

REFORMATION SUNDAY



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM

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***R**ooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

The true center of this day is found in the appointed readings. In Jeremiah we are reminded of a new covenant and the promise that God will forgive, the promise written on our hearts. In Romans Paul brings the full force of the law to bear on our lives: "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). With this reality, how can we have any hope apart from divine grace? Finally, in the gospel reading from John we are reminded that our freedom comes from Christ alone. We are neither bound to the past nor slaves to our anxieties of the present.

Psalm 46 brings all of this together with the powerful proclamation: "God is our refuge and strength." The God we know in the person of Jesus is the one we can turn to in times of crisis, the one we call upon in times of fear, the one we trust to pour out mercy and forgiveness upon us. This Jesus is our solid foundation. In a world of chaos, confusion, and change there is a constant: the enduring and life-giving grace of God.

On Reformation Sunday—as every Sunday—we remember that we are not ashamed of this good news, this gospel.

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OCTOBER 27, 2024

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Aria in F Major ”

Debbie Boyd

- GF Handel, arr. A. Guilmant

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **C Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

ELW #520

*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.**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

STORIES OF ABUNDANCE

Paul Christensen

FIRST READING

L A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

At conclusion of reading

Pew Bible, Page 721

L The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 *(Read Responsively)*

A God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear, though
the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the
heart of the sea;**

A though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its
tumult.

C **There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

A God is in the midst of the city; it shall
not be moved;
God will help it when the morning
dawns.

C **The nations are in an uproar, the
kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

A The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C **Come, behold the works of the
LORD;
see what desolations he has
brought on the earth.**

A He makes wars cease to the end of the
earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the
spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

C **"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."**

A The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Romans.

At conclusion of reading

Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, Page 1026

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🎵 **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Sung)*

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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.

*GOSPEL READING

📖 The holy gospel according to John.

John 8:31-36

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pew Bible, Page 975

At conclusion of reading

📖 The gospel of the Lord. 🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ**

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW #673

*NICENE CREED

🎵 **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 him 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 and the Son, 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "**hear our prayer.**"

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)



OFFERING

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page.

OFFERTORY

"Arioso"

Debbie Boyd

-JS Bach, arr. R. Parks

*OFFERING HYMN

"God Extends an Invitation"

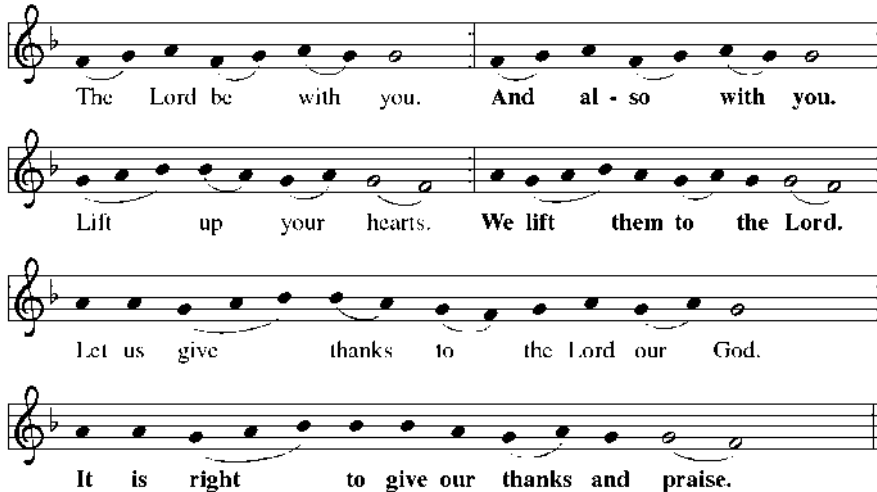
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*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Front of ELW pg. 144



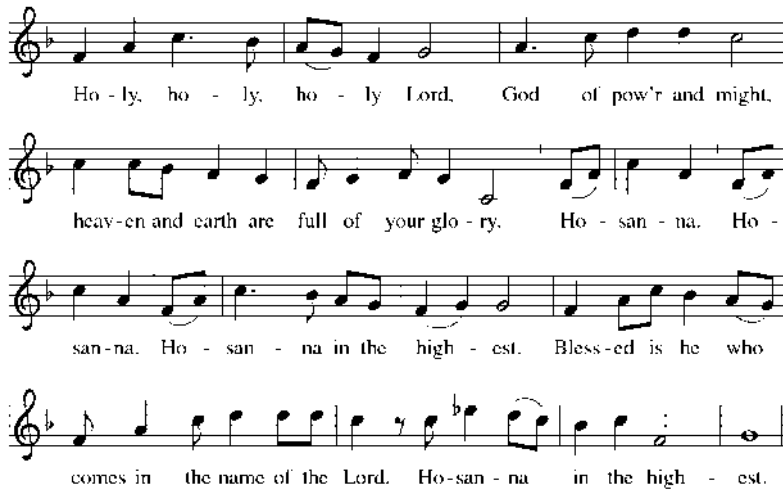
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

Front of ELW pg. 146

☑ 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW #612

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

ELW #726

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **☑ Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

☐ Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **☑ Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*BLESSING

☞ God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
☞ Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ELW #504

*DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Follow Jesus!
☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Chorale on “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” ”

Debbie Boyd

-Carl Mueller

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