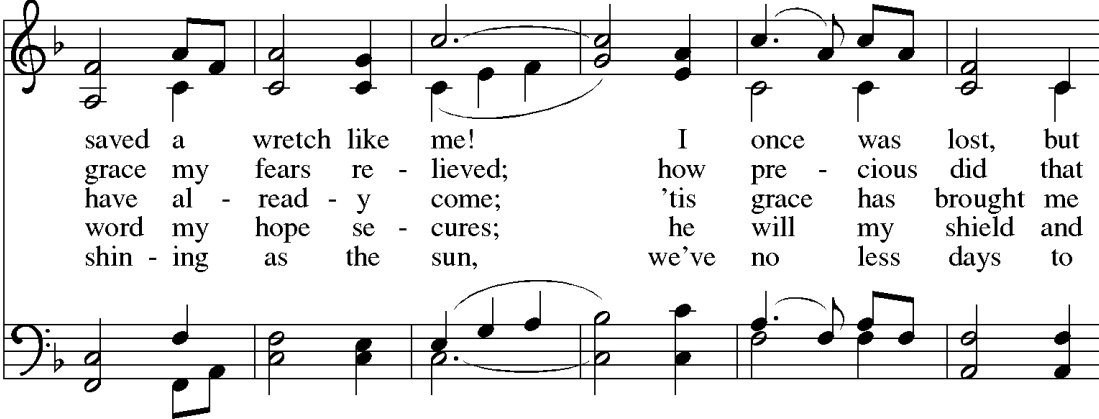
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jordan



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
 Hear our prayer.

Use your Phone to give

Point your QR reader at this graphic to be
 directed to Omella to make an online gift.

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COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be brought to you. All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of your church affiliation. Receive our crucified and resurrected Lord in the bread of this meal.

Gluten Free Bread is available from the server by request.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, ... be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

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.**

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,... through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life... bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Charles Ore

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Confirmation

We are a church whose unity is in Jesus Christ, who gathers us around word and water, wine and bread. Baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God.

The following youth have made a conscience decision to move forward in your faith journey. By choosing to affirm their baptismal promise they are completing the journey that their parents started for them as a child. We are delighted in this moment and are excited to celebrate with them.

We are proud to present the following confirmands who affirmed their baptism on Sunday, October 25, 2020:

Matthew Victor Adent
Emilia Anne Houle
Jacob Jon Kaepernick
Nevia Kya Levenhagen
Kaitlyn Marie Petrie
Dominic Ian Richlin

Ella Kathryn Skogman
Alex Edward Tank
Chloe Marlene Tonn
Natalie Marie Warnes
Ethan Christopher Welch

Anniversaries

October 31 **Ron & Kathy Pederson, 50 years**

Annual Stewardship Appeal Has 3 Goals

Our annual stewardship appeal, *Sustaining Ministry Excellence*, is underway. The stewardship committee is asking each of you to complete a statement of intent for 2021 by November 8. These statements help each of us plan our giving. There are three goals of this stewardship campaign. We hope we will work together to:

- 1) Sustain the excellent ministry already underway at St. Luke's;
- 2) Support online worship services through the hiring of a media specialist; and
- 3) Build a contemporary worship service.

You'll receive a statement of intent card in about a week. You can complete it and mail it in to the office, or, you can go to our website and complete it online. Remember, we are trying to support God's mission by making our commitments by November 8.

Unconscious Bias: Can We See Our Own Blind Spots?

St. Luke's will be hosting virtual even featuring Reggie Jackson of Nurturing Diversity on October 31st from 9am-noon. Mr. Jackson is a speaker and author who specializes in sharing seldom-told stories and

facts about African Americans and other people of color. The webinar by Mr. Jackson on the 31st will take place via Zoom, and will explore stereotyping and racial inequality. Please watch Connections (our weekly email) for more details.

Our children and youth choirs go virtual this year!

This year we will be meeting via Zoom with our choirs as it's not safe to be singing together in person yet. Joyful Noise (4 years-6th grade) will meet on Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 pm. Saints and Sinners (7th-12th grade) will meet on Thursdays from 7:00-7:30 pm. This time together will all happen on Zoom. We will sing, do rhythmic activities, and hear Bible stories during the 20-30 minutes each week. If you and your child are interested, please sign up on the church website, or contact Mr. Schaner by emailing him at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org or calling him in the church office. Rehearsals started Thursday, October 15th, but you can still join us! This helps provide us with a way to stay connected and make music together, even when we cannot be gathered in person to safely sing together yet.

Outdoor Weather Decisions

While we continue to worship in the park, weather can always be an unknown each Sunday. From now on, if it is raining, the temperature is below 40, and/or the windchill is below 35 worship in the park will be cancelled and the service will be recorded. If you are not sure, please check our Facebook page and the church website. We will do our best to update the information as quickly as we can in addition to these new guidelines. We are thankful for the excellent weather we've had so far, allowing us to stay outside and continue to stay safe during this global pandemic.

Milestones

We're celebrating birthdays over 90 and anniversaries over 50 in the announcements. If you want to make sure that your special day is announced, please contact Jennifer in the office to make sure that your records are up to date.

In Our Prayers...

Special Prayers

Lisa & Family, Kate & Paul, Fred, Kate, Pat, Ann, Paul G, Kaitlyn, Paul, Jennifer, Holly, Sue S., Keegan, David, John, Shane, Paul, Peg & Mark, Gene, Danny, Sherry, Nelly, Ana Maria, Bev, BJ, Manny, Phil

Current Prayers

For our confirmands confirmed October 25, For all impacted by hurricanes or wildfires, For small business owners and the self-employed and unemployed, For all who are homeless, hungry or forgotten, For missionaries and missions abroad, For peace and restraint in the midst of volatile situations, For unity and compassion, especially during this pandemic. For victims of racism and hatred and abuse, For unity and peace.

General Prayers

For all first responders, For caregivers and medical personnel and those whom they care for, For those who grieve, For shut-ins and the elderly, For those who live in fear, For all who are being bullied- especially children,

For Our Partner churches of Meru Diocese in Tanzania

For a free and fair General Election to be held in Tanzania on October 28, 2020.

Prayers for the day-to-day activities of the parishes.

For sufficient rain to grow crops needed for food.

Those in Military Service

Daniel Krueger, Gary Bjerke, Jim Kieso Jr., Benjamin DeYoung, S. Kate Zelinger.

